

# Wolff Announces New Regional Directors For Agriculture

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Agriculture Secretary Dennis C Wolff announced the appointment of regional directors at the department's seven regional offices.

"I am confident that these individuals will do an excellent job of representing the Department of Agriculture to our regional constituencies," Wolff said. "Their diverse background, shared desire for public service, strong commitment to agriculture, and professional experience will be an asset to the department." Wolff noted the regional directors will help advance the two key agricultural aims of the administration, agricultural education and economic development, in addition to providing leadership to the regional offices.

New regional directors are:

- Region I — Linda J. Field of Saegertown, a regional director with the department from 1987 to 1995. Field most recently served as manager of Meadville Market House. She has a background in the dairy industry and has an associate's degree in business administration from Edinboro University.

- Region II — Paul "Hap" Schatz brings a diverse array of agricultural and public service experience to the Region II Office. Schatz owns and operates Lickrun Farm, a beef, hog and grain farm in Columbia County, and has worked as an aide to Congressman Paul Kanjorski since 1984. A former teacher, he

has a master's degree in education from Bucknell University.

- Region III — Ronald P. Williams, a former police officer and Wyoming County commissioner, is a longtime public servant. He is a commissioner representative for the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and serves on the Lake Winola volunteer fire and ambulance companies. He is a graduate of the Academy for Excellence in County Government.

- Region IV — With a strong background in agriculture, John H. Scott of Oakdale has been named the Region IV director. In addition to serving as the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's legislative spokesperson, Scott owns and operates a registered Holstein dairy and crop farm in Allegheny County. He has degrees in political and dairy science from Westminster College and Delaware Valley College, respectively.

- Region V — David L. Mankamy of Friedens is the Region V director. A graduate of the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics, he is a licensed commercial pilot. Interested in conservation, Mankamy is a member of the Pennsylvania Mining and Reclamation Advisory Board and the Department of Environmental Protection's Citizen Advisory Council. He has been inducted into the Pennsylvania Soil Conservation Hall of Fame.

- Region VI — In addition to being a food inspector with the department, Lawrence A. Sulpi-

zio is the Acting Region VI director. Sulpizio has served as a sanitarian with the Montgomery County Health Department and the Norristown Borough Health Department. He is a former member of the Army Infantry and resides in Marysville.

- Region VII — William G. Zollers offers a strong background of public service and agriculture to the Region VII director's position. In addition to serving as Longswamp Township supervisor and the owner/operator of Stone Mill Farm, Zollers is a member of the Berks County Farm Bureau and the Agricultural Alliance.

The regional offices may be contacted as follows:

- Region I Office, 13410 Dunham Road, Meadville, PA 16335, (814) 332-6890.

- Region II Office, 2130 Country Farm Road, Suite #2, Montoursville, PA 17754, (570) 433-2640.

- Region III Office, Rt. 92 South, P.O. Box C, Tunkhannock, PA 18657, (570) 836-2181.

- Region IV Office, 5349 Wm. Flynn Highway, Gibsonia, PA 15044, (724) 443-1585.

- Region V Office, 1037 7th Street, Cricket Field Plaza, Altoona, PA 16601-4701, (814) 946-7315.

- Region VI Office, P.O. Box 5184, Harrisburg, PA 17110-0184, (717) 346-3223.

- Region VII Office, Route 113, P.O. Box 300, Creamery, PA 19430, (610) 489-1003.



2003 Youth Rep Malorie Rhoderick, center, is the daughter of Wayne and Cindy Rhoderick of Mt. Airy, Md. 2003 Alternate Youth Rep Mandi Ramsburg, right, is the daughter of Denny and Laura Ramsburg of Walkersville, Md. Pictured on the left is outgoing Youth Rep Jennifer Linton of Port Deposit, Md.

## Md. Dairy Goat Association Crowns Representatives

WEST FRIENDSHIP, Md. — The Maryland Dairy Goat Association (MDGA) crowned their youth representatives for 2003 at the MDGA Spring Workshop and Conference on April 27 in West Friendship, Md.

Malorie Rhoderick of Mt. Airy, Md. was awarded youth representative title. Malorie breeds Nubians and Alpines under the Waylu Farm herd name and is the daughter of Wayne and Cindy Rhoderick

of Mt. Airy, Md. Mandi Ramsburg from Walkersville, Md. was awarded the alternate representative title. Mandi breeds Alpines, Oberhasli, and Toggenburg under the Mandi Land herd name. Her parents are Denny and Laura Ramsburg of Walkersville, Md.

Both competed among a field of contestants and will represent MDGA at various functions and fairs throughout the coming year.

## Farm Bureau Supports Dairy Herd Buyout Program

CAMP HILL (Cumberland Co.) — Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB) has announced support for the Cooperatives Working Together (CWT) program aimed at raising milk prices paid to dairymen. The general farm organization's board of directors adopted the position after hearing recommendations from PFB's dairy committee and several county Farm Bureaus.

Proposed by the National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF), the CWT program would use a producer assessment of 17.9 cents per hundredweight of milk for herd buyouts, export incentives and other targeted reductions in milk supplies. The program is expected to increase milk prices by an average of about \$1.30 per hundredweight of milk if producers of at least 80 percent of the nation's milk supply are enrolled. NMPF officials have said the program won't be implemented unless the 80 percent level is achieved.

"With 70 percent of the nation's milk supply already committed to the program by participating cooperatives, independent dairy producers now hold the key to whether the program will move forward," said PFB Dairy Specialist Joel Rotz. "At least ten percent more of the milk supply

has to be committed by independent dairy farmers during June before the program will be implemented, and Farm Bureau encourages their participation."

"To their credit, dairy farmers are working together to create a self-help program that doesn't rely on the government," said Pennsylvania Farm Bureau President Guy F. Donaldson. "It requires some initial investment by dairy farmers, but a good outcome will help reverse the worst economic situation for dairy farmers in twenty five years. The 80 percent participation threshold increases the chances for success."

Farm Bureau also weighed the potential impact on the beef industry before deciding to support the CWT effort. "The herd buyout will total approximately 125,000 cows nationwide, which is only three-tenths of one percent of the national beef slaughter market. The impact on beef prices should be insignificant," Rotz said. "Because most of the buyouts will be in the western states, the impact in Pennsylvania will be even less."

For more information, dairy producers can call the CWT Hotline at (888) 858-7813 or visit NMPF's Website at [www.nmpf.com](http://www.nmpf.com).

## Farm Service Agency Accepts Reports

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — The Lancaster County Farm Service Agency (FSA) is accepting 2003 crop acreage reports. The deadlines, for reporting free of charge, are June 16 for small grains and July 15 for corn, soybeans, and all other crops.

Reports can still be accepted after these dates by paying a late fee of \$35 per farm with an additional nominal charge for acreage.

Crop reporting is a requirement for those farms enrolled in the Direct-Counter-cyclical Payment program (DCP), Loan Defi-

ciency Payments (LDPs), and many other programs. FSA expects a heavy reporting season, so come prepared to know the location of your crops on the aerial maps or prepare your own map with the crop locations and acreages totaled. Aerial photos are available ahead of time, and also on the Mapquest Website, [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com). This will save time at the county office.

The Lancaster County FSA office address is The Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Rd., Lancaster, PA 17601, (717) 397-6235.

# Holstein Judging School July 8-9

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — The 2003 Pennsylvania Junior Holstein Judging School is fast approaching. Registration deadline is June 30.

The school is scheduled Tuesday, July 8-Wednesday, July 9, noon, at the Tioga County Holstein Club. Teacher is David Trotter, Enon Valley.

The school will be visiting two outstanding herds of cattle. Gor-Wood-D Holsteins and Moyer's Jerseys both have done well in the show ring while emphasizing outstanding production to go along with the type they have each developed. This will be an opportunity to work with two of the top herds in their respective breeds.

All youth regardless of breed orientation who are interested in learning about dairy cattle evaluation and reason giving are invited and encouraged to attend. The school offers at least 10 classes of animals to judge.

Cost of the school is \$30 for those staying overnight. This includes school costs, hotel room, and evening meal. For those that commute, cost is \$20, which covers school cost and the evening meal. This year, a second member of the same family who attends will receive a \$5 discount off their registration fee.

For more information, contact the Pennsylvania Holstein Association, 839 Benner Pike, State College, PA 16801, Phone (814) 234-0364, [www.paholsteins.com](http://www.paholsteins.com).

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