

Bureau Honors Hayes

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greetings from Governor Ed Rendell and congratulated PFB on another successful year.

Donaldson also recognized John Hileman, Holidaysburg for his service to the PFB board of directors as he leaves his post.

Hileman thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve on the board of directors and encouraged everyone to stay involved, saying "serve it well, and it will serve you."

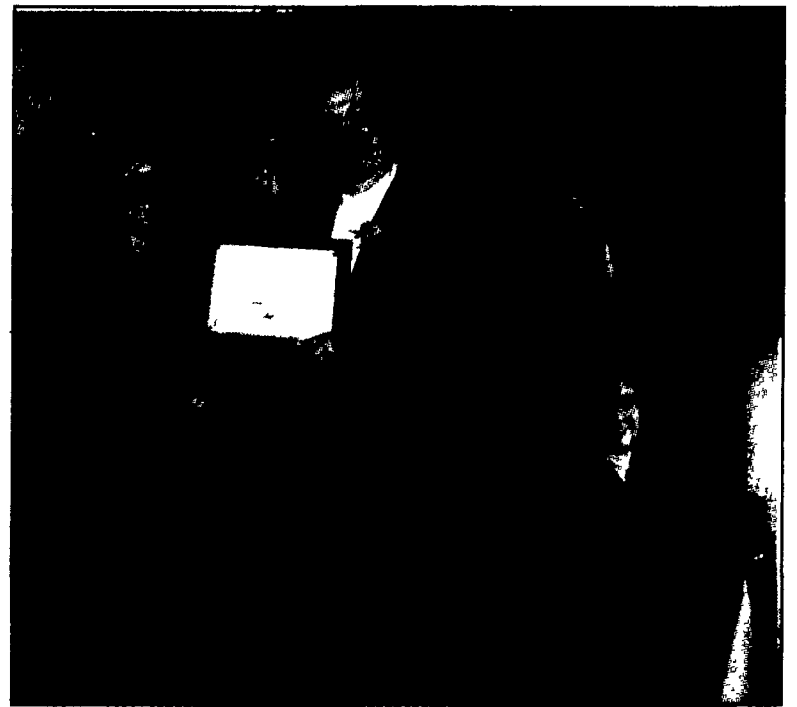
Earlier in the day, Matthew

and Barbara Balliet of Drums were named winners of Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's Young Farmer and Rancher (YF&R) Achievement Award during the organization's Annual Meeting.

Starting in 1998 with the purchase of a rundown farm in a neighboring county, Matthew Balliet single-handedly operates a 500-acre cash grain enterprise. He grows corn and soybeans, plus some hay and oats for a small herd of custom-raised beef cattle. Cropping on the farm is now 100 percent no-till.

Matthew Balliet has served on the Luzerne County Farm bureau board of directors. He chairs the county Farm Bureau's State Legislative Committee and serves as its national legislative spokesman. He and his wife Barbara have served on Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's YF & R State Committee.

Balliet, Heagy, and Semmel will travel to the American Farm Bureau annual meeting in Hawaii in January for national YF&R competition.



Andrea Semmel, left, is being congratulated by YF&R chairperson Shawn Miller for her selection as the YF&R Excellence In Agriculture Award winner.

November Bull Proofs Ayrshire

See this week's Dairy Plus section for Holstein, Jersey, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, and Red and White bull proofs.

Information contained in bull proofs may vary from breed to breed. Check with your breed association to get a full explanation.

Bull Name	Reg No	NAAB Code	Milk and Fat				Protein				Sire's Name						
			NMS	PII	Hrds	Dtrs	Rip	% Milk	% Fat	Hrds		Dtrs	% Prot				
ARDROSSAN MARATHON WANDRINGEYE	145860	7AY62	+461	+299	98	175	22	91	+1241	01	+47	98	175	31	+02	+42	LAGACE MARATHON
WOODLAND VIEW PARDNER ET	811799	73AY448	+427	+266	119	165	35	87	+1153	+06	+56	119	165	87	01	+74	BLACKADDAR ISLE MILKMAN
PALMYRA LOVER'S HELIGO'S	145522	9AY69	+404	+248	59	117	31	89	+1068	+02	+44	59	117	89	-03	+28	BONNIE BRAE HELIGO
BROW-AVR TRIDENT GRIFFEY	100056044	1AY314	+353	+242	15	20	60	64	+1002	+07	+51	15	20	64	+07	+43	ARDROSSAN EV KATES TRIDENT
MILLBROOK MARATHON'S LEGACY	150239	1AY306	+352	+233	33	65	12	82	+946	05	+28	33	65	82	-04	+26	LAGACE MARATHON
PALMYRA TRI STAR	150440	9AY75	+313	+226	19	40	22	75	+901	+01	+37	19	40	75	+03	+34	ARDROSSAN EV KATES TRIDENT
PALMYRA REWARD SATELLITE	100045206	7AY70	+284	+196	18	32	66	71	+1016	-03	+35	18	32	71	+01	+34	COVEY-FARMS OLYMPIC REWARD
BROW-AVR TRIDENT MOHAWK	150457	1AY308	+268	+183	18	28	46	71	+878	+06	+44	18	28	71	+04	+35	ARDROSSAN EV KATES TRIDENT
KILDARE BBA KELLY	150432	14AY21	+252	+194	21	36	15	76	+341	00	+13	21	36	76	+03	+15	BLACKADDAR B B KELLOGG
COVEY FARMS RAMSES RUNAWAY	150115	9AY73	+247	+162	48	81	19	82	+1141	06	+33	48	81	82	-02	+33	BROW AVR VITALITY'S RAMSES

Standardbred Horse Auction Sales Approach \$50 Million

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — About \$50 million changed hands during the Standardbred Horse Sales Company Auction, Nov. 3-8, at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

The 62nd Annual Auction of the Standardbred Horse Sales Company featured some of the finest horses from the United States and Canada and attracted buyers from around the world. Standardbreds, noted for speed and stamina are most frequently used in harness racing.

"This show attracts hundreds of international guests to the Harrisburg area," said Agriculture Secretary Dennis C Wolff. "We are fortunate to be home to world-class breeding facilities with highly sought after racehorses and breeding stock. This was a great event for the horse industry and the local economy."

"The newly renovated and expanded Farm Show Complex was an ideal venue for this show," said Dale Welk, Director of Operations for the Standardbred Horse Sales Company of Hanover, the event sponsor. "We had the space and accommodations we needed to conduct a world class sale in a world class facility."

Consigners from throughout the United States and Canada marketed yearlings and other Standardbreds during the sale. According to the Standardbred Horse Sales Company, this year's show increased to 1,936 horses selling for \$49,998,400, or an average of about \$25,826 per horse. In 2002, 1,717 horses sold for \$49,229,300, averaging \$25,428 per horse.

Coverage Increased As Part Of AGR-Lite Insurance Expansion

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Secretary of Agriculture Dennis C Wolff has announced an expansion of the Adjusted Gross Revenue-Lite (AGR-Lite) Crop Insurance Plan.

"Pennsylvania's Department of Agriculture developed and introduced AGR-Lite last year as one of several initiatives driven by the department to help the state's farmers," said Wolff. "I am pleased that we are able to expand the program this year."

Wolff added that as a result of

AGR-Lite's initial success, coverage was expanded from Pennsylvania excluding Philadelphia county, to 11 northeastern states including Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey excluding Hudson County, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia and 52 counties in New York. Liability coverage has increased to \$250,000 from \$100,000. AGR-Lite continues to offer coverage for farm-raised crops, animals

and animal products.

"Unlike many crop insurance programs, AGR-Lite is geared toward smaller growers and provides coverage that many have been unable to get before," said Wolff.

A list of participating crop insurance agents can be obtained from local USDA Farm Service Agency offices. Farmers can also contact the Risk Management Agency at www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents or call (202) 690-2803. The deadline is January 31, 2004.

The annual Penn State Hybrid Reports are part and parcel of the Jan. 31 issue of *Corn talk* in *Lancaster Farming*. Also scheduled is a feature from a Columbia County 5-Acre Corn Club winner, silage reports, meeting updates, and a calendar of crop growing and management events.



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