

Twenty-One Year KILE Beef Committee Volunteer Inducted into PA Livestock Hall of Fame

Harrisburg, Pa. – For her dedication and service to the Pennsylvania livestock industry for more than two decades, the Pennsylvania Livestock Association (PLA) inducted Tammy Weaver, Ephrata, Lancaster County, into the Pennsylvania Livestock Hall of Fame for 2017.

She was honored as part of a ceremony that officially kicked off the 2017 Keystone International Livestock Exposition at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center in Harrisburg.

The Pennsylvania Livestock Hall of Fame honors excellence in animal agriculture and leaders in local, state, national and international endeavors. According to the Pennsylvania Livestock Association, it is “the highest honor that the livestock industry of Pennsylvania can bestow on an individual.” Weaver’s portrait will hang with those of other hall of fame inductees at the entrance to the New Holland Large Arena concourse from the walkway that connects the old and new sections of the complex.

In her youth, Weaver was very active in her local 4-H and FFA chapters, competing in livestock competitions up to the national level with her dairy, livestock, and poultry projects. At the end of her FFA career, she attained the highest degree possible, the American degree, and served as the Pennsylvania FFA state vice president. She still continues to support her local programs to this day. In 1992, she went on to receive a bachelor’s degree in agribusiness management from the Pennsylvania State University.

After graduating from college, she was able to attain a position as the Industry Relations Director and Beef Quality Assurance Director for the Pennsylvania Beef Council for seven years before joining Fort Dodge Animal Health. During her time at Fort Dodge, she claimed the President’s Club Sales Award twice. Currently, Tammy works as the Dairy and Livestock Specialist with DuPont Pioneer for Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Northeast Ohio. One of her primary accomplishments with DuPont has been winning the Hitch Pin Award for demonstrating high dedication, determination, and teamwork.

Aside from Weaver’s work, she is also an exceptionally dedicated participant and volunteer with the livestock industry.

Weaver is continuously assisting the Pennsylvania Livestock Association. She has served as vice president, president, and currently treasurer. She has also served on the Keystone International Livestock Exposition’s Beef Committee for the past twenty-one years. She has been the co-chairperson for the last eighteen years. After exhibiting at KILE for more than thirty years, she considers the show to be a family affair.

Weaver and her college sweetheart, Fred, and their two children, Madison and Hayden, live in Ephrata on the family farm where they manage a diverse operation. They raise a small Angus herd, dairy heifers, and a breeder flock on contract with Longenecker's Hatchery. The farm also consists of eighty acres of corn, soybeans, and hay crops and is in the Farm Preservation Program.

The Weavers are active with the Pennsylvania Angus Association and Pennsylvania Junior Holstein Association. Tammy served as the chairperson for the Pennsylvania Angus Breeder's Show for ten years, was the Adult Food Committee Chair for the 2011 National Junior Angus Show, the Adult co-Chairperson for the 2016 Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show, and has received the Conrad Grove Award twice. She is currently an advisor for the PA Holstein Association, serving over 1,200 juniors.

Tammy Weaver's commitment to the Keystone International Livestock Exposition and the Pennsylvania Livestock Association over the years is admirable. Her dedication to her career, family, and volunteer work is something are commendable. Weaver plans to continue to show livestock with her family for years to come.

The Keystone International Livestock Exposition is the largest livestock show on the East Coast, with 947 open and 417 junior breeding beef cattle, 181 halter and 266 hitch horses, 1,139 open and 452 junior breeding sheep, 251 breeding swine, and 302 open and 86 junior Boer goat entries in 2017. This year, more than 725 exhibitors from 27 states and Canada are competing in livestock events. The show also includes the 10th Annual Keystone Classic Barbecue Competition, a Kansas City Barbecue Society-sanctioned event to select the state's finest culinary competitors.

All events are open to the public with free admission and parking. Find more information and a complete schedule of events at www.keystoneinternational.pa.gov.