

# Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association Conducts Annual Banquet

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ty, owners and operators of Hoss's Steak and Sea House, for the financial support and time given to 4-H and FFA programs.

They have purchased animals for the past 13-15 years, estimates Campbell. Last year they attended 52 sales, said Bill, who grew up on an "all-purpose"

farm in Blair County and was involved in FFA as a youth.

John and Kathy Allen, Armstrong Farms, Saxonburg, Butler County, won the Environmental Stewardship Award. Covering nearly 1,000 acres, the farm includes 100 Angus females and 200 Shorthorn females.

One of the first farms in Butler

County to develop a conservation plan with the help of the NRCS, the operation also pioneered in putting in a rotational grazing system, solar power water system, and streambank fencing.

Pennsylvania Simmental Association awards were also presented during the evening. Family Of The Year went to the Messick family of Middletown. The family is active not only in the show ring with their prize-winning Simmentals but also in the Simmental Association.

Breeder Of The Year honors went to H. Robert and Connie McQuiston, Haven Wood Farms, Stoneboro, Mercer County, who have the top indexing and highest gaining bull this year at Penn State's bull test, setting a record for gain among the 2,000 bulls tested in the program since its inception.

The couple began with 17 animals in 1990 and have increased to 300 animals in 600 acres, aided by Dave and Annette Downs, herdsmen.

Junior Member Of The Year, from York, was Raymond

Stough. Involved with the Simmental breed in his younger years, Stough has continued to show, breed, and raise champions at local and state level competitions. He plans to continue helping at the home farm and start his own farm in the area in

the future.

Senior Member Of The Year, also from York, was John Myers of Dunkard Valley Farms, Dallastown, York County. Very involved with PCA and Simmental Association activities, Myers is also Beef Expo treasurer.



Penn State's Meat Judging team, which took home first-place honors at the NCBA convention in San Antonio this February, were recognized during the banquet. Members included, from left, Doug Koontz, Everett, Bedford County; Tia Kreider, Chambersburg, Franklin County; Kurt Beidel, Shippensburg, Cumberland County; and Mark Hazelton, Wellsboro, Tioga County. They are joined by coach Jana Peters, animal science advising coordinator at Penn State.



Bill McCoy, left, presented scholarships during the recent banquet. Jen Flinchbaugh, Dallastown, York County, was presented the Pfizer scholarship. This year's PCA scholarship winner was Randy Shaner, Douglassville, Berks County.

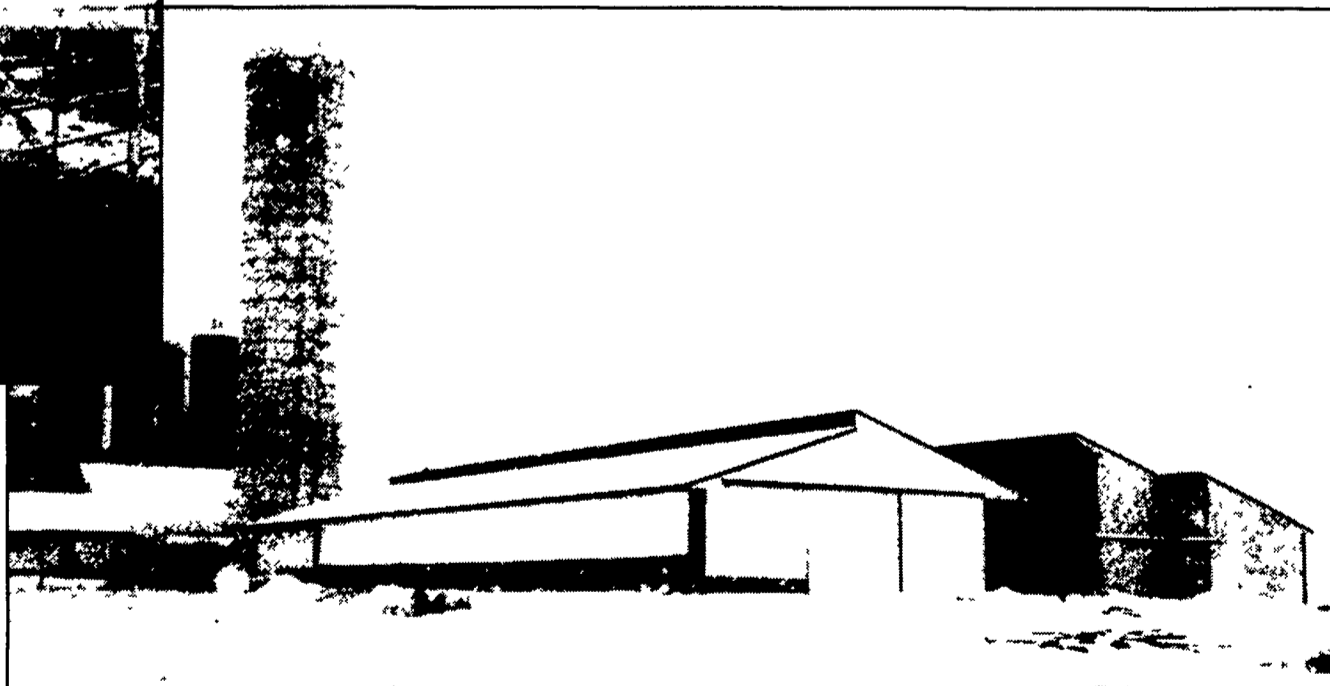
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