

The Pennsylvania Livestock Association's Hall of Fame

Biographical Sketches

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Thanks to all of the inductees and their families who provided the
information to complete this book.

Ron also had the opportunity to judge livestock, which he did in eight states and at 39 county fairs. He enjoyed the experience as a great opportunity to meet a lot of new people and make friends. It was well known that Yvonne never left home without her homemade whoopie pies and peanut butter fudge.

The organizations Ron and Yvonne were involved with include the York State Fair, the county 4-H board of advisers, and the 4-H Center advisory board. Yvonne served as treasurer of the Mid-Atlantic Southdown Breeders Association for 28 years and served on the Pennsylvania Livestock Association board of directors. She served over 25 years on the KILE sheep committee. Ron still stays involved in agriculture as a lifetime member of the York Fair Agricultural Society, member of the York County Farm Bureau, and the Pennsylvania Livestock Association.

2023—Rodney Gilbert

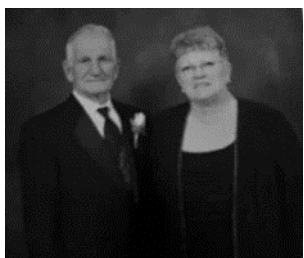


Rodney Gilbert, retired Livestock Manager for Delaware Valley University, has dedicated his life to the livestock industry. Having received his undergraduate degree in Animal Industries and his master's in animal science, both from the University of Connecticut, Rodney has served as an instructor, assistant professor, manager, mentor, coach, judge, and advisor to many in his more than forty-three years in the industry.

He has taught many students in topics ranging from introduction to Animal Science, Beef Science, Swine Science, Livestock Evaluation, Genetic Improvement and Grain and Forage Laboratory to Integrated Livestock, Sheep Management and Selection, and Sheep Shearing Schools. Rodney has received numerous awards for his outstanding commitment to education including the DVC Student Government Faculty Service Award for outstanding service to the student body in 2012 and 2015 as well as the DVC Distinguished Faculty Award in 2010. During his time at Delaware Valley, herds and flocks were expanded and new modern facilities were constructed. Rodney successfully developed and implemented the successful freezer trade for Delaware Valley's beef, lamb, and pork programs.

When not busy with students, Rodney was active with the PA Livestock Association as a board member and several state breed associations. He has been a consistent supporter of the 4-H and FFA programs, as a presenter, workshop organizer, and contest coordinator. Rodney has judged numerous livestock shows in PA, NJ, MD, DE, NY, and New England. In his free time, he can be found volunteering at his church and serving as a Master Mason. Rodney currently resides in Wakefield, Rhode Island.

2024—Ronald & Yvonne Trostle



To write the story of showing livestock in Pennsylvania is to write the story of Ronald and Yvonne Trostle. The two met at the York Fair in 1960 and were married for fifty years. Ron lost his beloved wife in 2013.

Ron was raised around dairy and bought his first pig in high school in 1958, the first in a long career of showing. For decades, the Trostles have been involved in showing livestock and volunteering for livestock organizations. The 4-H program was a family affair as their children, Steve, Melissa, and Matt, all participated in 4-H. Ron and Yvonne were the York County swine club leaders for over 40 years. In 2009, Ron and Yvonne received the Pennsylvania 4-H Swine Leader award during the PA Farm Show.

Hall Of Fame Winners

- *1972—Leon Falk, Jr.
- *1972—William L. Medford, Sr.
- *1972—William L. Henning, Sr.
- *1973—Herman Purdy
- *1974—Stanley Gates
- *1975—Ben Morgan
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- *1977—Gilbert Watts
- *1978—Henry A. W. Gruber
- *1979—M. Maxwell Smith
- *1980—Dwight Younklin
- *1981—Glenn Kean
- *1982—Herbert K. Schick
- *1983—Jesse Smith
- 1984—Penrose Hallowell
- *1985—William J. Gillespie
- *1986—Peter Krall
- 1987—Samuel E. Hayes, Jr.
- *1988—James Fink
- *1989—Grant Sherritt
- 1990—Lester Burdette
- *1991—Vern Hazlett
- 1992—Dennis L. Grumbine
- *1993—Dr. Everett Denlinger
- *1994—George Hunter
- *1995—Arthur Gladfelter
- *1996—James Gallagher
- *1997—Anthony Dobrosky
- *1998—James Watkins
- 1999—Charles Itle
- 2000—Clair “Butch” Clemens
- 2001—Harry H. Bachman
- *2002—Ken and Ann Staver
- 2003—Michael H. Firestine
- *2004—Clyde W. McConaughy, Jr.
- 2005—Erskine H. Cash
- 2006—John M. Cole
- *2007—Conrad Grove
- *2008—Harold W. Harpster
- *2009—Jesse M. Darlington
- 2010—Louis M. “Mick” Colvin
- 2011—Ronald C. Miller
- *2012—Senator Michael Waugh
- 2013—Thomas Calvert
- 2014—John and Joann Hausner
- 2015—Jana Malot
- 2016 - Mark Keller
- 2017 - Tammy Weaver
- 2018—Congressman Glenn Thompson
- 2019—Richard “Dick” Kuzemchak
- 2020—Rodger Bankert
- 2021—Bill and Betsy MacCauley
- *2022—Lloyd Hess
- 2023 – Rodney Gilbert
- 2024 - Ronald and *Yvonne Trostle

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events. Over the years it has grown exponentially into a very diverse company, going from back yard pig roasts to corporate events, Weddings by Hess’s, BBQ competition cooking teams, Hess’s deer processing and so much more. As they ventured into BBQ competitions and catering, Lloyd was always looking for opportunities to expand the business. When invited to cater the Penn State Extension sponsored Cattle Feeders Day at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center, Lloyd jumped at the chance. Always a food innovator, Lloyd Hess was a perfect fit for this event and for over 20 years he worked in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Beef Council and Penn State Extension to introduce producers to new beef products including Certified Angus Beef, Rotiss-A-Roast, Beef Shoulder Petite Tender, and the Flat Iron Steak. This helped launch the recognition of Cattle Feeders Day as Pennsylvania’s premier educational event for beef producers. Lloyd became a productive board member of the Lancaster Farm and Home Foundation, utilizing his passion and creative skills to remodel the Center’s commercial kitchen and elevate the level of catering for agricultural related breakfasts, luncheons, and dinners. He was also past president of the Pennsylvania Association of Meat Processors and the American Association of Meat Processors. Lloyd was also involved in a lot of community and local organizations, always ready and willing to help out. He always had a smile on his face and a great belly laugh. If you would ask him for something, he would say, “Sure, we can do that.”

Lloyd was a tremendous asset to the Pennsylvania Livestock Industry through his business, Hess’s Barbeque Catering, Inc. In addition to his work with PLA at Ag Progress Days and the 4-H food booth at the PA Farm Show beginning in 2012, Lloyd took on the role of caterer for the PLA booth in the Food Court in 2020. He built the log cabin that served for the setting of the 4-H stand and enhanced the Food Court stand with new backdrops and signage. 2020 was an exciting year and PLA reaped the financial benefits of Lloyd’s vision of promoting the PLA menu items. The increase in sales resulting under Lloyd has enabled PLA to continue their support of youth and the livestock industry. Hess’s BBQ utilizes over 250,000 pounds of meat annually, equating to about 500,000 pounds of livestock! Of this, nearly 100,000 pounds of meat was used by the PLA food booth in the two years under Lloyd.

Lloyd was married to his wife Barbara in 1978. Together they raised two children, Eric (married to Bethany) and Kimberly (married to Joshua). He was a proud pop-pop to five grandchildren: Liam, Brynlee, Malachi, Greyson, and Easton. He could not wait for the day that they could come to work for him. When Lloyd was not working, he enjoyed camping, traveling with Barb, and spending time with his family. He will be greatly missed by his community and organizations but most of all his family.



2021—Bill and Betsy MacCauley

Bill and Betsy MacCauley of Atglen, PA have been dedicated sheep producers and volunteers in the 4-H and youth livestock programs for many years. Working as a team, they own and operate the largest purebred Suffolk flock in the United States.

Bill was born in Newtown Square but later moved to Atglen, where his family operated Breezeview Farm. He participated in FFA and 4-H and went on to graduate from Penn State with a degree in Agricultural Business Management. In pursuit of a lifelong passion, Bill also graduated from the World Wide College of Auctioneering. Betsy grew up in Phoenixville, PA where she was an active participant in 4-H through dog obedience and community clubs. She met Bill when she bought her first Suffolk ewe from his family; little did she know at the time, to what that purchase would lead. Betsy attended Ursinus College and graduated with a degree in Biology.

The MacCauley's raised their two sons, Chris and Kyle in true agricultural fashion as they also participated in 4-H and FFA and were active members of the National Junior Suffolk Sheep Association. As a family, they traveled across the country showing sheep at multiple open and junior shows, garnering many awards, including numerous National Champions. During this time, Bill was on the United Suffolk Association board and served as the president on multiple occasions.

Bill also owns and operates John Rock, Inc., the largest wooden pallet manufacturer on the east coast. In addition, he owns two sawmills in Virginia.

Both Bill and Betsy have been active supporters of youth in the sheep industry, 4-H and FFA. They have served as leaders for the Chester County sheep clubs for 32 years and have supported the PA Farm Show Scholarship Foundation and been a volume buyer at the livestock sale for many years. Bill has served as the auctioneer for the KILE Bred Ewe sale, the PA Farm Show Fleece Sale, the Midwest Stud Ram Sale, Reno and numerous other sheep sales across the country.

As a team, they have given so much to the industry that brought them together – agriculture. Together they strive to support the youth, because without the youth, there is no future.



2022—Lloyd Hess, Awarded Posthumously

Lloyd Eugene Hess was born September 21, 1954, to Paul and Ruth Hess of Willow Street, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Penn Manor High School in 1972. After high school he continued to work for his father at Hess's Butcher Shop. Lloyd and his brother Paul started Hess's BBQ Catering in 1978. They supported 4-H and FFA members during the annual livestock sale at the local West Lampeter Fair. They also opened their facilities for youth judging teams to practice meat identification and carcass evaluation in preparation for FFA and 4-H state meat judging

History of the Pennsylvania Livestock Association

In 1900, the Pennsylvania Livestock Breeders' Association was founded in Pittsburgh, PA. The organization represented 24 breeds of livestock at its time of inception. One of the reasons for establishing it was to pay special attention to the necessity of a State Fair, which was lacking in Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Livestock Association was very influential in the early development of a statewide show that has grown into what is now the Annual Farm Show.

In May of 1953, the Pennsylvania Livestock Breeders Association was incorporated in the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County. The Directors who signed the original incorporation documents were as follows: James F. Torrance, Export, PA; Robert M. Mumma, Wormleysburg, PA; V. D. Leisure, Harrisburg, PA; Leon Leighton, Mechanicsburg, PA; and Ernest S. Bunch, Camp Hill, PA.

In 1955, during the June term of the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County, a petition was approved to change the name from Pennsylvania Livestock Breeders Association Inc. to Pennsylvania Livestock & Allied Industries Association, Inc. No other changes were made to the Articles of Incorporation and the name change was approved by the Court on September 26, 1955. On June 18, 1975, the name was again changed to the Pennsylvania Livestock Association (PLA). This is the name the organization operates under today.

The Association is governed by an elected Board of Directors representing livestock producers and breeders, Allied Industries, the PA Department of Agriculture, Penn State University's College of Agriculture, and others interested in the livestock association. Its main purpose is to develop and conserve the full agricultural and soil resources of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by promoting the production, marketing, processing, and maximum use of beef cattle, sheep and swine, along with promoting the Equine Industry throughout the state.

The people primarily responsible in getting the PLA organized and the Keystone International Livestock Association established in 1953 were Dr. Bill Henning, Secretary of Agriculture, Leon Falk, Polled Hereford Breeder, Bill Medford, president of Medford Meat's, and John Stephens and Howard White, president and vice-president of A & B Packing. These men spent countless hours putting the program together. The Livestock Association was involved early on with Pennsylvania Ag Progress and the Pennsylvania Plowing Contest by preparing beef covered in a pit for feeding the crowds. People such as Glenn Kean, Bob Kessler, Bernie Ryan, and Bob Wolfe, plus many volunteers were responsible for accomplishing this long, time-consuming task. The membership numbers were small then, numbering less than 100, meaning all members were very active in making the program work.

The PLA is the primary sponsor for the Annual Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE), which showcases the finest livestock and horses from around the world. The first show was held in 1957. In the early years of KILE, animal exhibitions and instruction were held for school children who came by the busload from the surrounding area. The first expositions breathed life into the Pennsylvania livestock industry. The livestock judging contests were an important part of KILE, and the rodeo drew many leading competitors from across the country.

The Association also supports and develops future leadership in the livestock industry by operating a youth program and honoring outstanding 4-H members each year. It represents the livestock industry at the state level by encouraging a close working relationship with governmental agencies and educational institutions in order to improve the industry. It also provides a structure that promotes cooperation between the livestock industry, allied industry groups, and other agricultural organizations concerning issues of mutual interest, education, promotion, research and legislation. One other purpose the PA Livestock Association strives to achieve is providing a better understanding between consumers and the livestock industry.

PLA Hall of Fame

The Pennsylvania Livestock Association presented its first Hall of Fame award to three deserving individuals in 1972. Each year since then, one outstanding individual in the livestock industry is honored with this distinguished award.

The award was established to recognize excellence in animal agriculture. The honorees are leaders in local, state, national and international endeavors, and have included farmers, producers, processors, educators, legislators, and government officials.

To be eligible for this distinction, members must participate in PLA programs and contribute to the livestock activity. He or she must have the ability to motivate people, have an interest in improving the livestock industry, show evidence of efforts to improve rural living, and participate in the development of community affairs.

This is the highest honor that the Livestock Industry of Pennsylvania can bestow on an individual.

years he has been a consultant for many major Dorset flocks; helping with the management, care, showing and breeding decisions. In 2015 Dick was inducted into the Continental Dorset Hall of Fame. His influence can be seen in the sheep of many Pennsylvania flocks.



2020 - Rodger Bankert

Rodger Bankert and his wife, Darlene of 57 years, live on a 23 acre farm in York County. As a well-known purebred breeder, he has been raising Chester White and Duroc pigs since 1960. He started showing at the Keystone Livestock International Exposition in 1962, where he won many Champions and Reserve Champions, including the first time ever 2018 Champion Barrow on the Rail. In 1966, Dwight Younkin approached Rodger and asked if he would like to serve on the Swine Committee; he agreed. After 53 years and starting the purebred swine sale, he retired from the committee in 2019.

He is currently President of the Chester White Association, Duroc Association, and Pennsylvania Swine Co-op. He is also the PA Farm Show Swine Chairman as well as the York Fair Livestock Superintendent. He has also been President of the York County Pork Producers and on the Board of Directors for multiple years. After 48 years as a dedicated and well-respected York County 4-H Swine Leader, he retired in 2019.

During those years, he helped 4-H members by sharing his vast knowledge and preparing the seniors to take not only his knowledge, but valuable lessons from 4-H into the real world. The most rewarding thing for Rodger was watching these young individuals use their 4-H skills to better their future from all their hard work.

He started an independent pig sale in 1981 and continues to annually sell high-quality, affordable swine projects with fellow breeders, so that buyers from surrounding states can enjoy a profitable experience.

Rodger judged State swine shows in Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, and West Virginia; as well as many County Fairs in the east. As a well-respected pig breeder, he was proud to select pigs that would grow economically and would hang up a high-quality carcass that the consumer would want to purchase.

On the other side of the ring, Rodger was named the Premier Exhibitor at Keystone International Livestock Exposition numerous times over the years. He was chosen by the Purebred Swine Industry of Pennsylvania with an Outstanding Service Award in 1981 and recognized as a true ambassador for the Chester White breed in 2017.

Rodger, Darlene, daughter Michele, and sons Brian and Greg are a bonded family that yielded many champions at Keystone International Livestock Exposition, the Pennsylvania Farm Show, County Fairs, and the York State Fair.

the high scoring individual in sheep judging at KILE. Following college, Dick spent two years with the United States Marines, proudly earning the rank of Sergeant before returning home to PA.

Dick succeeded Shaffner as shepherd at Penn State in February 1971 and continued the legacy of shepherding and high production flocks. He retired from Penn State in 2009 after 38 years. During his time, Dick bred and showed champion sheep for Penn State at the many sheep shows and sales across the country with champions in Chicago and Louisville.

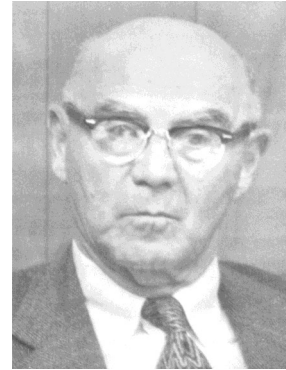
One of the many highlights to his career was the 2005 show season. The Penn State Sheep Program attended seven sales throughout the country and were awarded the following champions: National Champion Ewe, 2 Supreme Champions, 6 Grand Champions, 3 Reserve Grand Champions, 2 Junior Champions, and 3 Reserve Senior Champions. Additionally, receiving 3 Best Consignment Awards over all breeds! The Penn State Polled Dorset flock was undefeated that year at the Ohio State Fair, Indiana State Fair, Eastern States Exposition, and North American International Livestock Exposition. The enthusiasm and excitement carried through to 2006. In that year, sheep history was made with a record breaking production sale! Dorset enthusiasts traveled from 22 different states and Puerto Rico to attend the Penn State Sheep Production sale. With 124 registered buyers, 229 head of sheep were sold, averaging \$1,238./head! There were 21 states with successful bidders, stretching from Maine to Washington.

Dick's career involved not only the day to day care of these sheep but the decisions of which ewes and rams to use in their breeding program. He developed a Dorset that would not only win in the show ring but also provided a good carcass for the commercial producer. These sheep became the foundation of many Dorset flocks. As important as the sheep that Dick produced, is the time and energy that he spent teaching students about sheep and the industry as well as facilitating ongoing sheep research at the barn. Many of these students continue to be active in the sheep industry as adults. Dick touched the lives of countless students during his tenure at Penn State and enjoys watching his former students become successful in their chosen careers. He has been a Penn State Little International dedicatee twice over the years, sharing his dedication to the livestock industry.

Dick has judged many state, regional and county sheep shows mainly on the east coast with the highlight being the National Dorset Show and Sale at the Eastern States Livestock Exposition. He serves on the Keystone International Livestock Exposition and PA Farm Show Sheep Committees.

Dick has a daughter, Julie, two sons, Scott and Joe, and nine grandchildren. He now resides in Pleasant Gap with his wife of 50 years, Gayle. Sharing his passion for the sheep industry, his children won Champion or Reserve Champion market lamb at the PA Farm Show twelve times with some of those being in consecutive years. Dick is also active in the American Legion Post 867, Pleasant Gap, serving as 1st Vice Commander and current Vice President. Dick continues to be active in the Dorset industry as a judge and flock consultant. Over the

1972 - Leon Falk, Jr.



Leon Falk was president of the PA Livestock Association at the time the Keystone International Livestock Exposition was started in 1957. He was a dynamic individual who could stimulate the other members of the Association to carry out the new and necessary tasks of such an endeavor. Mr. Falk was the owner of Falkland Polled Hereford Farm located at Schellsburg, Pa. Falkland Farm was a nationally known farm which showed Polled Herefords all over the country winning many championships. Prior to breeding Polled Herefords, Falkland Farms were breeders of Jersey cattle. Mr. Falk was a Pittsburgh Industrialist who was also very active in civic affairs.

1972 - William L. Medford, Sr.



William L. Medford, Sr. graduated from Northeast High School in Philadelphia and later attended Penn State University. He raised cattle on a 600-acre farm in Chester County, and was stationed in France during World War I. After coming home from the war, Bill took over the family business, Medford's Inc., a meat-packaging company. The corporation had been in his family since it was founded in 1864 until 1994 when it was sold to Hatfield Quality Meats, Inc.

Bill served as Director of the American Meat Institute and Director of the National Independent Meat-Packers Association. He was involved in the meat-processing industry his entire life.

Bill was married to Emma Medford and had three children - Ruth Ryan, Joan Pontius and William L. Medford, Jr. He had seven grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. He was also an avid golfer. William Medford passed away in 1963 and was awarded the Hall of Fame Award posthumously.



1972 - William L. Henning, Sr.
*(Biography from the William L. Henning
 Building dedication ceremony)*

William L. Henning, Sr. was born on a livestock farm in Defiance County, Ohio, on January 4, 1900. He attended a one-room school, graduated from high school, and received a B.S. degree from the Ohio State University in 1921. He then came to the Pennsylvania State University, where he earned an MS. degree in animal husbandry in 1923. While working on that degree, he became a member of the faculty, serving as an animal breeder in charge of sheep. He taught undergraduate courses in animal husbandry, breeding and production as well as in livestock breed history and livestock selection.

In 1937, Bill Henning received a Ph.D. in genetics from the University of Wisconsin. He later became a member of the graduate faculty at Penn State and chaired the graduate program in animal husbandry for many years. He was active in student affairs and coached successful livestock and wool-judging teams. A long-time advisor to the Block and Bridle Club, he was elected its national vice president.

Bill's research achievements include original genetic studies of sheep and systematic crossbreeding plans for hothouse lambs. In 1946, the Pennsylvania legislature appropriated \$100,000 to the University for livestock improvement. Bill oversaw the use of the appropriation for developing superior herds and flocks for the College of Agriculture. He retired with the rank of Professor Emeritus in 1964.

Bill's involvement in agriculture received international recognition. He served as secretary-treasurer of the American Southdown Breeders' Association for over fifty years and was designated an honorary vice president by the Southdown Sheep Society of London, the only American so recognized by that society.

From 1955 to 1963, Bill Henning was Secretary of Agriculture for the Commonwealth. Under his administration, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Meat Animal Evaluation Center was established at University Park. The Keystone International Livestock Exposition, the State Livestock Grading Service and the All-American Dairy Show were also initiated. As a climax to his career as Secretary of Agriculture, Bill was instrumental in funding the State Agricultural Building in Harrisburg.

While Secretary of Agriculture, Bill served on the Board of Trustees of The Pennsylvania State University for eight years. During this time, the Commonwealth allocated funds for construction of the Swine Center and the William L. Henning Building.

Bill died on April 30, 1981, at the age of 81. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Harriet M. Harry, a State College physician, and two sons, Dr. William L. Henning Jr., and Dr. George F. Henning III.

Keystone International Livestock Exposition provides. The youth involved with these shows have the opportunity to obtain scholarships; compete in Junior Livestock Shows as well as compete in judging contests on a 4-H and FFA level or on a collegiate level GT has commented of the importance of these events for our youth.

GT has been recognized numerous times for his strong support of the beef industry.

GT will tell you the reason he is a strong supporter of the Pennsylvania Livestock Association is because of the PLA Pennsylvania Farm Show Beef sandwich. But GT is a supporter of PLA not only because of the effort PLA puts into promoting livestock agriculture in Pennsylvania as well as on a national level, but they are also the sponsor of the Keystone International Livestock Exposition.

He travels to Ag Progress Days in August and interacts with Pennsylvania Agricultural producers and attends the Government /Legislators luncheon to speak on the state of agriculture and listen to producers with concerns.

As a National and State leader for agriculture and farm families he has been recognized by numerous organizations:

American Farm Bureau Golden Plow Recipient (2013)
 National Farmers Union Golden Triangle Award Recipient (2013)
 Friend of Penn State Alumni Association Award (2015)
 Bald Eagle Area School District FFA Honorary Membership (2016)
 National Rural Education Association Member of the Year (2016)
 Honorary State FFA Degree (2018)
 PSU Block & Bridle Club Saddle & Sirloin Club Inductee (2018)

2019 - Richard Kuzemchak



Richard Kuzemchak is a lifelong shepherd. Originally from Clymer, PA (Indiana County), Dick grew up on his family crop and livestock farm. He started raising sheep when he was 14 years old as his FFA project. While attending Penn State University, he lived and worked in the sheep barns, located on Ag Hill. In the fall of 1966, Dick was one of two students to move into the present Beef and Sheep Center. Dick graduated from Penn State University in 1968 with a degree in Animal Industry. During his time at Penn State, he spent countless hours under the tutelage of Carroll Shaffner, shepherd, tending the Southdown, Cheviot, Shropshire, Hampshire, Horned Dorset, Polled Dorset, Suffolk, and commercial ewe flocks. While a student, he was an active member of the Block and Bridle Club, claiming the title of Grand Champion Sheep Showman from 1965 to 1968 at the Little International. Dick was also the Supreme Showman during his senior year. He was a member of the meats judging team and the livestock judging team. In 1967, Dick was

Congressman Thompson is an advocate for the current dairy industry crisis. He is working with legislators to develop support for the industry through the “Improved Margin Protection Program”. He greatly supported the USDA earlier this year when they reopened the program for an improved safety net for already financially stressed dairy farmers.

He also promotes Pennsylvania’s Hardwood timber industry realizing that export of hardwoods from Pennsylvania forests adds to the value of agriculture. Sitting on the Committees for Agriculture and Natural Resources GT provides oversight for the U.S. Forest Service and various forest related programs administered by USDA.

GT supports H.R. 2, the Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018. This Act addresses the economic challenges facing the nation’s farmers and ranchers, while making historic investments in the federal nutrition programs.

He continues to serve as co-Chairman for the bipartisan Congressional Natural Gas Caucus and additionally, he co-chairs the German-American Caucus at a pivotal time of discussion on shared interests of security and trade between the two nations.

Congressman GT’s service includes being the No. 1 speaker on the House Floor for the past three years. When he first was elected in 2008 he was sworn in as one of the least senior members of congress being 433 out of 435.

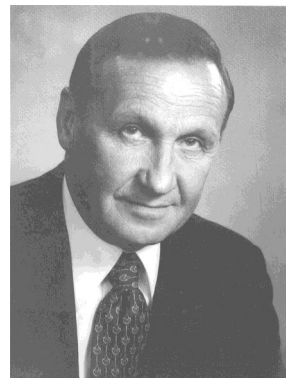
As an Agriculture Subcommittee Chairman he assisted in drafting a Farm Bill that on February 7, 2014, President Obama signed into law as the Agricultural Act of 2014, a five-year Farm Bill reauthorization. This passed congress with bi-partisan support and reduces annual budget deficits. Industry professionals including farmers, foresters, conservationists, researchers, and policy advocates have praised the law as a historic improvement to federal agriculture policy. He is currently working on reauthorization of the Farm Bill.

Earlier this year GT and Chairman Michael Conaway along with members of the House Agriculture Committee introduced the new Farm Bill, H.R. 2, the Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018

Congressman Thompson introduced a Bill to Modernize the National FFA Organization’s Charter. This bill will better reflect agriculture education in the 21st Century.

Locally GT holds nonpartisan hearings at the Pennsylvania Farm Show each year. The purpose of GT’s hearings are to make the other members of Congress and the Department of Agriculture aware of the problems and concerns that our farmers in Pennsylvania are challenged with. GT has been proactive in promoting Pennsylvania Agriculture products, milk, beef, pork and chicken to be utilized in the school lunch program, as well as other State and Federal institutions. With GT’s background in healthcare he knows the importance of proper nutrition.

GT has been supportive of the All American Dairy Show as well as the Keystone International Livestock Exposition. Being a strong advocate of youth, he recognizes the strong youth component the All American Dairy Show and the



1973 - Herman Purdy

Herman Reger Purdy (1919-1985), the second child of Earl DeWitt Purdy and Willa Reger Purdy, was born in the town of Harris, in Sullivan County, Missouri. His grandfather, Grant W. Purdy, was one of the Purdy brothers who helped establish some of the best seedstock of Shorthorn cattle, between 1890 and 1926. His father worked along side Grant in the Shorthorn field and later came to prominence as a breeder of Polled Hereford cattle. He was named to the American Polled Hereford Hall of Fame in February 1972 for his outstanding role in the development and progress of the breed in this country. Continuing a tradition, Herman received recognition from the Polled Hereford Association in 1982, when he was awarded the Hall of Merit Award for his outstanding contribution to education.

Herman graduated from high school in Noblesville, Indiana. In the fall of 1938, Herman entered Ohio State University. He paid his way through college by working in the beef barn. In his senior year, Herman was named the Outstanding College of Agriculture Student at Ohio State. He graduated in 1942. He was honored in 1965 as a Distinguished Graduate in Animal Husbandry, and in 1970 as one of the 100 Most Outstanding Graduates in Ohio State’s 100 years of education. Herman earned his Masters’ Degree in Animal Science from Penn State University in 1958.

After graduation, Herman Purdy was selected by the faculty at Ohio State to teach and coach the Livestock Judging Team and to be in charge of beef cattle. During World War II, livestock judging teams did not compete, so Herman was also put in charge of the Ohio State meats laboratory from 1942 to 1946. He taught meats courses for three years and began coaching the judging team in 1946. That year his team was National Champion at the International Livestock Show in Chicago, and from 1947 to 1953, Ohio State teams placed first in seven national contests, including the American Royal, the Eastern National, and the North Central. During Herman’s tenure at Ohio State University, the famous Bardoliermere II strain of Angus cattle was developed. This strain played a significant role in controlling dwarfism in Angus cattle.

Herman was hired by Penn State in March 1954. Dr. W.L. Henning and Dr. Milton Eisenhower persuaded him to leave Ohio State, and he accepted the position of Professor in Charge of Pedigreed Livestock and Coach of the Livestock Judging Team. He also taught livestock selection and beef production. Under his guidance, Penn State showed more champion cattle, sheep, swine, and horses at major shows than any other university. Some of the major winnings were: International Grand Champion Angus Female in 1954 and 1961; International Grand Champion Polled Shorthorn Bull in 1956, and International Grand Champion Polled Hereford Bull in 1962. Herman Purdy coached 19

judging teams at Penn State. He had eight winning teams at major contests, including the national championship team at the 1966 International Livestock Show. This was the first time Penn State won this honor.

Herman retired from Penn State in 1972 as Professor Emeritus in Animal Science. He received the Department of Animal Science's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1979, in recognition of his achievement and service in the field of animal agriculture. A portrait of him hangs in the Distinguished Alumni Hall. He retired from Penn State in order to devote more time to Huntington Farm and also to spend more time as a consultant to beef cattle breeders. He consulted with successful breeders for thirty-five years of his life, even serving President Dwight D. Eisenhower on Gettysburg Farm. The breeds which he worked with included Angus, Charlois, Polled Hereford, and Shorthorn.

Herman Purdy's influence as a teacher, judge and consultant has been felt worldwide by progressive livestock producers. It is believed that Herman judged more livestock shows than anyone in history - over 1,200 beef cattle shows in 44 states and nine foreign countries, as well as many horse, sheep and hog shows. He evaluated one or more breeds of beef cattle at the North American International Livestock Exposition every year from the show's inception and at the International Livestock Show in Chicago 26 times.

Other major shows for which Herman served as judge included the National Western Livestock Show in Denver; the Southwestern Livestock Show in Fort Worth; Cow Palace in San Francisco; and the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto, as well as other Canadian shows. He was the only person ever to judge all three British breeds - Angus, Hereford and Shorthorn - in England and Scotland at three national shows. Other overseas judging credits include: the 1962 Smithfield Fat Stock Show in London; the 1968 Palermo Show in Buenos Aires, where he judged Angus; the 1969 Royal Easter Show in Sydney, where he judged Polled Herefords; the 1973 New Zealand National Show in Porto Alegre, Brazil, where he judged Angus; and the 1975 National New Zealand Shows, where he also lectured and conducted a judging school.

In 1984, Herman received the Saddle and Sirloin Club Award in Louisville, Kentucky. This is the highest honor in the livestock world.

Her commitment over the years to PLA and KILE is admirable. She is dedicated to her family, career, and volunteer work. Tammy intends to continue exhibiting livestock with her family and serving as a role model to others.



2018 - Congressman Glenn 'GT' Thompson

A life-long resident of Howard Township, Centre County, Pa., Congressman Glenn "GT" Thompson represents Pennsylvania's Fifth District in the U.S. House of Representatives. He resides in the Howard area with his wife Penny of over 30 years.

His first election in the 2008 primary was a test of faith. GT was the last of nine Republican candidates to announce his intent to run for retiring Congressman John Peterson. Having worked almost 30 years in nonprofit healthcare, he entered the race with enough money as he describes it "for the coming year's taxes and car insurance. He was considered a long shot.

Prior to winning the election to serve Pennsylvania's geographically largest congressional district, he had spent 28 years as a therapist, rehabilitation services manager and a licensed nursing home administrator.

A 40-year veteran of the Juniata Valley Boy Scout Council, GT has served as Scoutmaster, Council executive board member and Council president. He has enriched the lives of youth throughout Central Pennsylvania. Rep Thompson received the National Distinguished Eagle Scout Award in 2012. There have only been 2,000 of these awards presented since 1969.

GT has also served as a school board member of the Bald Eagle School District, past vice-chair of the Private Industry Council of Central Corridor and a former Workforce Investment Board member. Because of his experiences, he was appointed to the House Committee on Education & Workforce in 2009. Rep Thompson is also serving in his fourth term as Co-Chairman of the bi-partisan congressional Career & Technical Education Caucus. In the 115th Congress, Thompson authored the Career & Technical Education for the 21st Century Act that was signed into law by President Trump in July 2018.

A community leader and a volunteer firefighter with over three decades of service, GT is acutely aware of the challenges facing Pennsylvania communities. As a member of the Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Education & Workforce Committees, Thompson is in a unique position to bring his expertise and knowledge to bear on the issues facing, AGRICULTURE, rural businesses, communities, and families in order to improve lives of the citizens of the Fifth District. Gt served three terms as Chairman of the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation & Forestry. In the 115th Congress, he serves as Vice Chairman of the Agriculture Committee and as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Nutrition.

Pioneer for Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Northeast Ohio. In her past seven years with Pioneer, she has continued to excel in her career. One of her primary accomplishments is winning the Hitch Pin Award for demonstrating high dedication, determination, and teamwork. She has also been recognized for providing sales solutions for customers and her outstanding coaching for Pioneer sales representatives through the Leadership of Distinction Award.

Although she is an accomplished career woman, her greatest joy in her life is her family. This year she is celebrating twenty-two years of marriage with her college sweetheart, Fred Weaver. Together, they have two children who are both active in 4-H, exhibiting their Angus heifers, steers, market hogs, and dairy cattle on the local, state, and national level. Madison is a Senior at Cocalico High School where she plays Varsity Field Hockey and is active in the student government. Hayden is in 8th Grade at Cocalico Middle School and plays baseball. Tammy is heavily involved in their education and extracurricular activities as she currently holds the position of Booster Club President.

They 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 Longeneckers 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 in the Pennsylvania Angus Association and Pennsylvania Junior Holstein Association. Tammy served as the chairperson for the PA 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.

She has always been ambitious in her volunteer work, continuously assisting the Pennsylvania Livestock Association and serving 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 over thirty years, she considers the show to be a family affair. It has allowed her family to work together in balancing showing with committee responsibilities.

Tammy takes pride in the growth that KILE's Beef Show has experienced over the years. She has witnessed the show grow from 600 head to over 1,300 showing in two arenas and six breeds growing to sixteen at one point. KILE also began hosting the National Hereford Show, National White Park Show, and the Roll of Victory Angus Show.



1974 - Stanley Gates

Stan Gates was born in South Paris, Maine in 1918 and lived with his family on a small farm. He received his Bachelors of Science degree in Animal Husbandry from the University of Maine. While attending the University he was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. He served in the Army during World War II and retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Stan spent most of his working career as the superintendent of Erdenheim Farms in Lafayette Hills, PA. Besides working on the farm, he was secretary of the American Cheviot Sheep Society for many years. He was very active in the Cold Point Baptist Church, especially in youth fellowship. Stan received recognition from the Pennsylvania Sheep and Wool Growers. He was also involved in an agriculture exchange program with Brazil in which he traveled to that country twice and hosted two trips to Pennsylvania.

After retiring from Erdenheim Farms, Stan moved back to South Paris, Maine where he became very active in his community. He is involved in Kiwanis and affiliated Key Clubs. He served as the New England School District area advisor from 1984-1985. He is a member and counselor for SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) where he served as a past area director. He has also received many plaques of recognition from the organization. Stan received the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce Service Award. He is a member of the Oxford Hills Area Development Corporation. He served as their president from 1987-1989, and received their service award in 1985.

Stan was married to Priscilla Coady of Biddeford, ME, and they have three children, William, Alan and Karen.

1975 - Ben Morgan

Ben Morgan was born and grew up on a farm near Fairmont, WV. He was very active in 4-H Club work. His 4-H Club projects included breeding swine. He has degrees from Fairmont State College and from West Virginia University.

Beginning his lifetime career in agriculture in January 1935, he was County Agricultural Agent in West Virginia for 10 years. During that time, he served a term as Regional Director of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents, and in 1945 received the Distinguished Service Award from that organization. He was a West Virginia University Extension Livestock Specialist from January 1946 through July 1956.



In August 1956, Ben joined the Penn State University staff as an Extension Animal Scientist. He continued in this capacity until retirement as a Professor of Animal Science in June 1978.

Ben worked closely with the organization and development of the Keystone International Livestock Exposition. He served as Sheep Department Superintendent for the first show in 1957. Due to health problems of the Exposition Manager, Buff Coleman, Ben was asked to fill in as manager of the 1958 show. He continued in this capacity through 1963 while carrying full responsibility as a Penn State Extension Animal Scientist. He continued as Chairman and later Co-chairman of the Exposition Committee until the mid 1980s.

Ben, as an Extension Animal Scientist, was responsible for statewide Sheep and Beef Cow/Calf programs. These programs included breeding, feeding, management, and marketing. He worked closely with Pennsylvania's Department of Agriculture in establishing grading and marketing programs. He also was involved in the development of the Meat Animal Evaluation Center located on Penn State's campus, serving on the Evaluation Center Committee until his retirement.

He served as advisor to many state and regional livestock associations. He was a past president of the American Southdown Breeders Association and was an honorary director of that organization. During his career, he judged many shows and fairs throughout the eastern part of the United States. Judging included the Chicago International Livestock Show and the National Professional and Junior Sheep Shearing Contest.

The American Society of Animal Science named Ben an Honorary Fellow in 1976. He was selected to receive Gamma Sigma Delta's Annual Extension Award in 1974. His community involvement included being an active Rotarian beginning in 1943.

Ben was married to the former Ruth McClintic of Frankford, WV. They are the parents of two daughters, Stephany Ann of Staunton, VA and Nancy M. Roche of Charlottesville, VA. They have two grandchildren, James M. Roche, a graduate of Vanderbilt University with a BE degree cum laude with a double major in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering; and Caroline C. Roche, who received a B.S. degree magna cum laude majoring in Human and Organizational Development from Vanderbilt University, and continuing there for an MS. in Nursing. She is now a Pediatrics Nurse Practitioner. Ruth is very involved in historic preservation of significant structures in the county and has served as Chairman of Pocahontas County Historic Landmarks Commission for a number of years.

Ben passed away, at 90 years of age, on April 18, 2003. In his memory for his church and community activities, Marlinton Rotary Club provided a \$1000 scholarship to a student majoring in some type of animal industry.

1976 - John H. Henkel

John H. Henkel, from Strasburg, Lancaster County, PA, was born in 1928 and raised in Seaucus, New Jersey. Prior to 1946, he worked with his

Keller is a member of the Pennsylvania Livestock Association, Center for Dairy Excellence of Pennsylvania Board, Perry County Farm Bureau, Harrisburg Campus Advisory Committee of Harrisburg Area Community College, National Rifle Association and Mount Zion Lutheran Church.

Keller was born on Jan. 14, 1954. He is a graduate of West Perry High School, Missouri Auction School and attended classes at The Pennsylvania State University.

He and his wife, Sally, reside in Landisburg, Perry County.



2017 - Tammy Weaver

Tammy Weaver of Ephrata, Pennsylvania has been a dedicated producer, advocate, and volunteer in the agriculture industry for many years. Born and raised in Bernville, Berks County on her family's dairy farm, she began life with her roots already deeply embedded in agriculture. She is part of the fourth generation on the Balthaser family's Century Farm, with her nieces and nephews continuing into the fifth generation.

Throughout her childhood, Tammy was active in the 4-H and FFA programs, competing in local, state, and national contests with her dairy, livestock, and poultry projects. She proudly represented PA as a delegate at the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, IL and on the State 4-H Poultry Judging Team in Louisville, KY. Continuing her youth success into the FFA program, she received her Keystone and American Farmer Degrees while holding the offices of Berks County FFA President and PA FFA Vice President. She still supports and volunteers in both local programs today.

In 1992, she earned a Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness Management from Penn State University. Throughout her time at Penn State, she was involved in the Block and Bridle Club, Dairy Science Club, Coal Society, Alpha Zeta, and Ag Advocate Program. A few of her achievements include Champion Swine Fitter at Little I, Overall Champion at Dairy Expo, 4th Individual at the Collegiate Contest for National Dairy Foods Judging, and receiving the Dairy Science Club's Young Dairy Leader Award.

After graduation, she served as the Industry Relations Director and BQA Director for the Pennsylvania Beef Council for seven years before joining Fort Dodge Animal Health. For ten years she operated as the Senior Territory Manager for Eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, and Delaware in their Animal Health Biological and Pharmaceutical Sales Department. During her time at Fort Dodge, she claimed the President's Club Sales Award twice.

Currently, Tammy is the Dairy and Livestock Specialist with DuPont



2016 - Mark Keller

Mark Keller brings a wealth of experience in local government to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Before his election to the House in 2005, Keller served as a Perry County commissioner for nine years and eight years as board chairman. He was also elected president of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania in 2004. From 1985 to 1996, Keller served on the Spring Township Board of Supervisors and also served as a Spring Township auditor from 1979 to 1985.

In 1996, Keller was chosen as the Perry County representative to the Harrisburg Area Transit Study (HATS) and served as chairman of the HATS coordinating committee for eight years.

During the 2015-16 legislative session, Keller has been appointed to serve on the Agriculture and Rural Affairs (vice-chairman), Game and Fisheries, Judiciary and Transportation (chairman of highways subcommittee) committees.

Keller has again been appointed to serve as a deputy whip by House Republican Whip Bryan Cutler. In this capacity, he handles a variety of responsibilities on the House floor, including assisting in member head counts and helping to promote certain issues facing the House of Representatives. Keller is also responsible for communicating his colleagues' positions on issues and helping advance legislation that is important to the people of Pennsylvania.

Keller is chairman of the Legislative Audit Advisory Commission, which examines the standards of audits performed under the provisions of Section 10 of Article VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, and recommends measures for the improvement of pre-auditing of the financial affairs of the Commonwealth.

In addition, he serves as the governor's representative to the State Farm Products Show Commission. Keller has been recognized for his commitment to agricultural education by being awarded the Honorary State FFA Degree. Keller was also recognized at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, as recipient of the Honorary American FFA Degree in 2014. Keller was acknowledged by the Pennsylvania Auctioneers Association for his significant leadership to develop appropriate legislative law without over-regulation. He was also honored by the County Commissioner's Association of Pennsylvania as a Friend of County Government. In 2015, Keller received the distinguished service award from the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association. In addition, Keller has continuously been a recipient of the Guardian of Small Business Award presented by the National Federation of Independent Business.



father, uncles and grandfather on a swine farm in New Jersey. He attended Rutgers University from 1946-1950, and graduated with a B.S. in Animal Science. After college, John was in partnership with his father and uncle on a swine farm in New Jersey until 1952.

From 1952-1954, John served in the US Army and was stationed in West Germany for 18 months. Upon his discharge, he went back to Rutgers from 1954-1956 and received his M.S. degree in Animal Science. After graduate school, John was the swine manager at a large institutional farm in northern New Jersey.

In 1960, the Henkel Family moved to Lancaster County and with partner, Joseph Little, became owner-operators of Willow Glen Farm. The family maintained a closed minimal disease free herd, and sold Yorkshire breeding stock and research pigs to pharmaceutical companies and hospitals. In 1970, the partnership was dissolved, but John continued the business. Then in 1990, the herd was sold, and he continued the research business by obtaining animals from another herd source.

While at Rutgers University, John belonged to Rutgers' Block and Bridle Club, serving as president from 1949-1950. He was selected as a member of Rutgers' Alpha Zeta, an honorary agricultural fraternity. He is a member of the American Society of Animal Science and American Yorkshire Club. John served on the Board of Directors of Lancaster County Swine Producers, and was a past president. He was a member on the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council for 35 years, and served as Chairman of Trade Shows at the Keystone Pork Exposition for 25 years.

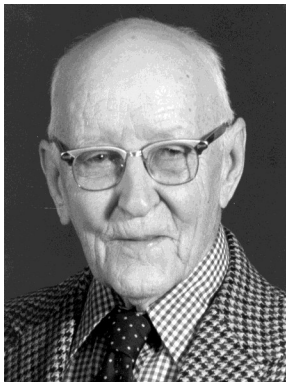
John was a Pennsylvania representative on the Board of Directors of the National Pork Producers Council from 1970-1976, and served as Chairman of the Policy Development Committee. He is a past president and served several years on the PA Livestock Association's Board of Directors. John is a past member of the PA Department of Agriculture's Animal Health Advisory Board, and was involved with the early development of the Pseudorabies Control Program. In 1981, he was selected as a Master Farmer.

As a member of the Zion United Church of Christ. John served as an elder and President of the Consistory. He is also a member of the American Field

John is married to wife Carol, and they have three daughters. Carol also has a B.S. in Animal Science from Rutgers University. She presently operates a therapeutic horseback riding program called Dream Weavers with two other women.

She has been involved in this area of therapy for 35 years. John's oldest daughter Nancy received a B.S. in Animal Science from Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture, is married to Richard Meyers, and lives in Morris, NY with her husband and four children. Kathy, the middle daughter, has a B.S. in Physical Therapy from the University of Pittsburgh, is married to Andrew Oravetz, has three children, and lives in Manassas, VA where she practices physical therapy. The youngest daughter, Jody, has a B.S. in Animal Science from Colorado State University, and lives in Boston, MA with her husband, Anthony Bonazzi.

1977 - Gilbert Watts



Gilbert Watts was an Angus cattle breeder and horticultural crops producer located at Bellwood in Blair County, Pennsylvania. He was an early advocate of performance testing with his cattle herd and relied on performance records rather than the show ring in his cattle selection programs. He supplied herd sires to many of Pennsylvania's Angus and commercial herds. He was a strong leader with the Pennsylvania Angus Association.

1978 - Henry A. W. Gruber



Henry A. W. Gruber's relationship with the livestock business and livestock youth organizations such as 4-H and FFA were his primary activities in his young age. He was president of seven different clubs and chapters.

Henry graduated from Penn State University with a B.S. degree in Animal Husbandry. He was a member of the Penn State meats team, livestock team, Block and Bridle Club, and University 4-H Club. He helped and worked with the beef cattle that were shown by Penn State. In 1956, the University had the Grand Champion Steer at the International Livestock Show. The steer, Troubadour, was bought by the Greenbriar Hotel of White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. Henry was selected to tour P.S. Troubadour through the United States

and Canada for nine months, covering over 100,000 miles.

After the P.S. Troubadour tour, Henry was hired by A & B Packing Company in Allentown, PA and became head of livestock procurement and farm manager of their livestock farm.

During this time at A & B, Henry became heavily involved in livestock judging on local, state and national levels.

Days, hosted by the College of Agricultural Sciences at Penn State.

Malot has received numerous awards throughout her career, including the Pa Forage & Grassland Council's Special award in 2010, the highest award given; the Award of Appreciation for Exemplary Assistance to the National Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative in the conduct of the fourth National Grazing Conference in 2009; and the Letterkenny Army Depot Appreciation Award for volunteer assistance with the annual Armed Forces Day program for which she supplied horse/pony rides, something she has done for years.

Malot is a life member of the Penn State Alumni Association and is a member, past board member and past president of the Penn State Stockmen's Club. She serves as Treasurer and a board member of the American Forage & Grassland Council, a past board member of the PA Forage & Grassland Council, a member of the Society for Range Management, and served as past technical advisor to both the North East Pasture Consortium and the PA Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative.

Jana has served many other organizations including director of the PA Cattlemen's Association, member of the National Cattleman's Association, member of the PA and American Shorthorn Associations, the PA Draft Horse & Mule Association and the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau. She serves as volunteer and technical advisor to the Fulton County Fair Association, and was formerly a 4-H leader and FFA adviser.

Malot assisted Penn State with a grant to develop and implement training modules to teach consultants about conservation planning of land that is entering into the Conservation Reserve Programs for states throughout the Northeastern United States. She speaks widely on equine pasture management and other aspects of grazing livestock.

Malot and her husband Clem, daughter Alicia Schooley and grandson Jadin operate a grass-based farm in Fulton County, and operate a Bed & Breakfast, Uncle Clem's Place, with a farm vacation emphasis. Their grazing operation consists of 300 acres of pasture, with a plan to incorporate year-round grazing. Their herd consists of 50 cow/calf pairs, 16 horses and mules, replacement heifers and a half dozen grass fed steers that are sold through the grass fed beef market. Other members of Malot's family include daughter Molly and her daughter, Lyla, and Alicia's husband, Justin Cheshire, all of whom reside in Fulton County.

2015—Jana Malot



Jana Malot, Harrisonville, PA, has been selected as the Pennsylvania Livestock Association's 2015 Livestock Hall of Fame winner. She will be honored during the Opening Ceremonies of the Keystone Livestock Exposition in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania in October.

A native of Fulton County, PA, Malot earned her B.S. degree from Penn State in 1978 in Animal Production. She retired from USDA NRCS in 2011 after a 30 year career, during which she greatly influenced expanded conservation and grazing programs.

While at Penn State, she was an active member of the Block & Bridle Club, showing in three Little I's and winning the Champion Horse Showman award at the 1977 Little I. She was a member of the Coaly Society, a member of successful livestock and horse judging teams and served as a student employee at the Penn State Horse Farm during her senior year. Early in her professional career, she worked with Photo Finish Appaloosa Farm in Berks County, the Fulton County Cooperative Extension office and was an Ag teacher at McConnellsburg High School. She also had her own feeder pig operation.

Jana's contributions to the Pennsylvania Livestock Association are many. She is a longtime active member of the board and currently serves as the First Vice President. She has chaired the Education Committee for many years, a job she is ideally suited for given her many volunteer efforts with a variety of youth events. Several years ago she instituted a two-day Ag Forum event at KILE providing up to date livestock management information to producers and students. She has previously been involved in promoting the trade show at KILE and most recently headed up a successful effort to appoint a new Executive Secretary.

Jana began her career as a conservation technician in Bedford & Fulton Counties, moving to Armstrong County in 1982 as a soil conservationist. In 1989 she returned to Fulton County as the District Conservationist, and from 2002 to 2004 she served as Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) Coordinator for the Northeastern portion of the United States, during which time she assisted the state grassland specialist for Pennsylvania in expanding grazing programs in Pennsylvania.

Part of her responsibilities were to work with a special team writing the rules for the Grassland Reserve program that became part of the 2002 farm bill. She also served as State Grassland Conservationist for the Pennsylvania USDA NRCS. She was responsible each year for the grazing exhibit at Ag Progress

He judged over 450 hog, cattle and sheep shows, and even judged reindeer at the Alaska State Fair. He traveled from Los Angeles, California to Tallahassee, Florida, to the Big E at Springfield, Massachusetts, to Palmer, Alaska, plus many other shows in between.

In 1972, Henry was awarded the 4-H National Alumni Award. He was the second Pennsylvanian to receive this award. In the late 70's he was awarded the Penn State University Distinguished Animal Science Alumni Award.

Locally, Henry was involved in the Lehigh County Chamber of Commerce, serving on the Board of Governors. He was the 4-H leader of five different groups, and was president of the Lehigh County Extension. He is a charter member of the Pennsylvania Livestock Association where he has served as nominating committee chairman for many years.

Henry assisted with the establishment of the Keystone International Livestock Exposition and served on the Swine Committee, as well as the Executive Committee. He is a Mason, Consistory and Shrine member. He was a deacon in the U.C.C. Church at Linnville and sang on two church choirs. He has been married to his wife Beverly for fifteen years and has one son and two stepsons. Henry is presently retired and busy with his three grandchildren and his Springer Spaniel dog, Guy. He likes to go fishing, but doesn't care if the fish don't bite.

1979 - M. Maxwell Smith



Max Smith was born and raised on a dairy farm in Washington County, PA. He graduated from Hickory Vocational High School in 1931. and attended George Washington Business College in Washington, PA. Max graduated from Penn State University in 1936 with a B.S. degree in Animal Husbandry.

Max served one year as assistant secretary-treasurer of the Uniontown Production Credit Association in Uniontown, PA. In March 1937, he was named assistant county agent of Lancaster County. Upon the retirement of Floyd S. Bucher in 1949, he was named County Agricultural Agent of Lancaster County.

Max attended the County Extension Agent's Summer School at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO in 1952 where he received advanced training in Principles of Extension Education and in 4-H Club Work. He returned to the same institution in 1965 for additional professional training in Public Relations and Agricultural Policy.

In 1955, he turned down the offer of Governor Leader to become Pennsylvania Deputy Secretary of Agriculture. Max was selected as one of the "Top Ten County Agents" in the United States by the American Hereford Breeders Association, for "Outstanding Leadership in Livestock Production".

At the annual meeting of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents held in Pittsburgh, PA in 1965, he was awarded the Northeast County Agricultural Agent Animal Science Award by Charles Pfizer & Company of New York, NY. Max served as Northeast Chairman of the Public Information Committee of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents in 1974 and 1975.

During his career in Lancaster County, Max worked intensely with the 4-H Livestock Club members. Under his leadership, Lancaster County club members exhibited the grand champion steer at the Pennsylvania State Farm Show twelve times. His 4-H Livestock Judging Teams won the state contest fourteen times.

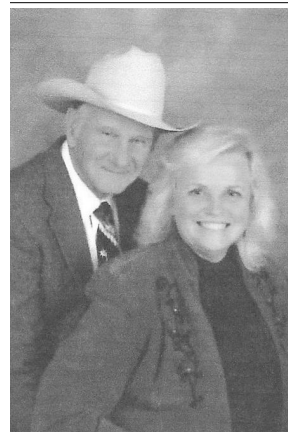
In 1957, Max was cited by the United States Department of Agriculture at Washington, D.C. and presented with the "Superior Service Award" by Secretary Ezra T. Benson. The citation reads, "For superlative work in the promotion of beef cattle feeding, and for the leadership in promoting a variety of successful 4-H Club Achievements in Lancaster County." He received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of County Agricultural Agents at their annual meeting in New York City in 1961.

Max has been a member of the Lancaster Rotary Club since 1949, and served as president from 1961-1962. He also served as chairman of the agricultural committee of the Lancaster Rotary. The Lancaster Chamber of Commerce granted him an honorary membership. He served three years on their Board of Directors, and was a member of their agricultural committee since 1962 where he served three years as chairman.

In 1965, Max was selected to represent agriculture on the Pennsylvania Partners of Alliance Study Team to Bahia, Brazil. The objective of the alliance was to develop a self-help program between the two countries.

Max is a member of the professional Extension fraternity, Epsilon Sigma Phi, at Penn State. He served as president in 1972. and received their Ruby Award for Outstanding Extension Work in 1975. In 1973, he was selected as the recipient of the Extension Service Award by the honorary agricultural fraternity at Penn State, Gamma Sigma Delta. He was granted a Certificate of Membership in the fraternity in 1977.

Max has held a variety of other positions and received several additional awards. He was general chairman of the 1973 Pennsylvania Ag Progress Days held in Hershey, PA. He served as chairman of the Capital Region Extension Steering Committee in 1974 and 1975. Max was a director in the Pennsylvania Livestock Association. In 1975, he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Animal Science Department at Penn State University. That same year he was selected as the County Extension Agent to represent the nation's Extension agents on the National Agricultural Sub-committee, the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy. He has served three terms as a director vice-president and secretary-treasurer of the Pennsylvania Association of



2014—John and JoAnn Hausner

John and JoAnn Hausner have been exhibiting at KILE since 1966. Their enthusiasm and continued support is certainly appreciated by everyone at the show. John has served on the PLA board of directors for years, and has always served well whenever asked to serve on various committees.

John was born and raised in Baltimore County, Maryland, and attended Delaney High School. JoAnn was from Carroll County, Maryland, where she attended St. John's Catholic high school and later graduated from Hereford High School. They met in 4-H where they both showed cattle.

They have been married for 48 years and John says that it seems like just yesterday he asked that beautiful blonde to be his bride. They are passing

along the family tradition through their son J.P., wife Tina and their two beautiful grandchildren, Zane Patrick and Tara Louise, who are very active in 4-H with their cattle, pig projects, dance and school activities. J.P. and Tina's farm (HCC – Hausner Cattle Company) is located in Thomasville, PA.

In the 60's they moved to Pennsylvania where they raised Hereford cattle. They crop farmed while showing at many shows and exhibited several grand champions. John is a past president of the Pennsylvania Hereford Association. In 1984 they moved to Blue Hills Polled Herefords in Georgeville, Quebec, Canada, where they managed a large cow calf operation. A wonderful opportunity to work with Black Angus cattle was presented to them by Byrnley Farms and they moved from Canada to the The Plains, VA to manage the registered Angus cow/calf herd. Byrnley Farms was one of Virginia's most successful operations at the time and this was due to the efforts of John, JoAnn, J.P. and their staff. They showed nationally and exhibited numerous champions. John and JoAnn have always worked side by side from the farm to the show ring. When Byrnley dispersed after 1993, they moved to Bonner Farms in Tennessee where they managed and showed their Angus cattle. John and JoAnn have judged many open and junior livestock shows on national, regional and county levels – John judged the National Scottish Highland show in Denver, National ROV show at the Atlantic National in Timonium, MD and the National ROV Angus show in Kansas City, MO.

In 1995 they returned home to Dover, Pennsylvania, to work with their own cattle at JDH Cattle Company. JDH is derived from their initials which are very appropriate for the farm name. John custom fits show/sale cattle, herd consultation, sale ring service, and hoof trimming. JoAnn works for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in the Bureau of Animal Health.

Both will admit that this is a team effort and they are well known for all of the hours and dedication they put in helping others. Their continued support of the juniors is certainly appreciated and has helped to guide many of them as they mature and begin their own Angus herds. They still enjoy showing and attending cattle shows.



2013—Tom Calvert

Tom Calvert was born and raised on a sheep farm in Spraggs, PA, Greene County. He graduated from Penn State University with a B.S. in Animal Husbandry in 1962 which is the year he moved to Somerset County and worked as the County Ag Extension Agent for next seven years. He then served as the County Executive Director for the USDA- ASCS (now the Farm Service Agency) for eleven years before becoming the Conservation Agronomist and Pasture Management Specialist for Southwestern, Pennsylvania for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), then the Soil Conservation Service.

Due largely to Tom's knowledge and dedication to grazing, Project Grass was founded and he became the very first Project Grass Coordinator and served in that capacity until his retirement from NRCS in 1995.

Tom has held elected positions and remains active in several agricultural organizations. He has served as president for the PA Livestock Association, the PA Forage & Grassland Council, Penn State Stockman's Club, and the PA Sheep & Wool Growers Association. His accomplishments have resulted in him receiving several agricultural and other special awards over the years.

Tom recalls shearing his first sheep in 1953 and says he has sheared at least one every year since then. His first herd back in 1966 (in partnership with his brother-in-law) was a flock of purebred Hampshires. Later a show flock of Shropshires was added. In 1980 a shift began towards a commercial flock and up to 2008 there were as many as 120 commercial ewes, lambing on spring pasture.

Today the operation maintains 50-60 ewes, lambing in May, marketing mostly off of grass with very little to no grain fed. Katahdin and Dorper rams are used for the maternal sires and Black-face rams as terminal sires.

Tom Calvert grasped the concept and benefits of rotational grazing over 40 years ago. Today rotational grazing has evolved to a variety of levels of intensive management, but according to Tom one needs to understand the basics to be successful. The basics involve understanding the grass and grazing animal relationship and what works/applies for your specific and unique soils, vegetation, environment and desired management level.

County Agricultural Agents. In 1977, Max was selected as the winner of the Pennsylvania Master Educator Award given by the Pennsylvania Association of Farm Cooperatives.

Max retired from the Penn State Extension Service on March 31, 1981 after serving for 44 years in Lancaster County. During his retirement, he served as part-time secretary for the Pennsylvania Livestock Association. Following that responsibility, he served as part-time manager of the Lancaster County Farm and Home Center.

Max married Virginia Ruth McCalmont of Hickory, PA in 1938. He has been a member of the Bethany United Presbyterian Church since 1938. He served as Trustee of the Church, served three years on the Board of Deacons where he was elected Vice-Moderator, and was elected to the Board of Session in 1975 for a three-year term serving as Clerk of Session.

1980 - Dwight L. Younkin



Dwight Younkin was Extension Swine Specialist and Professor of Animal Science at Penn State University from 1953 to 1980 at the time of his untimely death. Dwight received his B.S. (1951) and his M.S. (1953) in Animal Husbandry from Penn State.

He served as a very professional advisor to the state's swine industry and as the primary source of technical information to the Pennsylvania swine industry for 27 years. He was swine superintendent at the Keystone International Livestock from its founding in 1957 until his death in 1980. Under his guidance, the Swine Division gained the reputation of being one of the best and most progressive swine exhibitions in the United States. He was instrumental in the founding of the Pennsylvania Pork Council.

Dwight was influential in the swine industry throughout his career. He served as a consultant to 17 local and state swine associations, and assisted in the planning of swine research at Penn State. During his years at the University, Dwight was the primary developer of the Extension's Livestock Newsletter. He was a member of the American Society of Animal Science and held the following positions: Extension Committee (National), Extension Awards Committee (National) and Extension Leader (Northeast Section Chairman).

One very important contribution to Penn State and the swine industry was Dwight's development of the Swine Management Handbook. It was a tremendous value as a teaching tool, became the standard in the field, and gained acclaim throughout the country.



1981 - Glenn R. Kean

Glenn Kean, born in Demseytown, PA where his family owned a farm, was Professor of Animal Science and acting department head from 1953 to 1958. He received his B.S. in Dairy Husbandry and M.S. in Animal Husbandry from Penn State. During the years between earning his two degrees, Glenn served five years in the US Army.

He was a dedicated teacher who always had an open door for students. He served as faculty advisor to the Block and Bridle Club as well as the Meats Judging Team coach for many years. As faculty advisor to the Block and Bridle Club he was actively involved with the student run Little International Livestock

Show at Penn State. Glenn was also instrumental in organizing Penn State's Stockman Club.

Glenn was active in the establishment of the Keystone International Livestock Exposition and served as chairman after his retirement from Penn State. He also served as chairman of the carcass division for many years.

He won several awards for his work in the livestock industry including: the Distinguished Extension-Industry Service Award in 1976 from the American Meat Science Association; lifetime honorary membership in the PA Association of Meat Processors; the Distinguished Service Award in 1968 from the Institution Food Research and Service Program at Penn State University; the first teaching award at Penn State presented by Gamma Sigma Delta fraternity in 1970; and the Distinguished Service Award from Delta Sigma Theta honorary fraternity.

Glenn was a member of the Meat Science Association, the American Society of Animal Science and Delta Sigma Theta fraternity. In his community, he was a past Master of State College #700 F&AM also a member of the Consistory & Shrine, the State College Rotary Club, the Oakland and Bailyville Grange, the State College VFW, and the United Methodist Church.

He was married to Mary Ellen and they had two children, John and Connie.



1982 - Herbert K. Schick

Herbert Schick owned and operated a successful photo-engraving shop in Philadelphia until late in 1959. He moved from Philadelphia to Berks County in 1960 and started a farrowing operation selling feeder pigs until 1964 when a new finishing house was built. From then on, he operated an

2005 that ultimately led to enhancements in farmland preservation, protections for the equine industry, as well as the creation of a Healthy Farms, Healthy Schools initiative, among others.

Senator Waugh has had the honor of serving as the Governor's appointee to the Pennsylvania Farm Show Commission under four Governors – Ridge, Schweiker, Rendell, and Corbett – since his first appointment in 1999. This organization is tasked with overseeing the management of the Farm Show Complex, with their primary focus being Pennsylvania's annual Farm Show, the largest indoor agricultural event in America. The Senator's passion for livestock and agricultural exhibiting is evidenced through his commitment to his position on the Commission, and through his personal experience. He and Wanda are regular exhibitors of their Percheron draft horses, and for several years he served as co-chair of the Keystone International Livestock Exhibition (KILE) beginning in 2001.

In conjunction with his role on the Farm Show Commission, Mike is a founding board member of the Friends of the Pennsylvania Farm Show Foundation, which raises money for educational opportunities to be provided at the Farm Show. As a fundraising event for the Foundation, the Senator created and organized a celebrity draft horse driving competition that is held at the Farm Show, raising nearly \$20,000 in its first two years.

The Senator was also instrumental in creating a multi-day competitive draft horse show at the York Fair, with this past September marking the sixth year of this successful addition to America's Oldest Fair.

Mike served for several years as an advisory board member on the York County Cooperative Extension Board. In 2010, he received the York County Friend of Extension Award and with the support of the York County Extension Office went on to receive Pennsylvania Cooperative Extension's highest honor, the Epsilon Sigma Phi Friend of Extension Award, presented to him at the 2010 Pennsylvania State Cooperative Extension Annual Conference.

Finally, Senator Waugh has served as a Caucus appointee to the Chesapeake Bay Commission throughout his time in both the House and the Senate. In 2004 Mike served as Chairman of the Commission's Pennsylvania Delegation and went on to serve as Chairman of the entire Commission in 2005. The Senator feels it is important for Pennsylvania agriculture to have a voice in the Chesapeake Bay discussion, and he takes this responsibility very seriously.

Senator Waugh's commitment to agricultural education, promotion, and advocacy has been a mainstay of his political career and his personal life, and it will continue to be. Mike and Wanda raised their son Joseph on their farm, which adjoins the Senator's parents' farm, and they recently became grandparents to a baby girl Camdyn, who will no doubt, be immersed in the family's agricultural heritage and rural lifestyle.

He is a member of the Executive Committee of KILE and has served as Chairman of the Sheep Committee since 1998.

Ron's daughter Amanda shares her father's love of the sheep industry and owns a flock of Southdowns.



2012—Senator Michael Waugh

Pennsylvania State Senator Mike Waugh grew up in an agricultural family. A native of Southern York County, both of his grandfathers were York County farmers, farming with horses and mules. Mike himself was raised on a small beef operation, and throughout junior high and high school he worked weekends and summers on a dairy farm. His responsibilities included weekend milking and tending dry cows and heifer calves.

Following high school graduation in 1974, Senator Waugh was employed as a design draftsman and soon after, joined with his father to create the family's general contracting business,

Waugh Construction, where he served as managing partner. During those years, Mike attended Penn State York where he took courses in Business Management.

Also, shortly after graduation, Mike married his high school sweetheart, Wanda. They bought a starter home and continued to save in order to buy a farm. In 1992, they purchased Glen Ridge Farm where they now raise hay as a cash crop and raise and train Percheron draft horses. Glen Ridge is a preserved farm under the state farmland preservation program and in recent years, Mike and Wanda have added a second parcel of farm property, a good portion of which they lease for general crop production.

Senator Waugh's public service career began at the age of 16 as a volunteer firefighter. During his 22 years as a firefighter, he served for 12 years as Assistant Fire Chief, in addition to a term as President of his local volunteer fire company. This public service led him to elected office in the late 1980's, when he was first elected as a Township Supervisor in Shrewsbury Township. He parlayed that into a successful election to the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives in 1992 and then the Pennsylvania State Senate in 1998.

During his time in the General Assembly, Senator Waugh has served as a member of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee in both the House and the Senate. He served as Chairman of the Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee for six years prior to his election as a leader in the Senate Republican Caucus, where he currently serves as Majority Caucus Chairman. Since taking on that role, he has served as Vice Chairman of the Committee under Senator Brubaker and Senator Vogel.

Among the Senator's many legislative accomplishments is his 2007 legislation creating the Resource Enhancement and Protection Act (REAP), a bipartisan measure that provides tax credits to farmers and businesses who implement conservation practices to reduce water pollution. Also, together with Senator Wenger, Senator Waugh introduced a Farmers First Agenda in

environmentally controlled farrow-to-finish operation with approximately 200 sows, selling about 3,600 hogs per year, and formed a partnership with his two sons in 1977.

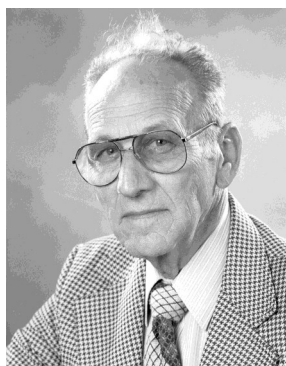
Herb has been a member and director of the Eastern Pennsylvania Pork Producers since beginning in 1962. He has been a member and served as secretary-treasurer of the PA Pork Producers Council since 1967. He also served as state director on the board of the National Pork Producers Council from 1976-1982.

In 1970, Herb was selected as the first Pork All-American from Pennsylvania. He served as director to the Pennsylvania Livestock Association, and was also on various committees through the years.

He is a member of the Greenwich Township Planning Commission and serves as chairman. Herb is a member of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association and was a Host Farm in 1976. He participated in the Farm City Week Farm Tour for Lehigh County. In 1984, Herb received the Master Farmer award.

Herb is married to Annamarie and has three children. Otto, who now manages the hog operation, is married and has one daughter. Cynthia is married and has a son and a daughter. Paul operates a successful livestock building construction business, Schick Enterprises, has two daughters, one son and three grandsons.

1983 - Jesse F. Smith



It was a long road to college for Jesse Smith. When he was 16 years old, he left public school for a job to help support his family. That was in 1938, still part of the depression years, when anyone was fortunate to find any kind of work. However, within a year, he was enrolled in night classes after work in preparation for college. That was slow going, but between those classes and correspondence tutoring by an aunt who was a high school teacher in another state, he was able to pass college entrance exams and enter Rutgers University in 1942. He quips he was "home-schooled" but his teacher lived 500 miles away.

In his freshman year at college, Jesse worked full time as night "nurse" in the horse barns of the serum production division of E.R. Squibb near the college. He was permitted to slip into the veterinarian's office and study in between duty and chores. At the end of his first year, he had to leave for the army. After Veterinary Technician School in Camp Grant, Illinois, he was shipped overseas to India and Burma with American pack mules for an overland supply line to China. Before coming back to the States, their veterinary team was assigned technical liaison with the pack artillery of the loyalist Chinese Army.

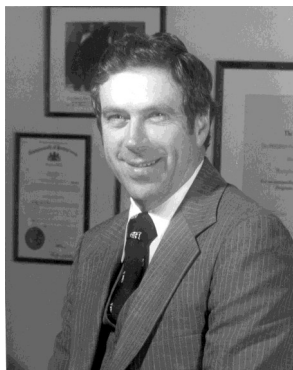
After the war, Jesse worked as herdsman with beef cattle, dairy cattle and hogs on farms in New Jersey and Indiana. In 1950, he was offered the job of head farmer with the Animal Science Department of Rutgers with the opportunity to take a limited amount of classwork toward a degree. That enabled him to graduate in 1955, at the age of 33, when he accepted a position as dairy and livestock specialist with the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, and later Agway. He worked for Agway until he retired after 29 years of service.

Jesse was an active and supportive member of the PLA, serving as secretary for eleven years. He helped organize and was the first manager of the PLA food booth at the Pennsylvania Farm Show. He and his son Vaughn (d. 1999) set up, tore down and maintained the actual booth for many years.

After retirement in 1984, Jesse served over ten years with the Literacy Council. He was also able to devote more time to his favorite hobbies, including woodworking, music and making wine and bread, as well as to his family.

Jesse "Smith" married Keturah "Smith" (d. 2004) in 1943. They celebrated 62 years together. They raised six children, and were blessed with eleven grandchildren and, thus far, eight great-grandchildren, plus two recently inherited ones.

1984 - Penrose Hallowell



Penrose Hallowell was born in Ivyland, PA, and currently resides in Pipersville. He graduated from William Tennent High School. In 1950, he received a B.S. in Agricultural Economics from Penn State University, and later studied Public Administration at the University of Pennsylvania.

From 1951-1969, Penny was an insurance agent with Nationwide Insurance Company. He was the state director for Pennsylvania with the Farmers Home Administration from 1969-1977. He served as Secretary of Agriculture under Governor Thornburgh from 1979 until 1985. Since 1985, Penny has worked for Prudential Fox and Roach Realtors in Doylestown. He has also been self-employed as dairy farmer since 1951 and currently shares the

farm duties with his partner and son, James.

Penny is very active in his community. He has been involved in and held positions in the following organizations: Bucks County Board of Realtors, president; Bucks County Agricultural Land Preservation Program, chairman; Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce - Environmental Issues, vice president; Board of Trustees of the Horsham Monthly Meeting of Friends, president; Bucks County Branch of the American Red Cross, director; Pennsylvania Association of Realtors Environmental Committee, chairman; National Association of Realtors Environmental Committee, member; Bucks County Conservation District chairman; Bucks County Farmers Association, president; and Bucks County Pork Board, chairman.

portrait is revealed and hung with a time-honored ceremony reflecting the traditions of artistic quality and great sentimental and historical value.

The Pennsylvania Livestock Association is proud to recognize Mr. Louis M. "Mick" Colvin for his many contributions to the Pennsylvania livestock industry.

2011—Ronald C. Miller



Ronald Miller was raised in Pine Grove Mills, Centre County, Pa. and has actively worked in the livestock industry for over 40 years. He has shown and fitted sheep and beef cattle at shows and sales in over 40 states. Ron has judged livestock shows on the local, state, and national levels throughout the US. During his high school years he started his livestock career working at the Penn State Swine Barns for the late Vern Hazlett and Dave Hosterman. In college, he worked at the Penn State Beef Barn and then assisted Dick Kuzemchak with sale sheep at the Penn State Sheep Barns. While attending Penn State he raised registered Rambouillet sheep and fitted sheep for the Nevin Zerby Family on the Pennsylvania county fair circuit. Ron graduated in 1974 with an Associate Degree in Agricultural Business. That same year he was the Grand Champion Showmen of the Penn State Block and Bridle Club's Little International Livestock Exposition.

Ron was married to Joan Hoffman Miller in 1976 and they worked together showing sheep at county and state fairs. In the fall of 1976, Ron took a job as Shepherd and Farm Manager at Ralston Farms in Roscoe, Illinois, a farm with 1500 head of sheep. He returned to Pennsylvania in December of 1978 and became a field manager for Vigortone AG Products covering 13 counties in southwestern Pa. and West Virginia.

Ron joined the Keystone International Livestock Show Sheep Committee in 1983 and became Assistant Sheep Superintendent in 1998.

In 1985, he became farm manager and shepherd at Wey Farms in Kutztown, Pa, a purebred sheep and horse farm, where he exhibited registered Shropshire and Hampshire sheep at county, state, and national shows and fairs. Ron accepted the position of Agricultural Fair Fund Administrator in 1995 at the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, a job requiring him to visit the fairs in the state on a regular basis. He became Assistant Competitive Exhibits Manager at the Farm Show in the fall of 2002 and was in that position until July of 2003, when he became Livestock Programs Coordinator for the Bureau of Animal Health and Diagnostic Services in PDA. In his current position, he works with livestock identification programs across the state. Ron is the current President of the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs.

Ron has been a member of the Pennsylvania Livestock Association since 1980. He has served on the board of directors and is the current Vice President.

In 1994, son Mike and his wife, Mary Ferguson, purchased breeding stock from the family herd to establish Wolf Creek Angus Ranch in Luray, Kansas.

Mick Colvin's livestock industry leadership spans 55 years, beginning with his family's dairy farm and management of Penn State's hog barn. Mick is a 1960 graduate of Penn State with a bachelor's degree in Animal Husbandry. As a member of the PSU Livestock Judging Team, Mick placed first in three contests. He was an active member of the Block and Bridle Club and served as Little International show manager. While at Penn State his professor and judging team coach, Herman Purdy, led him to a career in the purebred Angus business. In just three years, Colvin was at the top of his game, earning the John B. Brown Herdsman of the Year award. He went on to become farm manager of Longleaf Plantation and Mole Hill Farm and then became a regional manager for the American Angus Association.

In 1977, Colvin was selected to lead the Association's newly formed Certified Angus Beef Program. Colvin channeled his determination and tenacity into developing a brand to supply high-quality beef to the food industry and ultimately consumers. He set the first "certification" procedures with USDA; licensed packers, retailers, distributors and restaurants; then focused on growing sales. The first million pounds of *Certified Angus Beef*[®] product were sold in 22 months. Exponential growth continued during Mick's 22 years as executive director, reaching nearly 500 million pounds per year when he retired in 1999. In 2009, 663 million pounds were sold by more than 15,100 licensed businesses in the United States and 46 other countries. An estimated 3.5 billion (3 ounce) servings are consumed annually, generating more than \$2.7 billion in consumer sales.

Mick's honors and affiliations are truly too numerous to mention. In addition to membership in essentially all the major cattle organizations, an abbreviated listing includes: the 2009 Meat Industry Hall of Fame, Inductee, Inaugural Class; 2004 *Beef* Top 40 Inductee; 2001 Ladd Hitch Award Winner, *Beef Today*; 2000 Vision Award "Beef Innovator of the Year," Regional Winner, National Cattlemen's Beef Association; 2000 Headliner of the Year, Livestock Publications' Council; 1999 Industry Influential, *Meat Marketing & Technology*; 1997 Trailblazer Award for innovative product or service, *North Central Business Journal*; 1994 Inductee, Angus Heritage Foundation; 1992 Ohio Department of Development Award for leading Ohio's agri-business industry through CAB; the 1985 Distinguished Alumni Award for the Penn State University Department of Dairy and Animal Science; and recognition as a 2010 Outstanding Alumnus by Penn State's College of Ag Sciences.

In 2009, Mick received what is widely considered as the ultimate recognition for a livestock person when he was inducted into the Saddle and Sirloin Portrait Gallery in Louisville, Kentucky. Established in 1903, the tradition of honoring the significant, historical, and influential leaders of the livestock industry continues every November during the North American International Livestock Exposition. Each year during the show, another industry leader is selected by his peers to be inducted into the Saddle and Sirloin Club portrait collection. The

Throughout his life, Penny has maintained an interest in marketing and promoting Pennsylvania farm products. He traveled with Secretary Sam Hayes, Jr. on a trade mission to Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India in 2000. He also is the co director of the International Agrimarketing Centre at Delaware Valley College in Doylestown, PA.

Penny and his wife, Marion, have been married for 56 years.

1985 - William J. Gillespie



William J. Gillespie was born and raised on a cattle and sheep farm in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania about 20 miles north of Pittsburgh. He attended primary and secondary school in the Tarentum, PA area. Bill received a B.S. in Animal Production and an M.S. in Agricultural Economics with a minor in Nutrition from Penn State University. He also took classes at the University of Pittsburgh and Ph.D. credit courses in Business Administration at New York University. He also served as Air Arm, Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Bill worked for the Baltimore Branch of the Federal Land Bank. From 1935-1968, he worked for The Beacon Milling Company, starting as a special advisor in feeding and care of large animals in the ten-state area covered by the company. In 1937, he advanced to district manager over sales in New Jersey. He continued advisory work during this time.

In 1963, Bill and his wife, Marjorie, purchased Brookvue Farms in Lehigh and Berks counties. After he retired from The Beacon Milling Company in 1968, he moved to the farms from Franklin, NJ. The farms operate on a fairly large scale. Each year approximately 24,000 bushels of corn and 1,200 bushels of wheat are grown in addition to the pastures on which hay is grown for the cattle. There is also a herd of 50 purebred registered Polled Hereford breeding stock. Finally, the farm is home to approximately 900 head of breeding hogs, and all farrowed hogs are raised to market rate. These hogs are raised for slaughter and some are sold for breeding stock.

Throughout the years, Bill participated in a variety of activities. He volunteered with the Boy Scouts of America in the New Jersey Area Council of Morris and Sussex counties. He was a member of the Organization and Extension Committee and served as chairman.

He was a member of the Newton, New Jersey Presbyterian Church where he was a part of the Men's Brotherhood and also served as president. He later belonged to the Franklin, New Jersey Presbyterian Church where he served as president of the Board of Trustees.

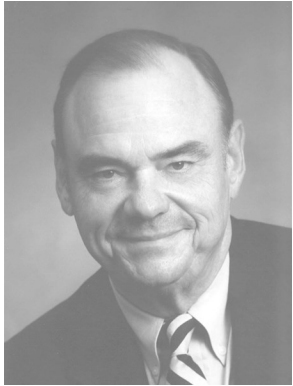
He was president of the Rotary Club of Sussex, New Jersey, president of the Sussex County Unit of the American Cancer Society, president of the New Jersey Division of the Cancer Society in 1966, and served on the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Division. In 1965, Bill was the state crusade chairman of the New Jersey State Division of the American Cancer Society. During his time as chairman, door-to-door and legacy donations totaled in excess of two million dollars. In 1969, he was the recipient of the Bronze Medal, the highest award the

National American Cancer Society bestows to a division volunteer in recognition of outstanding contributions to the control of cancer. This honor has been awarded to a volunteer in New Jersey only a few times in the history of the National American Cancer Society.

Bill was a member, president and on the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Livestock Association. He was also an appointed member of the Agricultural Advisory Council of Penn State University starting in 1975. Other agriculture-related organizations Bill belonged to include the Pennsylvania Polled Hereford Association, where he served several terms on their Board of Directors, and the American Polled Hereford Association.

His wife, Marjorie, graduated from Montclair Teachers College in New Jersey and studied undergraduate courses for one year at the University of Lyons in France. He has one daughter, Linda, who is a graduate of Penn State University with a Bachelors and a Masters in Education.

1986 - Peter H. Krall



Peter Krall was born and raised in Allen Township, Northampton County, PA at Willow Brooks Farm. He graduated from Catasauqua School District in 1951 and Moravian Preparatory School in 1952. He received a B.S. in Animal Husbandry from Penn State University in 1956. He also attended Graham School and Missouri Auction School. After graduating from Penn State, Peter served in the U.S. Army from 1956-1958.

For 32 years, 1960-1992, Peter was the farm manager at Willow Brook Company, a 1,200-acre General Farming and Livestock organization. Since 1992, he has owned Suburban Stores, Inc.

Peter has been involved in a variety of activities over the years. For 7 years, he was a member of the 4-H Baby Beef Club. He was leader of the 4-H Beef Club, and past president of the Northampton Sheep and Wool Growers. Peter is a member of Gamma Sigma Delta, the National Agricultural Society. He has been a director in the Pennsylvania Livestock Association since 1959, and is a charter member of the Penn State Stockman's Club. Peter is a licensed auctioneer. In 1990, he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Department of Dairy and Animal Science at Penn State.

Peter is a lifetime member of several community organizations including, the National Auctioneers Association, the Porter Lodge #284 F&AM, the Valley of Allentown Scottish Rite Consistory, and the Rajah Shrine Temple.

extensive list of activities and honors. He was active in the Block and Bridle Club, Coaly Society, and the student ag publication, "Ag Hill Breeze" where he received recognition for outstanding journalism. He was a member of the 1954 Livestock Judging Team and the 1952, 53, and 54 varsity baseball squad. He was a "barn boy" at the horse barns from 1952-1954 and was the recording secretary of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Jess completed the Naval ROTC program at Penn State, being commissioned as an Ensign in 1955. He was a member of the Scabbard and Blade and was invited to join the Pershing Rifles group, being promoted to commanding officer overseeing all units in the Northeast United States.

Following graduation Jess served two years active duty with the Navy aboard the USS Aldebaran, serving in the Caribbean and Mediterranean seas. When discharged in 1957 he began work at Penn State with the beef cattle program and from 1958 to 1960 managed the beef herd and show cattle. In 1960 he became manager of the horse barn, a position he held for 8 years. Following the death of his father in law he worked in the Dunlap Motors Ford dealership from 1968 through 1990, eventually becoming Vice President and General Manager. He became a licensed airplane pilot in 1968.

Jess is a lifetime member of the Percheron Association (serving on national and regional show committees), the American Quarter Horse Association, the Foundation Quarter Horse Registry, and the Penn State Alumni Association. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, Angus Association, Pennsylvania Draft Horse and Mule Association and Pennsylvania Equine Council. He has served the State College community as a member of the Elks Club and Lions Club and served as president of the Edgewood Memorial Park in Glenn Mills, PA.

Jess has been a familiar face in the draft horse show ring for 25 years, not only at the KILE and Pennsylvania State Farm Show but also the Ohio State and Michigan State Farm Shows and five World Shows. He became a licensed Quarter Horse judge in 1958 and for 12 years judged shows all over the US and Canada. He continues to serve as Ring Master at many shows.



2010—Louis M. "Mick" Colvin

Louis M. "Mick" Colvin of West Salem, Ohio. Mick was born and raised on a Bedford County, Pa., dairy farm and later worked at his family's feed mill. He led trail rides for his family's riding stable and gave kids pony rides on his horse, Pet. In his spare time, he enjoyed hunting and fishing and was a 4-H member. Mick and his wife, Virginia, have two sons, Mike and Scott. The family established Colvin Angus Farm in 1969 on 300 acres in West Salem, Ohio. Their son Scott and granddaughter, Caitlyn, assist with operations there.

Dr. Harpster advised the Penn State Block and Bridle Club, the student affiliate division of the American Society of Animal Science, for 13 years during which time the club was repeatedly recognized for excellence at the national levels. For eight years he served the national organization as Secretary/Treasurer, Vice President, and President. In addition, he coached the winning National Academic Beef Quiz Bowl Team in 1993.

Harold has served a number of organizations in various capacities: College of Agriculture Alumni Society (Board of Directors, 1984-1990); American Society of Animal Science (Board of Directors, 1991-1993) and President of the Northeast Section (1992-1993); past secretary/treasurer and board member of the Penn State Stockman's Club; and past board member of the Pennsylvania Forage and grassland council. He is board member and secretary of the Pennsylvania Livestock Association and served on the KILE collegiate livestock judging contest committee for many years. Dr. Harpster shares his expertise with producers on a regular basis, writing a monthly Stock Notes column for the Pennsylvania Farmer and American Agriculturist magazines since 1983.

Dr. Harpster has been recognized with several honors related to teaching, research, and advising at Penn State: Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland Council Special Award for Teaching and Research (1989); College of Agriculture Alumni Society Excellence (2004); and the Penn State University Teaching Fellow Award (2006), presented to one teacher at University Park annually.

Harold and his wife Dawn have two children, daughter Lisa, a graduate of Penn State, and son Matt, a student at Penn State and both former members of 4-H. He enjoys working on the home farm, hunting, fishing, and spending a little time at the family cabin along the west branch of the Susquehanna River in Clearfield County.

2009—JESSE M. DARLINGTON



The son of Jesse and Ruth Darlington, Jesse Darlington resides on 215 acres of farmland and woodland in Colyer, PA with his wife Bonnie Dunlap Darlington, his bride of 46 years. The Darlings are the proud parents of three children: Ruth Ann, a Penn State Intellectual Property Associate; Barbara Louise, a stay at home mom; and Jesse Jr., Penn State's Ag Progress Days Assistant Manager.

Jesse's roots in agriculture run deep, being raised on a dairy farm on land granted to the family in 1683 by William Penn. He graduated from Friends Central School in Overbrook, PA in 1951 and soon began his studies in Animal Husbandry at Penn

State. Before graduating with the BS degree in 1955 Jesse amassed an



1987 - Samuel E. Hayes, Jr.

Samuel E. Hayes served as Secretary of the Department of Agriculture from 1997 to 2001. Before being appointed as the head of the Department of Agriculture, Sam was a lawmaker and legislative leader in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives from 1970-1992. During his years as a representative, he served as Majority Leader and Whip. Sam received his Bachelors of Science degree and a Masters of Education degree from Penn State University. He served on active duty with the United States Army and is a veteran of the Vietnam War in which he received the Bronze Star.

Sam is a member of a variety of organizations, including, the Penn State University Board of Trustees, the Warriors Mark Grange, the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He also was a long-term member of the Pennsylvania State Board of Education.

As Secretary of Agriculture, Sam served as chairman of several boards and commissions, such as the Pennsylvania Farmland Preservation Board, the Pennsylvania Farm Show Commission, the Pennsylvania Animal Health Commission, the Hardwoods Development Council, the Agriculture Law Center Board, and the Pennsylvania Fair Advisory Board.

Sam received the Alumni Fellow and the Outstanding Alumni Award from Penn State University. He was bestowed with an honorary Doctor of Laws from Juniata College. He was named Man of the Year by the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Cooperatives, and also received their Special Leadership Award. He accepted the Leadership Award from the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. The Pennsylvania Federation of Small Business recognized Sam with the Guardian of Small Business Award, and the Pennsylvania Retailers Association voted him Lawmaker of the Year. Sam has also received the Humanitarian Award from the Chapel of Four Chaplains, the Transportation Advocate of the Year Award from the PA Highway Information Association, and the Paul Harris Fellow Award from Rotary International.

Sam has received a variety of awards for his work in agriculture. He was awarded the Pennsylvania 4-H Alumni Award from the Pennsylvania 4-H, and the National 4-H Award from the US 4-H. He was presented with an Honorary Keystone Farmer Degree from the Pennsylvania FFA, an Honorary American Farmer Degree from the National FFA, and an Honorary Young Farmer Degree. Sam also received the Barn Raiser Award from the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau and the Distinguished Service Award from both the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau and Penn Ag Industries.

Sam initiated the construction of a new Livestock Evaluation Center and massive expansion of the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex. As a legislative leader and as Secretary of Agriculture, Sam obtained landmark funding for the Keystone International Livestock Exposition, All American Dairy Show, county fairs, agricultural research, cooperative extension, crop insurance, 4-H and FFA, farmland preservation, rural schools, and he worked to establish the Governor's School for Agriculture. Sam provided the leadership to establish Pennsylvania as TB-Free and Pseudorabies-Free.



1988 - James Fink

James Fink of Boiling Spring, Cumberland County, is a retired educator who served 12 years on the PLA's board of directors and as its treasurer.

James was state Vo-Ag supervisor, served as a National FFA board member and was Pennsylvania's top FFA advisor for 23 years. During his teaching years, he introduced countywide student hog shows and sales in Butler, Indiana and Lawrence counties. Fink also was active in the operation of the Pittsburgh Livestock Show for 15 years.

As PLA treasurer, he prepared the association's non-profit incorporation papers and refined auditing procedures. He was chairman of the education and research committee and also a member of the meat marketing committee.

He graduated from Penn State University in 1939 with a Bachelors of Science in Agriculture, and received his Masters in Agricultural Engineering in 1948. He was married to wife Leona with whom he has 3 children.

James started a program of giving Reg. Hampshire bred gilts to 50 Vo Ag Students. He taught Vo-Ag for 8 years and was the Area Supervisor of Vo Ag for 17 years.

James served 5 terms on the Farm Show Commission. He was a member of the KILE executive Committee for 4 years. He is also involved in the American Legion, Shriners, and Silver Spring Presbyterian Church in Mechanicsburg, and is a member and treasurer of the Alumni Club.

1989—Grant Sherritt

Grant W. Sherritt was born in Trail County, North Dakota where he grew up on a Shorthorn Cattle and Yorkshire Swine Farm. He served three years in the United States Navy during World War II. Grant attended North Dakota University for one and a half years, received his Bachelors Degree from Iowa State University in Animal Husbandry, his Masters Degree in Animal Science from the University of Illinois, and his PhD in Animal Science from Penn State

Grant served on the faculty of Penn State for 37 years. He served as swine coordinator in charge of the swine herd, carried out research in swine production and taught courses with an emphasis on swine production. His special interest was students and student advising. He served as coordinator for students and as Block and Bridal advisor.

He served six years on the Yorkshire Club Board of Directors, as a director of the Pennsylvania Livestock Association over 30 years and on the Keystone International Livestock Exposition Swine Committee for over 30 years. Serving as swine co-chairman, Breeding Show chairman, Barrow Show chairman and Swine Carcass Show chairman.



In 1954, he moved to Pennsylvania where he became the Farm Manager for Soleil Farms in Chester County, PA. He served as a 4-H Beef Leader in Chester County for over 40 years.

From 1959 to 1987, "Connie" managed the Devereaux-Soleil Farm at Downingtown, PA. The herd consisted of 300 plus registered Angus cows, a 450 head feedlot, a federally inspected slaughtering facility and a bull evaluation center where 60 bulls were testes annually. During the same period, Devereaux-Soleil cattle were established throughout the country at various shows and exhibitions.

An accomplished judge of cattle shows, Connie also served as a director of the Keystone International Livestock Exposition and was a three-term chairman of the board of directors of the Eastern National Livestock Exposition. Other positions of leadership include president of the PA Angus Association, president of the PA Cattleman's Association, and director of the American Angus Association (including serving on and chairing committees).

Connie is responsible for starting a large number of people in the cattle business. When he sold cattle to people, his expertise went along with the sale. The new owners were always welcome to give him a call when they had a question or needed help.

Connie was married to Nancy Perry in 1948 and they were the parents of one son, Conrad, Jr. and a granddaughter, Kaitlyn. He was preceded in death by his wife. Conrad "Connie" Grove is being posthumously inducted into the Pennsylvania Livestock Association Hall of Fame in 2007.

2008—Harold W. Harpster

Harold W. Harpster was born in Centre County, PA, and raised on a livestock and crops farm in Pennsylvania Furnace. An avid 4-H and FFA member, he began a life-long association with the Keystone Livestock Exposition at a young age as a cattle exhibitor.

Harold received a BS degree in animal industries in 1971 and MS degree in animal nutrition in 1973 from Penn State. After working several years as a research assistant at Penn State, he attended Michigan State University and received a PhD in ruminant nutrition in 1978.

He is currently an Associate Professor of animal Science at Penn State with a three-way appointment in teaching, research, and extension. Dr.

Harpster is the undergraduate program coordinator for the animal sciences major and is responsible for course and curriculum development. He serves as the academic advisor for about 20 Penn State students annually and teaches courses in nutrition and management of livestock and companion animals.



Pennwoods Equine Products is one of the most recognized nutritional products for horses in the Eastern United States. Horses remained a huge part of John's life. He obtained his first pair of draft horses, registered Percherons, in the late 1960's, and was able to start using the harness purchased as teenager. Over the years, Pennwoods Percherons became one of the top barns for breeding, showing, and hitching. He became very active showing Percherons and The Pennsylvania Farm Show provided one of his first opportunities.

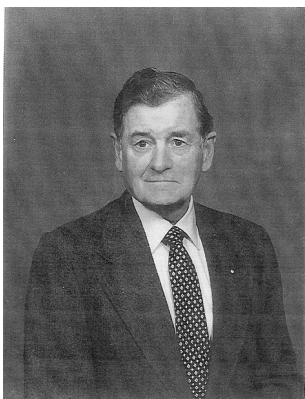
John was truly a visionary in seeing what the draft horse could become. He became a catalyst in the generation that elevated the draft horse from near extinction to today's sleek, powerful, and popular show animal. John was elected to the Percheron Board representing the Percheron Association of America.

John served as co-chair of the Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE) horse committee, and worked with determination and focus to increase monetary support, add classes, and encourage participation so that the KILE draft horse show could gain notoriety. Today, KILE has evolved into one of the top four draft horse shows in North America, with a tremendous increase in participation. In 2005, over 800 draft horse entries competed for prize money totaling more than \$150,000, a significant increase over the 38 entries at the first show in the 1980's.

John continues to receive satisfaction from his efforts on behalf of draft horses and the longstanding friendships experienced with everyone associated with KILE and his draft horse involvement. The KILE is a show with a feeling of family for all participants. This feeling is grass roots in nature, with most exhibitors involved as a family unit, proud of their livestock contributions and their family ties. This was part of the foundation of John's vision, which continues and is expressed through his children, who carry forward the Centre Hall Farm Store, Pennwoods Equine, Inc., and Pennwoods Percheron horse operations.

2007—Conrad Grove

Conrad Grove (1921-2002) was born and raised on a farm in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. As a young man, he was active in the state FFA program. He served honorably in world War II in the European theater as a Master Sergeant. Although he received the Bronze Star for bravery, Conrad was reticent to talk about the award. After his discharge from the army, he worked as the Farm Manager on two Angus operations in Virginia.



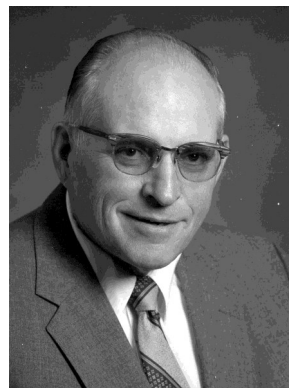
Grant is now retired, devoting his time and interest to his family including wife Sue. Grant and Sue have been married for 56 years and are the parents of three children, and the grandparents of 5 grandchildren. Grant's hobbies include Penn State Sports, volunteering for the Centre County Historical Society and Meals on Wheels.

1990 - Lester Burdette

Lester A. Burdette. Professor Emeritus at Penn State University, received his Bachelors (1952), Masters (1953) and Doctorate (1970) degrees in the Animal Industry, all from Penn State University.

Lester was the assistant county agriculture agent of York County from 1957-1958. From 1958- 1986, he was an Extension livestock specialist at Penn State University.

During the first few years as an Extension specialist, he worked with all meat animal species as well as with the light horse industry, but in later years he specialized in beef cattle education programs. He has authored Extension Publications dealing with beef cattle, swine, sheep, and 4-H livestock projects. He was coordinator



of Livestock Extension from 1981-1986.

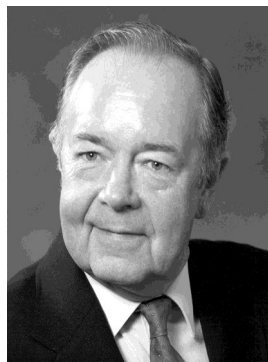
Les served the Keystone International Livestock Exposition as assistant sheep superintendent, assistant and co-superintendent of Beef Cattle, and Chairman of the Junior Livestock Judging Contest. He was also chairman of the Farm Show Beef Committee for several years.

Dr. Burdette was awarded the Gamma Sigma Delta Extension Award of Merit in 1985 and was named Pennsylvania Cattleman of the Year in 1986.

1991 - Vern Hazlett

Vern Hazlett is very worthy of being named to the Livestock Hall of Fame for his contributions in the training and educating of leaders and future leaders of the industry. He is also worthy due to his contributions to the swine industry in terms of guiding it, and for his leadership in producing superior swine.

Vern taught classes throughout his career at Penn State, he was co-teacher of the senior class in swine production, in the livestock management course for non-livestock majors, beginning animal science courses, and as a frequent participant in the teaching of the judging courses. Over the years it may be conservatively estimated that well over a thousand students benefited from his formal teaching and have been given a good



background in swine production.

Undoubtedly his greatest influence through education was his training of students through their "working" at the barn. Over one hundred young men and women worked at the barn for Vern. These young people were given the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of hog production and to develop a work ethic that is not taught in any classroom.

After graduation, these people have gone out to be leaders in the swine and livestock industries as swine producers, veterinarians, farm managers, feed industry representatives, to graduate schools across the county, and to jobs in Land Grants Universities. These graduates of the “Swine Barn” will gladly testify to Vern’s influence and help in their careers.

Vern regularly participated in short courses and field days through which he gave producers and young people a better foundation in the swine industry and guidance in developing their knowledge of swine production and breeding.

For many years, he was the instructor for a large part of each short course held in alternate years at Penn State for swine producers. By conservative estimates, he provided in excess of eight hundred people with a fundamental knowledge of good swine production.

He was involved in the annual 4-H and FFA programs held on campus, the Block and Bridle Spring Youth Judging Programs and the Departmental Junior Livestock Day. Vern was an active supporter of 4-H at the local level. He gave annual demonstrations on showing and fitting and presentations on feeding and management of 4-H pig projects. He traveled throughout the state to participate in youth field days and judging contests as a willing participant to help the young people develop their knowledge and their skills.

Vern spoke at conferences and field days all over the country including Ohio, Indiana, Maryland, Delaware, New York, Connecticut, Virginia and Michigan. This is an indication of the high esteem with which he is held and of his ability to communicate his knowledge of the swine industry. Vern was an active swine breeder in his own right during his youth. He produced many superior Duroc’s in his 4-H and FFA projects.

Under his guidance, the Penn State swine breeding and production program bred and showed two National Champion Yorkshire boars at Yorkshire Type Conferences, two National Champion boars at the National Barrow Show, a National Champion Berkshire boar at their Type Conference and several National Reserve Champion boars. Penn State bred and showed numerous class champions at these National shows including bred gilts and pairs of gilts. Yorkshire pedigrees contain Penn State bloodlines throughout the breed as a result of these superior Yorkshires bred at Penn State under Vern’s guidance. The influence of Penn State breeding is largely through boars as Vern always believed that the good replacement gilts belonged at home.

Vern always believed the final evaluation of a breeding program was the end product, the market hog. Therefore, Penn State has always been a strong participant in barrow shows. From the time he started at Penn State until it ended, Vern showed Penn State barrows at the International Livestock Show in Chicago. Under his guidance Penn State had numerous Champion Yorkshire and Berkshire Breed Champion Barrows. He also showed barrows at the National Barrow Show in Austin, Minnesota as long as they held barrow shows, and when they converted to a production barrow program, Penn State continued to participate under his guidance.

of Agricultural Sciences Outstanding Educator Award (1995 and 1997); The Penn State Undergraduate Student Government Excellence in Advising Award (1999); Excellence in Online Faculty Satisfaction Award presented to the Penn State University UniSCOPE Project Team by The Eight Sloan-C International Conference on Asynchronous Learning Networks (2002); NE ASAS and ADSA Industry Service Award (2003); and PA Cattleman’s Association Industry Service Award (2004).

Dr. Cash retired from Penn State in December 2005. He is now busy spending time working on his farm where he raises Angus Cattle. His family includes wife Willie and children Chad and Jamie, Lori and Del and grandchildren Alexis, Grant, Hunter, Elizabeth and James.

2006—John M. Cole



John M. Cole has spent a lifetime working in agriculture in Pennsylvania. He was born October 31, 1935 in Bedford County on a dairy farm, the youngest of six children. At age six, his family moved to Centre County, and he grew up in Shingletown and Boalsburg. He spent his early years working after school and weekends on local farms. During high school, he was a wrestler and football player for State College. He graduated from State College High School in 1953, married his high school sweetheart, Susan Pierce in 1954, entering the United States Army the same year. John and Susan have three sons, two daughters, and nine grandchildren.

John spent much of his time growing up working with horses. He owned several saddle horses during those years, and purchased his first set of heavy harness when he was in tenth grade at a sale, even though it would take some time before he had a draft horse to place it on. Even at that age, he made goals for the future, and worked hard to attain them.

After his time in the military, he took a job with Eastern States Coop, which later became Agway, and he worked his way up to unit manager for the Centre County region. After gaining experience in that position, John sought independence as a businessman, and purchased Stover’s Mill in Centre Hall in the mid 1960’s. He renamed the facility the Centre Hall Farm Store, and it continues to thrive as a working mill to this day. It has expanded to provide many other agriculture related services for the surrounding community, both rural and suburban.

In the early 1980’s, John created Pennwoods Equine Products, a company dedicated to producing and marketing equine nutritional products that advanced the art and science of feeding horses into the 21st century. Twenty years later,

Clyde avidly encourages young people and is always willing to provide advice and assistance to those just starting out. He often visits families to follow up on their questions and provide assistance where needed to ensure a successful 4-H or FFA project. He particularly likes to help those young people who are starting breeding projects. He has great skill in figuring out how to fix up almost any facility for use with livestock.



2005 – Erskine H. Cash

Erskine H. Cash was born June 21, 1947 in Lexington, VA and reared on a diversified livestock farm in the Shennadoah Valley. He received a BS degree from Virginia Tech in 1969 and a Ph D in ruminant nutrition from Michigan State University in 1972. Joining the Animal Science faculty at Penn State, his primary emphasis was on undergraduate teaching. He was a professor of Animal Science with an 88 percent teaching appointment. During his career, he developed, taught and/or coordinated 13 different courses involving 5,776 students. A review of the course diversity reflects his commitment to helping students become productive citizens in a global

society.

Dr. Cash served as the undergraduate program coordinator of the Animal Sciences major with responsibilities for course and curriculum development. He led the department through two major curriculum mergers. Student numbers in animal sciences have increased 38% in his last five years. He served as the undergraduate advising coordinator until 1999 and advises 25-30 students annually. He co-advised the Block and Bridle Club and served as president of the National B & B, the Student Affiliate Division of the ASAS. He served on the editorial board for the teaching section of the *Journal of Animal Science*. Dr. Cash coordinated the Penn State beef cattle program for 26 years. He developed a merchandising course culminating with the sale of Angus Cattle that were sold to breeders and artificial insemination firms in the US, Canada and Australia.

Dr. Cash coached the Penn State livestock judging team for 12 years and later served as chairman of the Keystone International Livestock Exposition Livestock Judging Contest for 11 years. He continues to serve as a cattle selector for the contest. Innovative teaching concepts using production scenarios and performance records were incorporated into the contest.

His commitment to students, innovative teaching practices, and hands-on teaching philosophy resulted in the following prestigious teaching, advising and industry awards: Penn State University AMOCO Foundation Outstanding Teacher Award (1979); Gamma Sigma Delta Teaching Award (1984); College

Over the years, Penn State had several breed champions at the National Barrow Show. When they converted to the production barrow program, which included growth evaluation and carcass evaluation with minimum requirements for both to be eligible for placing, Penn State hogs consistently met all minimum qualifications, which has not been the case for most herds. This is another indication of the high quality of hogs developed at Penn State under Vern's guidance.

In addition to these national shows, Penn State has shown barrows at the Keystone International Livestock Show in Harrisburg, at the Ohio State Fair and the Eastern National Livestock Show, with continued success. At KILE, Penn State showed at least 12 Champion Truckloads, and two Grand Champion Barrows on foot. Probably the greatest success was showing two Grand Champion Carcasses in the Keystone International Swine Performance Evaluation Program.

Vern was always a proponent of swine performance evaluation as one of the essential tools in swine improvement. In the earlier days of performance evaluation he had Penn State involved in Production Registry and Certification programs, and as a result herd sires either became Certified Meat Sires and/or Superior Meat Sires or were soon gone.

As performance test stations came on the scene, Vern was an active supporter of this tool of swine improvement. Penn State participated in every program of the Pennsylvania Meat Animal Evaluation Center, with Penn State pigs in every test.

Another performance program, which Penn State participated in under Vern's guidance, was the tested barrow program of the National Barrow Show at Austin, Minnesota. Penn State entered barrows every year of the program. Over the years, the Penn State pigs consistently met all criteria, which was not true for very many herds. Several of these barrows placed high in the competition based on performance.

Vern was a well-respected judge of hogs at many hog shows, which is another indication of the respect for his judgment and knowledge of swine production. He judged at the National Yorkshire Type Conference, the National Berkshire Type Conference and the National Spotted Swine Conference. He served on Type Committees at the national shows of the Yorkshire, Duroc, Hampshire, Berkshire, and Landrace breeds. He judged at numerous state fairs including those of Virginia, Delaware, New York, Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan, and in countless state barrow shows, club barrow shows and county fairs.

Vern Hazlett made major contributions to the livestock industry through his education of the future leaders of the livestock industry, and through his contribution to the swine industry and constructive breeding programs which have produced hogs of superior genetics that have been disseminated throughout Pennsylvania and the national swine population, improving the swine herds. Each year the Vern Hazlett Memorial Fund, sponsored by the Penn State Stockman's Club, awards scholarships to students pursuing a career in animal production.



1992 - Dennis Grumbine

Dennis Grumbine was raised on a Lebanon County family farm. He began his association with the livestock industry at an early age with both 4-H and FFA involvement.

His involvement in the agricultural community is very long and varied. As a three-term president of the Pennsylvania Livestock Association, Dennis used his expertise in strengthening the Association. He was instrumental in selecting and hiring an executive secretary, a much-needed addition for any progressive thinking group. During his tenure, the membership increased from 85 to 630. He spearheaded the concept of relocating the commodity groups that were on the

east end of the Main Floor during Farm Show. His vision is now called the Food Court, and is located in the East Building.

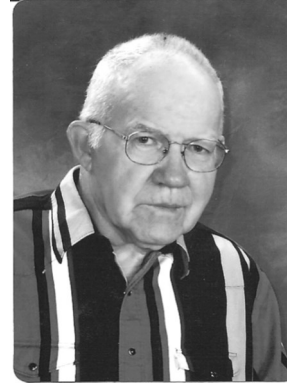
Under Dennis' leadership as chairman, the Keystone International Livestock Exposition took on a new look and a different focus. The show is now not oriented only to the more than 880 exhibitors, but also is being promoted to the consuming public.

Dennis Grumbine was appointed executive director of the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex in April 1995, and served in that capacity through 2003. Grumbine said that while he was the executive director of the Pennsylvania Farm Show, several major accomplishments were securing extended television coverage and gaining international exposure for the show. The show has more than 44 hours of television broadcast coverage on the Pennsylvania Cable Network to more than 2 million households, and more than 200 representatives from 32 foreign countries attended the event. Overall, Complex usage grew to over 200 events and 771 event days generating over 480 million dollars in economic activity annually to the capital region. Also, Grumbine envisioned the idea of the current Keystone Café. This allowed the ag commodity groups involved in the annual Farm Show to have a presence at other major events held at the Complex. This has meant increased revenue to all of the affected groups. In 1998, Events Business News, which tracks 40,000 events nationwide and ranks them to their stature, recognized the PA Farm Show as America's #1 Rodeo and Livestock Show, the highest award ever bestowed on the Farm Show.

During his term as executive director, the largest capital budget expenditure in agriculture will occur at the Farm Show Complex. There has been over 76 million dollars allocated to the enlargement and enhancement of the Complex to include a new exposition hall, equine barn, and an additional arena adding over 359,000 square feet of exhibit space. This commitment will definitely position the Complex to be a worldwide competitor. In addition to being Executive Director, Grumbine was the chairman of the Farm Show Committee for over 20 years. The Committee is comprised of 74 Pennsylvania agricultural organizations,

Mike is also Chairman of the Pennsylvania Farm Show Committee, which is comprised of 76 agricultural organizations and advises the Farm Show Commission on establishing the policies of the Show. He is Co-Chair of the Pennsylvania Farm Show Beef Committee. Michael is the Vice Chairman of Project Needy. Project Needy collects and fills 1200 food baskets for distribution to under privileged families on Christmas Eve.

2004—Clyde McConaughey



Clyde W. McConaughey, Jr. and his wife of 50 years Lois live on a farm in Northern Indiana County. They are the parents of three daughters, Donna and her husband Delmer Truesdell live in Massachusetts, Denise, husband Charles McClelland and three children live in Maryland and Darlene, husband Robert Livingston and their two children live in Seven Valleys, PA.

Clyde has farmed all his life on the family farm near Trade City where he has raised hogs, dairy cattle, sheep and crops. Upon graduation from high school, he went into partnership with his father and bought his first farm five years later. In an attempt to

“slow down”, he has decreased the size of the farm from 500 to 200 acres.

An exhibitor at the very first KILE, Clyde showed four head of Duroc hogs. He had pigs from a Feb litter and had 1st and 2nd gilts, 2nd boar and Grand Champion Duroc gilt. That first year had only three to five exhibitors in each breed Clyde has exhibited under the farm name Mahoning Creek Farms almost every KILE. There was no professional photographer at the early shows. The family also has been a long time exhibitors at the PA Farm Show, missing only the war years and the year that no hogs were shown because of a quarantine. Their trophy chest includes a number of breed champions and Premier Exhibitor Awards. The McConaughey family received the first Outstanding Farm Show Family award in 1980. Clyde is currently a corporate member of the Indiana County Fair Association, a past member of Indiana County Cooperative Extension Executive Committee and has served as a state director of both the Duroc and Hampshire breed associations.

Mahoning Creek Farms continues to be a source of breeding stock and project animals for customers from a wide geographical area. Many are repeat customers who respect the honesty of the man and the dependability of the stock they are buying. Clyde's main goal is to sell breeding stock for commercial and purebred producers with genetics and productivity for customers to produce quality pork and breeding stock.



2003—Michael H. Firestine

Michael H. Firestine was born and raised in Marion Township, Berks County, PA. His family includes wife Martene and daughters Margeaux, a student at Towson University and Morgan, a student at Penn State.

His involvement in the agricultural community is long and varied. Mike started the Agriculture Lending Group at Lebanon Valley National Bank in 1978. When Lebanon Valley National Bank merged with Fulton Financial Corporation in 1995, Lebanon Valley National Bank was the 89th largest Agriculture Lender in the United States. As of December 31, 2005, Fulton Financial Corporation is the 12th largest Agriculture Lender in the United States and the largest East of the Mississippi.

Mike has held many leadership positions in Agriculture organizations and Civic organizations. He was a three term President of the Pennsylvania Livestock Association as well as the Treasurer for six (6) years. Mike was the Chairman of the Lebanon County Cooperative Extension Board. He has been on the Board of the New York Bankers Association School of Agriculture Lending. He also was an instructor at the New York Bankers Association School of Agriculture Lending at Cornell University. Mike was appointed to the ABA Agriculture and Rural Bankers Board of Directors, Washington D.C. He served as Vice Chairman and Chairman of that Board. He was the Officer in Charge (Master of Ceremonies) for the 2003 and 2004 National Agriculture Bankers Conference held in Indianapolis, Indiana and Minneapolis, Minnesota. He also was a member of the Planning Committee for both conferences and chaired the Planning Committee for the conferences.

Mike is a member of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, Penn State Stockman's Club, Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 226 F & AM, and the Zembo Shrine A.A.O.M.S.

Mike serves on the boards of the following: Pennsylvania Livestock Evaluation Center, Pennsylvania State University Agriculture Business Advisory Board, Lebanon County Cooperative Extension Service Vegetable Advisory Board, is Co-Chairman of the Agriculture Development Advisory Board for the Department of Environmental Protection, Treasurer of the Conrad Weiser Scholarship Foundation, Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce Ag Committee, Delaware Valley College of Agriculture and Sciences Livestock Board, Center for Transitions PA Dept of Agriculture, Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Farm Show Scholarship Foundation, and Treasure of Keystone International Livestock Exposition. He started the first Beef Breeding sale at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition and was instrumental in securing the National Hereford Show, one of six, in the United States.

and it advises the Farm Show Commission on establishing the policies of the Show. Dennis also served 17 years as a Farm Show Commissioner.

For 23 years, Grumbine also has been a board member of the Lebanon Valley Expo Corporation, which oversees the Lebanon Area Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Pa. More than 80 events occur annually at the facility, which is comprised of 70 acres of land and has its own general manager and staff.

Grumbine is the chairman of the Lebanon County Industrial Development Authority and serves on the Lebanon Valley Farmers/Fulton Bank Ag Board. He also is a member of the following organizations: Friedens Lutheran Church; Pennsylvania Farm Bureau; Pennsylvania State Grange; Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce Ag Committee; Advisory Committee for W.B. Saul High School, Philadelphia; Pennsylvania Society; Pennsylvania State Stockman's Club; Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 226 F & AM; Harrisburg Consistory; and Rajah Temple A.A.O.M.S.

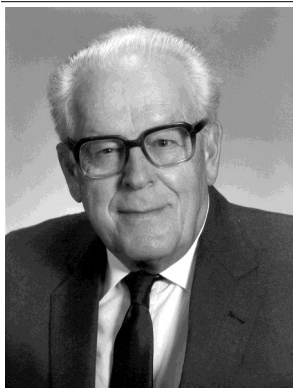
He formerly served in the following positions: president of the Pennsylvania Swine Breeder Co-op; chairman of the Keystone International Livestock Exposition; president of the Pennsylvania Livestock Association; president of the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania State Council of Farm Organization; president of the Pennsylvania Berkshire Association; and a board member of the Pennsylvania State FFA Foundation.

After leaving the Farm Show in 2003, Grumbine became the Chief Executive Officer of the Lebanon Valley Exposition Corporation. Since assuming the position of CEO in July 2003, Grumbine has increased the rental business at the Expos Center by 37%. In 2004, the Lebanon County Commissioners appointed the Expo Corporation to be the designated Tourist Promotion Agency (TPA) for the county. The results have been a growth in Room Tax of over 20% since Grumbine and his organization have accepted the responsibility of promoting the county to tourists.

In 1963, as a youth, Grumbine won the state FFA Public Speaking Contest and received the Keystone Farmer Award. From 1965-1966, he was the state president of the Pennsylvania FFA, and, in 1966, he received an American Farmer Degree. He also was the keynote speaker at the 1980 Pennsylvania Midwinter FFA Convention.

Grumbine's additional awards and honors include: the Pennsylvania Swine Breeder Distinguished Service Award, 1985; an Honorary Keystone Farmer Degree, 1994; and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Department of Agriculture's Special Appreciation Award for dedication to the advancement of both agriculture and the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex, 1998.

Grumbine graduated from Lebanon County High School in Myerstown, Pa., in 1965. He served in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard from 1968-1974. He and his wife, Barbara, and their two sons, Daryl and Darren, farm and raise livestock on over 400 acres. Grumbine also is both the corporate secretary and a 25% shareholder of the Lebanon Valley Auction Company, which primarily conducts farm and construction auctions.



1993 - Dr. Everett Denlinger

Dr. Everett Denlinger was born on a farm in Kinzer in 1915. He married Martha A. Wenger in 1937 and they have one daughter, Linda Lee. He received his pre-veterinary training at Franklin and Marshall College and received a degree in veterinary medicine from the University of Pennsylvania in 1947. Upon graduation, he worked for a time at Southeastern Artificial Breeders Association (now Atlantic Breeders Co-op). He established a large animal practice in 1949 and served the livestock industry of Lancaster County until 1967. In 1968, Dr. Denlinger joined the Bureau of Animal Industry. In 1972, he was appointed chief of the Bureau where he instituted many programs including Equine Infectious Anemia testing and Hog Cholera Free Status for the Commonwealth. Through his efforts the Poultry Health Division of the Bureau was established.

He has been a member of the United States Animal Health Association, Northeastern United States Animal Health Association, Pennsylvania Equine Council, Pennsylvania Mastitis Council, Health Committee for the Farm Show, Pennsylvania Hog Cholera Advisors Council, State Salmonella Committee, Pennsylvania Livestock Association, Pennsylvania Cattleman's Association, and Pennsylvania Beef Council.

Dr. Denlinger has previously been recognized for his achievements by the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association, the Pennsylvania Pork Council, the Pennsylvania Dairy & Allied Industries Association, and the Pennsylvania Cattleman's Association, being named Pennsylvania Cattleman of the Year in 1980. He has twice received the Award of Merit from the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association, first in October 1977 and then in October 1984. He has been named Sportsman of the Year by the Lancaster County Federation of the Sportsman Clubs in 1982 and again in 1994.

He has been involved with the Pennsylvania Livestock Association since the early 1960's. Dr. Denlinger served the Association in many leadership roles. He was "Sunday" chairman of the Food Booth at the Farm Show for many years, chairman of the Animal Health Committee and active on the Board of Directors.

Every year since 1955, he has helped to present the Hunter Education Course at the Paradise Sportsmens Club. For many years Dr. Denlinger served on Pequea Valley School Authority and on the Lancaster County Park Board.

1994 - George Hunter

George V. Hunter was born in Mercer County in 1917. He attended Penn State University. He married Evelyn McMichael in 1943. They have nine children: Samuel, Smithsburg, MD; Mary Musser, New Middletown, OH; Robert, South Bend, IN; Frank, Cassadaga, NY; Audrey Wheeler, Grove City; Donald, Butler; Glenn, Grove City; Elisabeth Kingsley, Leesburg; and Hazel at home.



2002 - Ken and Ann Staver

Ken and Ann Staver live on a sheep farm in Palmyra in Dauphin County. A team in marriage as well as in the livestock industry, it seemed appropriate that they be honored together by the industry to which they have contributed so much of their lives.

Ken has been active in agriculture his entire life working on his grandfather's farm from an early age. He graduated from Shippensburg College with a degree in education, then served in World War II. Returning home from war, he entered Penn State to earn a degree in ag education. Except for a couple of years when he ran Kenneth W Staver Co Feed Mill, Ken spent his entire career in education until his retirement in 1986. Ann grew up on a dairy farm in Berks Co., earned a degree in agronomy from Penn State and was a pioneer for woman in agriculture. When her children reached school age, Ann returned to the classroom as a science teacher until her retirement in 1993. Following their marriage on June 11, 1948, the Stavers started farming and raising a family on their Dauphin County farm, and combined their talents and energy into a lifelong dedication to agriculture and the sheep industry of Pennsylvania. They raise champion dorset sheep on their Ovine Alley Dorsets Farm.

Ken has been an active member of PLA, currently serving one of many consecutive terms on the Board of Directors. Both Ken and Ann have been active participants and supporters of 4-H and FFA as well as many community organizations where they have held leadership roles as volunteers and elected officials. They are active in both local and state agriculture societies where they have held offices, served committees and been honored with many awards. To list more than half a century of accomplishments that the Stavers have achieved would take volumes. As a team, they have given so much to the industry they love - agriculture.

Ken and Ann instilled their love of agriculture in their three children, Chuck, Julia and Ken. All three have pursued careers in agricultural fields.



2001 – Harry H. Bachman

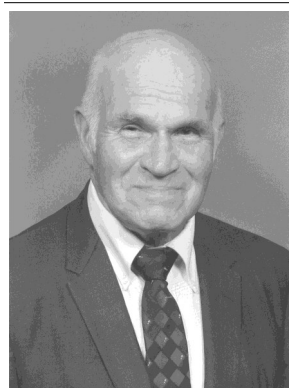
Harry H. Bachman of Annville, Lebanon County, was born and raised on a farm outside Quentin, PA and has been a lifetime resident of Lebanon County. He graduated in 1964 from Cornwall High School, and later from the Reisch School of Auctioneering in Mason City, Iowa. He has been providing the area with his full-time auction services since July 1, 1978. Livestock and dairy auctions are an important part of his business and he has sold livestock in over 12 states. One of his enjoyments is in providing his services to the local 4-H and FFA livestock currently doing 14 auctions each year. He has been honored by many of the 4-H and FFA chapters for his support of

their auctions.

Harry is a past president of the PA Livestock Association and is currently serving as co-chairman of the Keystone International Livestock Exposition. He served two terms on the Farm Show Commission as an appointee of Governor Tom Ridge.

An active member of the PA Angus Association, Harry served 11 years as president of that organization. He was the manager of the Atlantic National Angus Show for 14 years. The 2001 Show was dedicated to the Bachman family for their continued support of the show. He has been a board member of Lebanon Valley Exposition Corporation, a governing body of the Lebanon Area Fairgrounds for 25 years. He has been the Treasurer of the Lebanon Area Fair for 18 years. Harry is also a member of local and state Masonic organizations. In 1993, he received the PA Swine Breeders Co-op Distinguished Service Award for his many years of support in the Pennsylvania swine industry. In 2004 he received an honorary American FFA Degree.

Harry has been married to his wife Sandra for 40 years and they are the parents of 3 daughters and 4 grandchildren. In his free time, Harry enjoys traveling and hunting. He and Sandy try to visit at least one state fair each year.



Since his inception into the PLA Hall of Fame, George has been blessed with eight great-grandchildren. Nearly all the children are involved some way in agriculture, primarily in the sheep industry. Fifteen grandchildren complete the family.

George began exhibiting livestock in 1935 at the Mercer Fair for his father, Samuel Hunter. He purchased his first Suffolk sheep in 1939 and his first shorthorns in 1948. He added homed dorsets in 1950 and owned Merinos for a few years during the 1950's. During the 60's and 70's, he raised and exhibited draft horses, Berkshire hogs, sheep and cattle at many Pennsylvania fairs as well as the Pennsylvania Farm Show and the Keystone International Live-

stock Exposition (KILE).

George has shown sheep at KILE every year it has been in existence. He has missed only one year of showing at the Pennsylvania Farm Show since 1936 and that was January, 1994, following the death of his father.

Actively involved and interested in many farm organizations, he serves as newsletter editor for both the PA Suffolk Association and the PA Shorthorn Association. Over the years he has served on many, many boards in the livestock industry and is currently secretary of the PA Suffolk Sheep Association, a position he has held for 38 years. Other organizations in which he has been active include Millbrook Grange, Shorthorn Association, American Shorthorn Association, National Suffolk Sheep Association, Continental Dorset Club, American Merino Association, PA Sheep and Wool Growers Association, NW Cattlemen's Association, Mercer County and Venango County Sheep and Wool Growers Association, Keystone Ram and Ewe Sale, and the KILE Sheep Committee.

In 1997, the Suffolk Show at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition was dedicated to George. The event was attended by 16 members of his family who prepared a scrapbook to commemorate the event. He also received a beautiful handmade aluminum tray which still sits on his mantle. In the same year, George was presented with the National Suffolk Sheep Association Distinguished Service Award in Louisville, KY. Twelve members of his family were there to help celebrate. In 2001, he received a plaque from the Pennsylvania Shorthorn Association designating him as a lifetime member.

1995 - Arthur J. Glatfelter

Arthur Glatfelter was born in Loganville, York County, Pennsylvania on December 12, 1924, one of six children. He was educated in the two-room elementary school in Loganville and William Penn Senior High School, York, Pennsylvania. He served in the US Marine Corps from July 1942 to July 1946 with twenty-five months in the South Pacific.

He entered the insurance business in November 1947, at the age of 23, as a solicitor in a small local agency.



In December 1951, he opened his own agency in his home in Dallastown, Pennsylvania. Over the ensuing half century, this agency has grown to become one of the largest privately owned agencies in the United States with a staff of more than 450 associates and six satellite offices throughout the United States working with more than 5,000 independent agencies through the United States and Canada. He currently serves as Chairman of the Board of the Glatfelter Insurance Group where his career has spanned more than 55 years.

Throughout his life, Art has been active in civic organizations including York YMCA Board for more than 15 years – chaired two annual membership drives; one capital campaign; Board President in 1981-1982 and served on the Board of Trustees for many years. He served as Chairman of the Highway Committee of served as President in 1976-1977.

In 1976, he was appointed to the 60 member Council of Small Business of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce where he served for four years. Also in 1976, he was elected to the board of the International Association of Fire Chief's Foundation and served as President of the board and has served continuously on the board of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation since its inception in 1981. He was a member of the York Hospital Board of Directors for 10 years and the board of WITF (Public TV/FM) from 1977 to 1998. In 1981, Art chaired the Capital Fund Campaign for the Margaret E. Moul Home for the Handicapped and now serves on the Board of Trustees. In the late 1980's, he convinced a small group of community leaders to discuss the need for a cultural alliance in York County. In the last annual campaign the alliance of nine cultural arts organizations raised \$925,000. In 2002 he spearheaded a drive to raise over \$200,000 to place a large bronze World War II Memorial in York Continental Square.

In 1990, Art received a Doctor of Humane Letters from York College of Pennsylvania and in 1996, he was inducted into the William Penn High School Hall of Fame. He was presented the 1996 Liberty Bell Award by the York County Bar Association for bringing an experimental civil respect program to York City Schools in 1992. In 1997, he was presented the first Honorary Diploma from Dallastown Area High School.

He was active in the Pennsylvania Livestock Association where he was involved with the expansion of the Farm Complex and the rib cook-off. He was also an early member of the Paso Fino Horse Association and its local regional branch, Mason Dixon PFHA. He helped promote the Paso Fino horse by getting a Paso Fino show included at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition. One of his most cherished community services is his involvement, since its inception, in the experimental program known as "PROJECT CONNECTIONS".

In 2003 Charlie received the PA All-American Dairy Show Image Award and in 2005, he was awarded the Dairy Science Distinguished Alumnus award and the Honorary County Agent Award.

Active in his community, Charlie was a 4-H leader for many years, and is active in St. Teresa's Church in New Cumberland. He resides in Newville, PA. He is Secretary of the PA Farm Show Scholarship Foundation; member of the Board of Directors of the Pasto Ag Museum at Penn State; manager of the All-Dairy Antiques & Collectibles Show at the All-American Dairy Show; and a member of the Board of Directors of the PA Livestock Association. He has five children, Christine, Carol, Tom, Margaret, and Jeff, and eight grandchildren.

According to Charlie's colleagues, he is an individual of impeccable character and of utmost dedication to his job responsibilities. His attention to detail and fulfilling his job duties provides a degree of event management success that is possibly unmatched in this industry.

2000 - Clair Clemens



Clair "Butch" Clemens is the retired CEO of Hatfield Meats, Hatfield, PA. Butch was born and raised in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania and was active in his family's company, Hatfield Quality Meats since 1946. He performed just about every job from cleaning hog pens and trucks to holding the position of president and CEO. He retired from Hatfield Quality Meats in July of 1995. During his tenure as president and CEO, Butch was instrumental in the expansion and modernization of the Fresh Pork operations, which included the building of a new Cut Floor and Fresh Pork Boning room. Butch poised the company growth by ensuring that modern, state-of-the-art equipment was in place to meet the

challenges of the day-to-day operations and meet the projected demands of Sales and Marketing. During his tenure as president, Hatfield also purchased numerous acquisitions, which included the opening of a new production facility in Emmaus, PA.

Active in his community, he has served as a township supervisor and member of the Parks and Open Space Advisory Council as well as being an officer and member. At his church he has served as deacon, on the Board of Trustees and the Board of Christian Education. He was a former director of the Union National Bank in Souderton.

Butch enjoys hunting and fishing and spending time at his retirement home in the mountains of Tioga County. For eight years he served on the Pennsylvania Game Commission, holding the offices of vice-president and president.

An avid supporter of the Pennsylvania Farm Show Livestock Sale, Butch can always be seen in the front row supporting the very important youth segment of our industry. He has been a board member of the Pennsylvania Livestock Association for many years.

He has participated in short courses for summer Vo-Ag teachers, including Peace Corps students, PA Meat Inspectors, PA Bureau of Corrections, County 4-H leaders, FFA students and teachers, and Meat Technology.

In 1978, Jim received the Honorary Keystone Degree from the Pennsylvania FFA, and in 1987 he received the Degree of Honorary Keystone Farmer. Active in the Penn State Stockman's Club, he has served as secretary/treasurer and president. He received the club's Booster Award in 1977 and 1989, and in 1976, the student Block and Bridle Club dedicated the Little I Livestock Show to him.

Jim was a member of the American Meat Science Association and served on the Youth Committee. He also was a member of Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society, an honorary member of Delta Theta Sigma, Bedford Masonic Lodge, Harrisburg Consistory Altoona Jaffa, and past member and president of his local Lion's Club.

Upon his retirement, Jim worked with the family business near State College and on the family farm in Bedford County. In October 1956, he married Faye L. Diehl and they have a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Bob Wild, a son and daughter-in law, Randy and Lisa, and grandchildren, Kristyn and Shawn.

1999 - Charles Itle

Charles A. Itle retired in October 2003 with 29 1/2 years of service with the PA Department of Ag/PA Farm Show/All American Dairy Show/KILE. Charlie's work ethic was well established as a young person being born and raised on a dairy and livestock farm near Loretto in Cambria County. Following his primary and secondary schooling, Charlie continued his education at St. Francis College. After one year he transferred to Penn State where he obtained his B.S. degree in Dairy Management.



The military called and Charlie served in the Army Reserves before he began a career in Cooperative Extension. He worked in Crawford County from 1961-1968 and Centre County from 1969-1974, and was responsible for educational programs in dairy, youth and home grounds. In 1974, he accepted a position with the Pennsylvania Farm Show. In that position, he was responsible for the management of the Keystone International Livestock Exposition and the All American Dairy Show, plus all the competitive entries, numbering nearly 10,000, for the Pennsylvania State Farm Show.

Charlie's involvement with the Keystone International Livestock Exposition has been invaluable. Dramatic improvements, at Mr. Itle's direction, have been made in the operation of the show. His knowledge of the local, state and national 4-H and FFA activities are evidenced in the major emphasis placed on the educational aspects of the show, such as the Livestock Judging contests and the Keystone Stockman's contest. Charlie also completed the design for the pens used for beef, swine, sheep and horses at the Complex.

It involves students in sixth, seventh and eighth grades of the York City Hannah Penn Middle School and connects them with Penn State York and more than 100 local businesses. Art has always felt that everyone owes something to their community and he has attempted throughout his career to give something back.

1996 - James Gallagher



James P. Gallagher inspired, encouraged, motivated, supported, and commanded the fight to save animal agriculture. He believed strongly that youth are the future of this country and that we were responsible for educating those youth.

James received his Bachelors and Masters degrees from Penn State University. He began his career with the Penn State Cooperative Extension in 1959. He was an assistant county agent in Clearfield County from 1959 until 1963 when he transferred to Cumberland County. As extension agent, he developed educational programs for 4-H youth and livestock producers. He was recognized for the strength of his training program for volunteer lay

leaders in 4-H.

In 1965, he transferred to University Park as an equine specialist for the College of Agriculture. There he was noted for in-service training for county-based extension staff.

James conducted the first interstate 4-H horse-judging contest in the United States, which became the National 4-H Horse Judging Contest. Working with the Easter Seal Society, he organized handicapped riding programs in Pennsylvania. He organized and supervised the State 4-H Horse Show held annually at Harrisburg. In 1980, the Pennsylvania Association of 4-H and Youth Agents recognized him with their first Clover Award for his contributions to youth programs in Pennsylvania.

In 1968, he was instrumental in getting the various horse organizations of the state to form the Pennsylvania Equine Council. In 1976, he played a key role, working with Pennsylvania's Lt. Governor Ernest Kline, in directing the Bicentennial Wagon Train Pilgrimage to Pennsylvania with six different routes across the nation, involving hundreds of wagons and thousands of riders, converging at Valley Forge on July 3.

He served as educational coordinator of the International Farm Youth Exchange Ambassadors delegation to the United Kingdom in 1984. He organized and served as host for two People-to-People agricultural tours—one to Ireland, Poland and the Soviet Union and a second to the People's Republic of China.

In recent years, he coordinated the animal science extension program in the College of Agriculture. In 1987, the honor society of agriculture, Gamma Sigma Delta, recognized him with their Extension Award. James was a member of the following organizations: the American Horse Shows Association, the American Quarter horse Association, the International Arabian Horse Association, the PA

Council of Horseback Riding for the Handicapped, the American Society of Animal Science, the Equine Nutritional and Physiological Society, Gamma Sigma Delta, Epsilon Sigma Phi, Alpha Zeta, and the Rotary Club of State College.



1997 - Anthony Dobrosky

Anthony G. Dobrosky inspires, encourages, motivates, supports, and “speaks” livestock to all he comes in contact with. He believes strongly in the youth of our state and does everything within his power to develop and educate them to be productive citizens.

Tony was born in Armstrong County in 1929. He graduated from Elders Ridge High School and received his Bachelors of Science and Masters of Science degrees in Animal Science from Penn State University. He is married to the former Patricia Leiden and they have two daughters, Laurie Dobrosky Henry and Lisa Dobrosky Hartman, and two granddaughters.

His agriculture extension career began in York County, starting in 1957 as a summer assistant and ending as County Extension Director, retiring in 1991. His accomplishments are extensive. Some of the highlights include organizing county beef, sheep and swine organizations, coaching 4-H meats, livestock and horse judging teams, organizing a county feeder calf sale, organizing a sheep and wool field day, developing a swine carcass show, scheduling educational tours for various producer groups and serving as advisor for the planning, funding and building of the county 4-H Center, the first one in Pennsylvania.

His Pennsylvania Livestock Association involvement includes serving as president of the Association for three years and serving as chairman of nearly every committee of the group. It was during his tenure as president that the Keystone International Rib Cookoff and Music Fest was established and he served as chairman of this group.

Very active in the Keystone International Livestock Exposition, he served as beef chairman, and previously served as Barnyard Babies Exhibit chairman, Junior Stockman Contest chairman, which he originated, and was a member of the Executive Committee for many years.

Active in the Pennsylvania Farm Show, Tony has worked diligently to improve the Livestock Sale and has been an avid supporter and member of the Livestock Sale Committee and a board member of the Farm Show Youth Foundation.

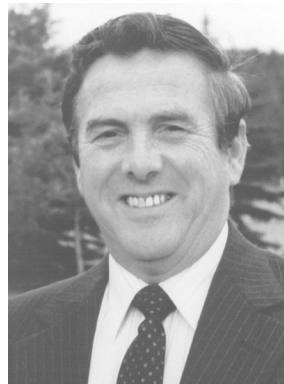
Other community and civic involvement includes York County Farm-City Week, York County Historical Society Bicentennial Wagon Train Committee, York County Farmers Forum, York County Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee, Pennsylvanians for Responsible Use of Animals, Agricultural/Industrial Museum of York County, PA Agricultural Safety Council, South Central Cattleman’s Association (one of the organizers), Philadelphia Society for

the Improvement of Agriculture, Pennsylvania Equine Council, York County Farm and Natural Lands Trust, York County Pork Producers, and the York Agricultural Society, which conducts the York Fair.

From 1991-1996, Tony was employed by the Glatfelter Agri-business Insurance Agency as a director of Client Services. He worked trade shows on the east coast, from New York to Virginia, always giving advice and assistance to all who asked.

Tony serves as president of the Central Market House in York. Since 1996, he has been employed as a consultant to the Peoples Bank, Agricultural Loan Division and works for Timber Leads, a contractor for standing timber. From 1998 to the present, Tony organized the Preserve the Farmers Committee which encourages other organizations to improve agricultural income. The committee also encourages other county agricultural associations to work together. This committee is aligned with the York Co. Industrial Development Authority to hire a person who encourages the agricultural industry to move into the county. The authority is now seeking funds to research an ethanol producing plant and several other ideas. This work, plus his continued involvement with volunteer organizations, keeps the 1997 Hall of Fame winner very busy, even in retirement.

1998 - Jim Watkins



Jim Watkins was born and raised on a farm in Bedford County, PA. After graduation from high school, he attended Penn State University, majoring in Animal Husbandry. His college career was interrupted by Uncle Sam, when he spent some time in the U.S. Army in Korea. He then returned to the University and graduated in 1958. In 1959, Jim was appointed assistant in Animal Husbandry, serving as swine herdsman and then as plant manager at the newly constructed Meats Lab.

In 1971, Jim was promoted to assistant professor of Animal Science. Up until his retirement in 1987, he had always assisted with the Meat Judging Teams and served as team coach since 1977. During those years, many honors were awarded to the Penn State teams because of his hard work and ability to teach the art to team members. During the years with the University, he worked closely with the PA Meat Packers and judged numerous livestock and carcass shows. He participated in meat cutting demos, talks to consumers and retail demonstrations on live TV. He also held the office of executive secretary of the PA Meat Packers. Very active in community and statewide organizations, Jim setup and participated in numerous fund raising Bar-B-Que’s. Jim built and remodeled the PA Livestock Association’s Food Booth for the annual Farm Show. He also worked each year at the Keystone National Rib Cookoff and Music Fest. He was a PLA member for 27 years and a director for nearly as many years.