

## Dauphin Co. Woman DEP Deputy Secretary For Water Management

HARRISBURG (Dec. 27) — Christine M. Martin of Susquehanna Township, Dauphin County, was recently appointed Deputy Secretary for Water Management in the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

"While in the Governor's Policy Office, Christine played a key role in the development of our new water-resources initiative to inventory and protect Pennsylvania's water from overuse," Gov. Schweiker said.

"In recent years, she has helped guide the development of several key programs including our 'Growing Smarter' land-use

initiative, water-resource legislation and fish-consumption advisories, making her a natural choice to oversee DEP's water-management responsibilities."

Martin will oversee the Office of Water Management, which is charged with protecting and managing the quality and quantity of Pennsylvania's water resources.

Office activities include helping farmers manage nutrients, ensuring drinking water safety, helping municipalities manage sewage needs and protecting wetlands.

Martin has served as the Senior Policy Manager in the Governor's Office since April 2001, where she served as an advisor on environmental, infrastructure, energy and regulatory issues. She previously served as Executive Policy Specialist to the Governor, and as a Small Business Coordinator in DEP's Office of Pollution Prevention and Compliance Assistance.

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## Schroeder Leaving NCBA To Direct National Cowboy, Western Heritage Museum

DENVER, Colo. — Chuck Schroeder, Chief Executive Officer of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, has announced his resignation effective March 1. Schroeder has accepted a position as Executive Director of the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, Okla.

"It's with mixed emotions that I'm leaving NCBA," Schroeder said. "I have truly enjoyed working with the NCBA staff and producer leadership. I'm excited about the new opportunity with the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum."

Schroeder joined NCBA in November 1995 as the organization's first chief executive officer. During his time at NCBA Schroeder completed the merger

of the National Live Stock and Meat Board and the National Cattlemen's Association.

"The NCBA officers and members have really enjoyed working with Chuck and appreciate what he has accomplished," said NCBA President Lynn Cornwell, a beef producer from Glasgow, Mont. "We realize he is leaving NCBA for a great opportunity. We wish him well in his new position."

Cornwell announced that Terry Stokes, NCBA Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, has been named interim Chief Executive Officer.

Cornwell said a search committee would be formed with a goal of having a permanent Chief Executive Officer named as soon as possible.

## 2001 U.S. Corn Production Down 4 Percent, Soybeans Up 5 Percent

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Corn grain production is estimated at 9.51 billion bushels, down 4 percent from the revised 9.92 billion bushels in 2000, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

This is the fourth largest crop behind 1994's record production of 10.1 billion bushels followed by 2000's and 1998's production.

The U.S. grain yield of 138.2 bushels per acre, the second highest yield on record, is up 0.2

bushel from November and 1.3 bushels from 2000.

2000 corn grain production was revised to 9.92 billion bushels, down 0.5 percent from the previous estimate. Acreage planted for all purposes was raised by

up 9 percent from 2000. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 8.58 million acres, up 11 percent from 2000. Average grain yield, at 59.9 bushels per acre, was 1.0 bushels below the 2000 average yield.

Soybean production in 2001 totaled 2.89 billion bushels, down 1

percent from the Nov. 1 forecast, but 5 percent above 2000. The 2001 production is the highest on record, followed by the 2000 crop of 2.76 billion bushels. The average yield per acre in 2001 is estimated at 39.6 bushels, 0.2 bushel above the Nov. 1 forecast and 1.5 bushels above the 2000 yield.

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Sorghum for grain production in 2001 is estimated at 515 million bushels, down 4 percent from the November forecast, and

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