

# Chester County Extension Hosts Successful Annual Meeting

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**GUTHRIESVILLE** (Chester Co.) — Despite a high wind advisory and other weather challenges, more than 70 people gathered at the East Brandywine Volunteer Fire Company Hall Thursday night for the annual Chester County Cooperative Extension meeting.

Extension board president Judy Yeatman welcomed everyone for coming out to the meeting in spite of the bad weather.

"We are very pleased to have you all join us tonight through the wind and the rain," said Yeatman. Yeatman served as the



Judy Yeatman, left, and Cheryl Fairbairn, center, present Chester County Commissioner Karen Martynick with an award thanking the county commissioners for their support of extension.

master of ceremonies for the evening.

Yeatman also recognized the Chester county commissioners for their continued support of cooperative extension. Commissioner Karen Martynick was on hand to accept the award on behalf of the commissioners.

In accepting the award, Martynick thanked the audience for their help in keeping the county's agriculture industry strong and helping the county to preserve its farmland.

During the business meeting at the banquet, four new board members were elected: Antoinette "Toni" Gomez, Oxford; Harold Brosius, West Grove; Jeff Beyea, Coatesville; and Craig Rybinski, Avondale. They will serve for a three-year term.

The Chester County Extension Board also recognized Pat Taws for her time and dedication to the county extension program. In her remarks, Cheryl Fairbairn, county extension director, noted several highlights.

"I can't say enough about her — we really appreciate the work she does." Fairbairn also expressed in the office Taws is the "Internet expert" and more importantly, "she knows where everything is." Fairbairn also said that as she has moved into her new position at the office, Taws has been invaluable.

Taws has been working at the county extension office for 15 years. In addition to work in the



Pat Taws, center, was recognized for her 15 years with the cooperative extension office. From left, Judy Yeatman, Taws, and Cheryl Fairbairn.

office, Taws is still an active 4-H leader.

For the keynote speaker, Cheryl Cook, deputy secretary of marketing and economic development from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA) spoke about the future of agriculture in the state.

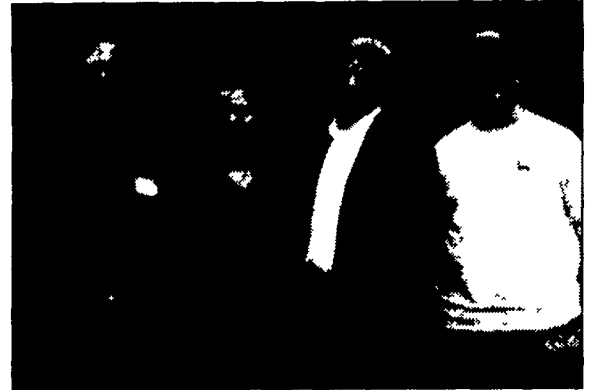
In her opening remarks, Cook said, "My job is to help farmers see that they are a part of the economy and help the rest of Pennsylvania see it as well."

Cook also noted as Pennsylvania looks for ways to strengthen the economy, agriculture should be the first place to look because of its economic impact on the state. She also touched base on the changing face of the state's agriculture.

"The future is very bright —

it's the present I am worried about," said Cook as Pennsylvania farmers begin to take a different approach to how they operate their farms.

Cook laid out several alternatives on what farms currently in business might transform into. The metamorphosis included expansion of the operation, the building of a value added product such as moving to organic, or



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transferring into a different agricultural field.

As she reviewed the possibilities, Cook stressed, "In each case there is a future, but it is different than what we have known."

In her closing remarks, Cook thanked cooperative extension and said as Pennsylvania agriculture grows and changes, there is an educational need and "cooperative extension can meet that (need)."

## Slaughter Cattle Weekly Review

Oklahoma City, Okla.

November 7, 2003

Report Supplied By USDA  
NATIONAL SLAUGHTER CATTLE SUMMARY - Week Ending November 7 - Compared to last week: Slaughter steers and heifers live basis 2.00 to mostly 3.00 higher, dressed basis 6.00 higher. Packer demand very good despite tighter margins. Drop credit has improved significantly over past several weeks and is providing an additional \$10.00-\$13.00 per head over small beef profits. Monday's very light

slaughter of 77,000 set the stage for another slaughter well below a year ago. With increased placements past eight months and light kills growth should be evident in feedlot numbers before long. Boxed beef values Friday a.m. averaged 160.50 up 4.61 from last Friday. Sales of slaughter cattle on a national basis for negotiated cash trades totaled 190,000 head through 10:00 a.m.

Friday. Last week's full count was 205,000 head.

MIDWEST DIRECT MARKETS: Steers and Heifers: Live Basis. 35-80 percent Choice, 900-1400 lbs 103.00-108.00, wtd avg 105.00. Dressed Basis. 35-80 percent Choice, 550-950 lbs 163.00-170.00, wtd avg 166.70.

HIGH PLAINS DIRECTS: Steers and Heifers Live Basis. 35-65 percent Choice, 900-1400 lbs 100.00-105.00, wtd avg 103.50

SLAUGHTER COWS AND BULLS. (Average Yielding Prices): Slaughter cows and bulls steady to 2.00 higher. Packer demand improved for cows as first snows in the north curtailed available supplies. Cow runs in the south tapering off earlier than normal in the culling season. High cull prices, some \$10/cwt over past several fall culling seasons, encouraged early movement. Given the high price of calves farmers are reluctant to sell older cows that are still viable. USDA's Cutter cow carcass cut-out value closed Thursday at 99.88 up 2.27 from last Thursday.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 1000-1600 lbs. Colorado 48.00-51.00; Oklahoma 49.00-52.00; Alabama 44.00-47.00. Boners 80-85% lean 1000-1500 lbs: Colorado 46.00-49.00; Oklahoma 46.50-49.50; Alabama 43.00-46.00. Lean 85-90% lean 950-1400 lbs: Colorado 45.00-47.50; Oklahoma 45.00-47.50; Alabama 38.00-41.00

BULLS 88-92% lean 1500-2200 lbs: Colorado 54.00-57.00; Oklahoma 55.00-58.00; Alabama 50.00-57.00.

## AUCTION SALE

**SATURDAY MORNING at 10:30 AM NOVEMBER 29, 2003**

at Ebsburg Auto Auction Rte 160 South, Ebsburg PA

Get ready for the winter snow and holiday gift giving on Saturday, November 29th.

A huge sale of new and used equipment...atvs, golf carts, tractors, lawn and garden equipment, snowblowers, trailers, snowmobiles, helmets, tools, toys, hunting accessories, etc. This sale will have something for everyone.

Sale will be held indoors with large equipment outside. Refreshments will be available.

### DEMO AND NEW ITEMS

Kubota BX 1500 w/loader and mower-60 hours; Cub Cadet 7265 w/loader and backhoe-62 hours; Weedeater freight damaged; Cub Cadet 15HP; Toro snowblowers; MTD snowblowers; Coleman generator; Stihl chainsaws Husqvarna chainsaws; Weedeater trimmers/chainsaws/mowers; EZGO utility vehicles; Cub Cadet pressure washer; Log splitters; TRACTOR EQUIPMENT - Brush hog; Rock rakes; Rear blades; TRAILERS - snowmobiles; utility 5'x10', 6'x10', 16' tow dolly; Helmets for motorcycles/atv/etc.; Lawn sweepers; Hydraulic oil; Bar and chain oil; Windshield washer fluid

### USED

Cub Cadet 1662-hydrostat 60" deck; Snowblade; White 18HP garden tractor-mower-snowblade; Simplicity 18HP mower-snowblade; Used chainsaws; USED ATVS-2001 Suzuki 500 4x4; 2002 Suzuki King Quad; 2003 Suzuki 160; 2000 Suzuki LT-80; 2001 Yamaha Raptor 660; 2000 Yamaha Warrior; 2002 Polaris 500 Sportsman; 2000 Polaris Xplorer 400 4x4; Yamaha 225; Used Bikes-2003 Honda XR100-like new; 2001 KTM 65SX dirt bike; SNOWMOBILES-1995 Arctic Cat jag; 2001 Polaris XC800

### HUNTING EQUIPMENT AND MILITARY SURPLUS

Ammo cans; Mickey Mouse boots; Coveralls; Rubber pants; Cold weather jackets; 54 cal. in line muzzleloader; 50 cal. in line muzzle-loader; 22 shells; Shot gun shells; 12 gauge-20 gauge; Spotlights; Hunting knives

### TOOLS

114 piece tool kits; 152 piece tool kits; 140 piece tool kits; 161 piece tool kits; Floor jacks; Vises; Hacksaws; Hammers; Drills; Pipe wrenches; Tarps; Bottle jacks; Torch kit; Air hoses; Air tools; tie downs, socket sets; Wire brushes; Jack stands; Tape measures; 8lb sledge; 10lb sledge; Jumper boxes; Car mitts; Jumper cables; Machetes; Floor jacks; Engine hoist; Paint in gallons and bulk (interior/exterior)

### \$10,000 WORTH OF STUFFED ANIMALS

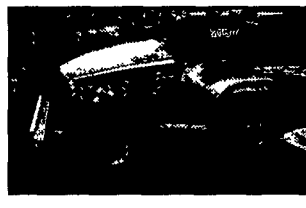
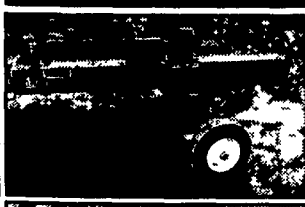
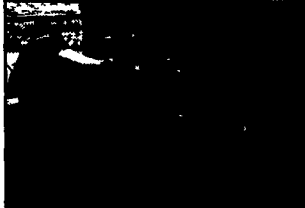
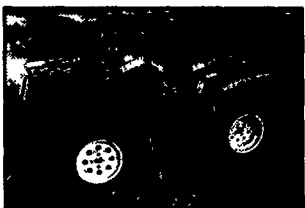
Gorillas; Giraffes; Beavers; Lions; Walrus; Monkeys; Teddy bears; Ducks; Owls; Horses; Raccoons; Koala bears; Dogs; Wolves; Cows; Tigers; Whales; Cats; Squirrels; Dolphins; Elephants; Moose; Rabbits; Squirrels; Pigs; Lambs (These are top quality toys and will make a great Christmas gift!)

### SPECIAL INTEREST

1990 Jaguar XJ6-R-title-real nice car; 2003 Visco Scooter; 1984 Honda V65 Magna Street Bike

Terms: Cash or check with ID. Financing is available but prior arrangements must be made call June at 814-328-2222 for details. Some items subject to bid approval. All items subject to prior sale. This is a partial listing of equipment only. Refreshments and seating available. Sale will be held indoors.

Auctioneers: Wayne Templeton AU-001110-L,  
Benny Davis AU-00203-C  
Phone 814-472-6029



## SHORT NOTICE PUBLIC AUCTION

99 F-250, VEHICLES,  
32' JAYCO TRLR.,  
TRACTORS, FARM EQUIP., &  
WOODWORKING TOOLS  
NOVEMBER 22, 2003

@ 9:00 A.M.

51 TEEN CHALLENGE RD.  
REHERSBURG, PA.

DIRECTIONS: From I-78 take Rte. 419 S, 3 miles to 2nd right. When you come into Rehersburg, Teen Challenge Rd. begins on the south side of Main St. Go 1.8 miles to lane on left. Please observe all parking signs, as other residents use this lane. Watch for auction today signs.

Items to be sold include a 1999 F-250 Lariat, V10, AT, 87K, 1987 32' Jayco 5th. Wheel Travel Trailer, Ford Bronco, Ford Taurus, 850 Ford tractor, Kubota tractor, 4 Cub Cadet lawn tractors, 2 btm plow, 6' trans. Disc, Ford corn seeder, 3 pt. Sickle bar 7', 3 pt. Flail mower, 3 pt. Boom, broad spreader, J.D. elevator, N.I. corn picker, barn beams, misc. tires, wood working equip, hand tools, misc. trailers, wagons, some horse tack, H.H. items, and much more than listed.

Auction note: This is a "short notice" sale for marital dissolution. And a full listing will be on the web-site or by contacting the auctioneer

TERMS: Cash, or Valid PA Check. All statements made auction day take precedence over printed matter.

Good Food Available!!!

No Buyers Penalty!!!

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