

# Cattlemen

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Special Appreciation Award. The couple operate South Mountain Farm, a 200 acre, 150-head cow/calf farm. The beef herd is Charolais based with Angus influence. They have long been involved in PCA activities, including serving beef at agricultural events and helping to plan and implement the banquet.

The Gross family, Manchester, of Cold Springs Farm, was honored with the Cattle Feeder Award. Steve and Phyllis are joined by son Daniel and his wife Tina, in addition to his brother Steve and Steve's wife Becky.

The family's feedlot can handle 700 head of cattle at one time. Full-time employee Allen King and his wife Steph also help with the operation.

They rent 1,200 acres and own 480, growing most of their feed and selling the remainder on the open market. In addition,

they sell their cattle on the open market. Additionally they have 100 Crossbred beef cows on the farm.

Daniel, a seventh-generation farmer, believes that community involvement is important for today's producers.

He credits the older generations of his family with doing a good job at working with the younger generations. "It's generations working together to preserve the future of our farms," Daniel said.

He emphasized that the farm's acres are not preserved



Terry Bentz, maintenance, and Harold Wendte, farm manager, represented Brown's Ranch, Gettysburg, to receive the Environmental Stewardship Award. They are joined by agriculture secretary Sam Hayes and PCA president Terry Shearer.

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## Ag Rally Day April 8

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — PennAg Industries Association is cooperating with Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB) and Pennsylvania State Grange in conducting a Rally Day for Agriculture Monday, April 8, at the Pennsylvania State Capitol.

The event will begin at 3 p.m. on the capitol steps. Participants will be Guy Donaldson, PFB president; Jim Adams, PennAg Industries Association president; Bill Steel, Master, Pennsylvania State Grange; Secretary of Agriculture Sam Hayes; and legislative leaders.

Participants at the event are encouraged to make arrangements with their elected representatives or senators to meet

with them following the rally. It is expected that the rally will conclude by 4 p.m. and appointments could be scheduled after that time.

PennAg will, upon request, provide participants with a list of talking points that can be utilized in meetings with legislators.

"This event is an important step in the agricultural community's efforts to remind decision-makers of the importance of agriculture to Pennsylvania and its economy," noted Walt Peechatka, executive vice president, PennAg Industries Association. "We encourage you to attend and bring with you business associates, family, and friends."



Roy and Jean Fuss, Dillsburg, took home Commercial Cattleman Award honors.



Other Environmental Stewardship Award recipients were the Eisenhower and Sweitzer families, Wellsville, represented by Brenda and Jim Eisenhower.

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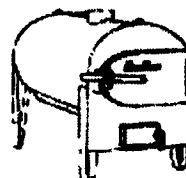
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