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***Cumberland County Commissioners Recognize
Penn State Extension for National Award***

Cumberland County, Pennsylvania– At their public meeting today, the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners recognized Heather Weeks, Dairy Profitability Educator with the Penn State Extension Office in Cumberland County, as recipient of the Agriculture Awareness and Appreciation Award by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents. The award recognizes the work of Extension Educators in promoting agriculture in their communities through outstanding use of public relations in daily efforts to improve the understanding of agriculture. The Award will be presented to Ms. Weeks at the annual meeting of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents in July.

The “Experience Ag” tours that were held in October 2013 highlighted five farms in Cumberland County and showcased the diversity and importance of agriculture in the region. According to the 2012 Census, there are 1,415 farms in the County that contributed to over \$195,000,000 worth of agricultural products sold. Additionally \$6,000,000 in income is derived from farm-related activities including custom work, agri-tourism, cooperative dividends and government insurance payments.

The Penn State Extension offers information and educational programming to promote agriculture and help individuals, families, businesses, and communities throughout Pennsylvania in an effort to build caring, safe, and healthy communities. Their efforts will support the long-term vitality of Pennsylvania's natural resources. For more information on programs offered by Penn State Extension, visit <http://extension.psu.edu/cumberland>.

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