

Pennsylvania's State Board Preserves 35 Additional Farms

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Building on the nation's number one state farmland preservation initiative, Pennsylvania's State Farmland Preservation Board approved 35 additional farms totaling 3,007 acres.

Since 1989, Pennsylvania has now preserved 1,910 farms totaling nearly 229,000 acres including 125 new farms totaling 13,675 acres since the launch of its "2002 farms in 2002" initiative earlier this year.

"Our farmland preservation achievements in recent years have been remarkable examples of teamwork on the part of each county and the state's Bureau of Farmland Preservation," Agriculture Secretary Sam Hayes

said. "Through this partnership, Pennsylvania is setting the standard in farmland preservation across the country."

Fifty-three counties participate in the state farmland preservation program. The commonwealth purchases the development rights, referred to as easements, to preserve Pennsylvania's prime farmland and open space.

A list of farms preserved in May under the Pennsylvania program by county, including farm name and location, follows:

- Berks County**
- Warren and Hannah Berger, Richmond and Maxatawny townships.
 - Gerald and Iona Houpp, Oley Township.

- Timothy and Deborah Kurtz, Caernarvon Township.
- Wayne and William Leshner, Upper Tulpehocken Township.
- Janet Schlegel, Oley Township.
- Richard Schlegel, Oley Township.
- Gary and Sharon Stoltzfus, Caernarvon Township.
- Bucks County**
- Arthur Impertore Sr., Solebury Township.
- Chester County**
- Dennis and Eleanor Bush, West Fallowfield Township.
- John, Eleanor, Andrew, and April Gawrys, South Coventry Township.
- Laurel Valley Farms, Inc., New Garden Township.

- John and Sally Stees, West Fallowfield Township.
- Cumberland Township**
- Paul and Grace Hornbaker, Southampton Township.
- Erie County**
- Harold and Nancy Wisner, Fairview Township.
- Fayette County**
- Daniel and Cindy Komarinski, Wharton Township.
- Lancaster County**
- J. Richard and Nancy Garber, West Donegal Township.
- Gary and Dianne Neff, Manor Township.
- Dennis and Karen Stoner, East Earl Township.
- Franklin Zink, East Donegal Township.
- Lehigh County**
- Peter and Margaret Markel, Weisenberg Township.
- Montgomery County**
- William and Kathleen Hutt, New Hanover Township.
- Schuylkill County**
- John and Linda Garber, West Penn Township.
- York County**
- Victor and Lauren Cook, Warrington Township.

The State Agricultural Land Preservation Board also approved the preservation of 12 farms totaling 705 acres in Chester, Lancaster, and Monroe counties.

To assist farmers in planning easement purchases, the Department of Agriculture sponsors the "Installment Purchase Agreement Program" that allows landowners to defer capital gains taxes and county preservation programs, by virtue of installment payments, to fund other farmland preservation efforts. Two farms preserved at the May meeting, one from Cumberland County and the other from Lancaster County, were approved through the program.

For more information concerning Pennsylvania's farmland preservation initiative, contact the department's Bureau of Farmland Preservation at (717) 783-3167 or visit the Department of Agriculture's homepage through the PA PowerPort at www.state.pa.us PA, Keyword: "agriculture."

Expo Features Environmental Resources For Pork Production

DES MOINES, IA — Pork producers can discuss innovative environmental management and regulatory programs with specialists at the Pork Checkoff-funded Environmental Education Center at World Pork Expo June 6-8 at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines.

"This will be an excellent opportunity for pork producers to obtain environmental information, valuable in the day-to-day and future planning of their operation," said Max Schmidt, a pork producer from Elma, Iowa, and chairman of the Pork Checkoff's Environment Committee.

The Environmental Education Center will have exhibits that represent the Pork Checkoff-funded programs, including the Odor Solutions Initiative (OSI), the Environmental Assurance Program (EAP), and the Environmental Stewards Award program.

Environmental Stewards Award winners will talk about their environmental practices. Technical experts and information from universities, in extension, USDA-ARS, and conservation groups also will be available.

Producers can find answers to environmental management.

Experts will be available to answer questions regarding diet manipulation to reduce manure nutrients and odor emissions, treatment technologies being evaluated for reduction of odors, information needed for a proper comprehensive nutrient management plan (CNMP), the economics of some of these new technologies or management practices, and how concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO) regulations may affect them.

Also at the Environmental Center, producers can use the checkoff-funded Internet site [HYPERLINK http://www.porkboard.org](http://www.porkboard.org), which provides pork producers with a convenient, comprehensive resource for environmental compliance and program information.

2002 Mid-Atlantic Highland Cattle Association Conducts Show

OPEN SHOW RESULTS

Heifers born 1/1/02 or later. 1. Black Watch Farms 2. Harmany Highlands 3. Kaitlin F. Connolly.

Champion: Black Watch Farms
Reserve champion: Harmany Highlands.

Heifers born 9/1/01-12/31/01: 1. Owl Rock Farm 2. Dundonald Farm.
Champion: Owl Rock Farm.
Reserve champion: Dundonald Farm.

Heifers born 7/25/01-8/31/01: 1. Highland Farm 2. Zealand Farms. 3. Who's Hill Farm

Heifers born 5/18/01-7/24/01: 1. Spring Flight Farm. 2. Li Terra. 3. Dundonald Farm

Heifers born 5/1/01-5/17/01: 1. LEA-White Farms 2. Black Watch Farms. 3. Shat Acres

Champion: LEA-White Farms.
Reserve champion: Spring Flight Farm

Heifers born 4/13/01-4/30/01: 1. LEA-White Farms. 2. LEA-White Farms. 3. LEA-White Farms.

Heifers born 4/1/01-4/12/01: 1. Li Terra. 2. Spring Flight Farm. 3. Vantage Point Farm.

Heifers born 1/1/01-3/31/01: 1. Drover Hill Farm. 2. Drover Hill Farm. 3. Drover Hill Farm.

Champion: Drover Hill Farm.
Reserve champion: Drover Hill Farm.

Heifers born 7/29/00-12/31/00: 1. 4 R Highlands. 2. Wurzbach Farms. 3. Twinflower Farm.

Heifers born 4/5/00-7/28/00: 1. Li Terra 2. Ridgeville Farm. 3. Twinflower Farm.

Heifers born 1/1/00-4/4/00: 1. Black Watch Farms. 2. Dundonald Farm. 3. Leah Campbell.

Champion: 4 R Highlands.
Reserve champion: Wurzbach Farms

GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE
Drover Hill Farm

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE
LEA-White Farms

Cow/calf — cow born 1/1/99-1/1/02: 1. Kaitlin F. Connolly. 2. Harmany Highlands

Cow/calf — cow born 12/31/98 or prior: 1. Black Watch Farms. 2. Harmany Highlands.

GRAND CHAMPION COW/CALF
Black Watch Farms

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION COW ALF

Kaitlin Connolly
Bull calves born 9/1/01-12/31/01 1. Owl Rock Farm. 2. Harmany Highlands.

Champion: Owl Rock Farm
Reserve champion: Harmany Highlands

Junior bull calves born 5/23/01-8/31/01: 1. Grantland Farms. 2. Ashbrook Farms. 3. Ashbrook Farms.

Bulls born 5/1/01-5/22/01: 1. Ashbrook Farms. 2. Black Watch Farms. 3. Foxtail Farmstead.

Champion: Ashbrook Farms.
Reserve champion: Black Watch Farms.

Bulls born 4/16/01-4/30/01: 1. LEA-White Farms. 1. LEA-White Farms. 2. Grantland Farms. 3. LEA-White Farms.

Bulls born 4/2/01-4/15/01: 1. Li Terra. 2. Who's Hill Farm. 3. LEA-White Farms.

Bulls born 1/1/01-4/1/01: 1. Spring Flight Farm. 2. Vantage Point Farm. 3. Harmany Highlands.

Champion: Spring Flight Farm.
Reserve champion: Li Terra.

Bulls born 4/25/00-12/31/00: 1. Spring Flight Farm. 2. Who's Hill Farm. 3. Wengdales.

Bulls born 1/1/99-4/26/00: 1. Ray, Carroll Shatney. 2. Li Terra.

GRAND CHAMPION MALE
Ray, Carroll Shatney

GRAND CHAMPION MALE
Ashbrook Farms

SUPREME CHAMPION OF MAHA 2002 SHOW
Drover Hill Farm

Get-of-sire: 1. Edinvale Farms. 2. LEA-White Farms.

Produce-of-dam: 1. Shoestring Farm. 2. Grantland Farm.
Breeder's herd: 1. Spring Flight Farm 2. LEA-White Farms.

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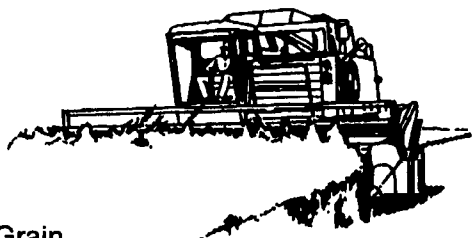
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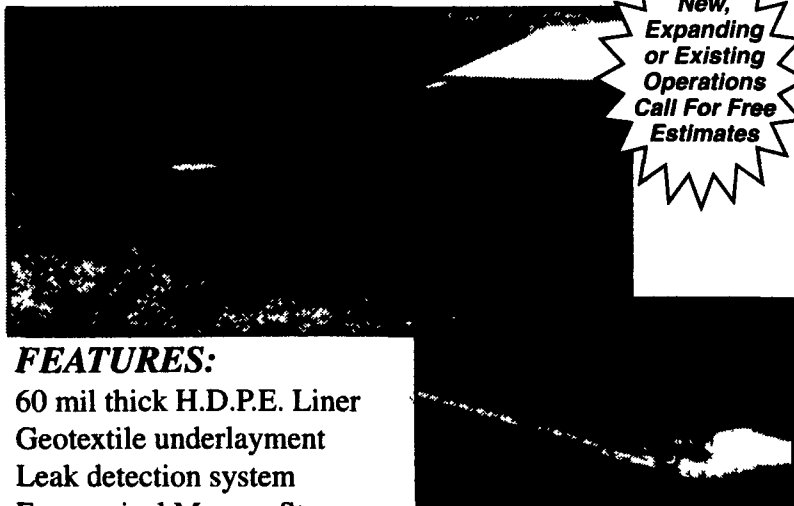
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