

Cattlemen Present Scholarships, Awards At Banquet

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— A Pennsylvania Cattlemen's banquet Thursday evening conducted at the Boalsburg Fire Hall included the traditional scholarships, awards, and fun auction. Approximately 120 members attended the event.

Beef Quiz Bowl finals were conducted during the evening, and York County's clubs were well represented, with both junior and senior teams winning first place.

Junior team members included Kate Livingston, Mitchell Cuculis, Luke Cuculis, and Kurt Long. Senior members are Donald Sunday, Kelly Hain, Herman Hake, and Richard Heineman.

Andrea Warfield, a sophomore animal science and business management major at Penn State, was honored with the PCA scholarship during the evening.



York County came up big in the quiz bowl finals during the banquet, with both the junior and senior teams taking home first place. In front, from left, stands junior team members Kate Livingston, Mitchell Cuculis, Luke Cuculis, and Kurt Long. Senior members are, from left, Donald Sunday, Kelly Hain, Herman Hake, and Richard Heineman.



The Gross family, Manchester, of Cold Springs Farm, was honored with the Cattle Feeder Award. Daniel and his wife Tina Gross, left, join Daniel's parents Steve and Phyllis Gross. Also with the family is agriculture secretary Sam Hayes, left, and PCA president Terry Shearer, right.



Eastern Cornbelt Direct Sheep Weekly Summary

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Eastern Cornbelt Direct Sheep Weekly Report (includes lambs sold in IL., IN., OH., MI.) — Compared to last week, slaughter lambs over 100 lbs were 5.00 lower, under 100 lbs sold firm. Slaughter ewes were 2.00-5.00 lower Demand for lambs was moderate early in the week and light late for a moderate to heavy pre-Easter run. Carcass lamb prices were very uneven, with most weight groups up around .40-1.70 with two weight groups slightly lower. The heaviest weight group of 85 lbs/up is 17.00 behind of the next lightest weight, but the spread has narrowed from 26.00 back about a month ago. Confirmed sales this week about 68% lambs and 32% slaughter ewes, with an additional 775 head of goats. Total sheep and lambs sales: 1875; last week: 900; last year: 950.



After graduation, Warfield hopes to work in the beef industry in the promotions and marketing field. Raised on a small farm, she exhibited beef, sheep, and swine as a 4-H'er.

From Marriottsville, Md., Warfield is also involved in the Maryland Junior Angus Association.

Winning this year's Pfizer scholarship was Billie Joe Zeigler, Carlisle. Zeigler is studying as a first-year veterinary student at the University of Pennsylvania.

She hopes to do a mixed practice but "has a major interest in large animals," she said. Zeigler grew up in a rural area and got agricultural experience helping the neighbors with farm chores.

Roy and Jean Fuss, Dillsburg, took home Commercial Cattleman Award honors. The couple, Certified Angus Beef producers, have 70 head of Angus-based brood cows on their 250-acre farm.

The Environmental Stewardship Award was shared by Brown's Ranch, Gettysburg, and Cedar Hill Farm, Wellsville.

Terry Bentz, maintenance, and Harold Wendte, farm manager, represented Brown's Ranch for the Environmental Stewardship Award. The operation has 100 head of crossbred and Scottish Highland Cattle.

The award honored their efforts such as installing extensive streambank fencing plus the newly installed 20,000 feet of drain tile. Hay and pasture makes up the majority of the farm's 230 acres.

The other Environmental Stewardship recipients were the Eisenhower and Sweitzer families. Jim and Brenda Eisenhower are joined by Terry and Sandy Sweitzer and son Jim Jr.

No-till fields, contour and strip techniques, waterways, and careful barnyard manure runoff strategies such as sediment bowls are a part of not only their 650-acre farm but also are implemented on the 3,500 additional acres the families rent.

They work closely with the conservation district representatives, according to Jim. The family has 600-700 steers on feed and 90 beef cows, besides a 750-sow barn and 60,000 layers.

The Industry Service Award went to Dr. Les Griel, professor of veterinary science at Penn State. Griel has been teaching at the university for 37 years. He also serves as a veterinarian for the Beef Expo and does clinical work for the livestock evaluation center.

Ray and Mary Grimes, McKnightstown, received the

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