

# Beamesderfer, Molnar Join Beef Council

MIDDLETOWN (Dauphin Co.) — Paul Slayton, Pennsylvania Beef Council (PBC) executive director, announced that Eve Beamesderfer and Roxanne Molnar will join the organization's team this month.

Beamesderfer, an independent veal grower with her husband in Lebanon County, will coordinate the industry's quality assurance program and also provide membership and administrative support to the American Veal Association (AVA).

A graduate of Northern Lebanon High School, Beamesderfer was an FFA officer, member of the National Honor Society and class treasurer. She attended Word of Life Bible Institute and is active in the Ono United Methodist Church.

"As a veal grower, I am familiar with the issues facing the industry and am passionate about helping other growers succeed," said Beamesderfer.

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dustry relations responsibilities and coordination of the veal issues management contract. A 1999 Penn State food science

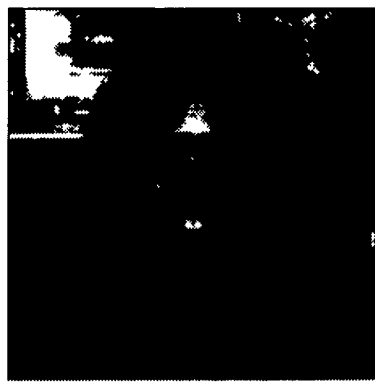


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graduate, Molnar previously was quality assurance and hazard analysis critical control point (HACCP) supervisor at Tyson Foods, Inc., New Holland. She also was employed by Empire Kosher Poultry, Inc. as both chicken flock and quality assurance supervisor.

While at Penn State, Molnar received the prestigious Bryce Jordan Leadership Award for service to the College of Agricultural Sciences through extracurricular clubs and activities. She also served as the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Queen and coordinated the association's youth show and activities at the Beef Expo.

Active in the state agricultural community, Molnar serves on the Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE) swine show committee and is vice president of both the Lancaster County Poultry Association and Penn



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State Ag Advocate Alumni Association. Molnar and her husband reside in Lebanon.

## 24 Watershed Projects Completed

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Acting Secretary Kathleen A. McGinty recently announced 24 watershed restoration projects in southcentral Pennsylvania have been completed through the Growing Greener program.

"Heading into its fifth year, Growing Greener continues to be the driving force behind watershed efforts throughout Pennsylvania," McGinty said. "With every completed project we draw closer to improved water quality, renewed life in our streams and a greater sense of community throughout every watershed in the Commonwealth."

So far, 286 projects have been completed statewide totaling nearly \$23 million in Growing Greener funding awarded. In the southcentral region alone 51 projects have been completed spending more than \$1.7 million.

Funding for the Growing Greener program was doubled and extended through 2012. DEP's portion of Growing Greener funding was increased to \$547.7 million from \$241.5 million in the original program. It is now funded primarily through a \$4-per-ton tipping fee on solid waste disposed in Pennsylvania's municipal waste landfills.

In four years, Growing Greener has supplied \$12.7 million in grant money for 194 projects in the 15 counties of southcentral Pennsylvania. The grants have been used to create or restore wetlands, restore stream buffer zones, eliminate causes of non-point source pollution, plug oil and gas wells, reclaim abandoned mine lands, and restore aquatic life to streams that were lifeless due to acid mine drainage.

For more information on the Growing Greener program, visit the Pennsylvania homepage at [www.state.pa.us](http://www.state.pa.us). PA Keyword: "Growing Greener."

## Pork Checkoff Presents P.O.R.K. Academy

The Pork Checkoff is presenting the Producers Opportunity for Revenue and Knowledge (P.O.R.K.) Academy on Wednesday, June 4 at the Marriott in downtown Des Moines, Iowa. This Checkoff-funded event is conducted annually on the eve of World Pork Expo. Like in 2002, the Pork Checkoff is expected to be the largest exhibitor at World Pork Expo, which is scheduled for June 5-7 in Des Moines.

"Pork producers who attend P.O.R.K. Academy can learn about many different areas," said Dennis Michael, chairman of the Pork Checkoff's Education Committee and a pork producer from Yankton, S.D.

"As a pork producer, access to accurate and timely information is vital to my operation and the Pork Checkoff is helping provide that through educational events

like P.O.R.K. Academy."

P.O.R.K. Academy will include sessions on air quality, antimicrobial uses and alternatives, closed herds, market outlook, value-added pork production, maximizing sow production, Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans (CNMPs), herd health, Swine Welfare Assurance ProgramSM (SWAPSM), environmental regulations/standards, and international marketing needs/pork quality.

A CD-ROM of the P.O.R.K. Academy proceedings will be available for purchase for \$15 each. Following the P.O.R.K.

Academy, audio tapes will be available for all sessions at \$10 per session or \$80 for a complete set. Videos will be available for select sessions only.

For more information, see the Checkoff-funded Internet site [www.porkboard.org](http://www.porkboard.org); write to P.O.R.K. Academy, P.O. Box 9114, Des Moines, IA 50306; or call (800) 456-7675.



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agricultural education are high on the list of priorities for the new administration.

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture will work to continue the successful programs of the past and work hard to develop new programs to help agriculture grow and prosper.

Since January, we have revised the crop insurance program, secured \$40 million for farmland preservation, funded the Ag and Rural Youth Program, approved Next Generation Farmer Loans,

awarded our first Small Business First Loan to production agriculture, and hosted a tour for township supervisors to increase understanding of animal agriculture operations.

This is just the beginning for Pennsylvania agriculture — we are on the move.

Pennsylvania agriculture has a bright future and I am confident that, by working together, we can accomplish even more.

Dennis C. Wolff  
Pa. Secretary of Agriculture  
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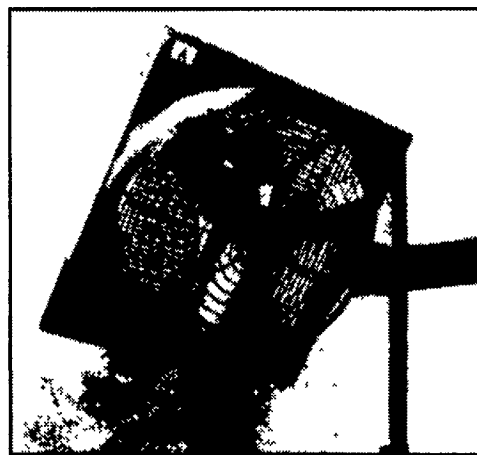


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