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## 4-H Sets New Enrollment Record

Total Number of Different Youth Involved in 2005=**63,686**  
(approaching 45% of the market share of the 4-H age youth who reside in Delaware)

**Organized 4-H Clubs** 143

### Grade in School

■ K-Grade 3	63%
■ Grades 4-6	24%
■ Grades 7-9	6%
■ Grades 10-12+	7%

### Residence

■ Farm	3%
■ Towns of 10,000 & Rural	50%
■ Towns & Cities 10-50,000	20%
■ Suburbs of Wilmington	15%
■ Wilmington	12%

### Race

■ White	71%
■ Black	26%
■ American Indian	.5%
■ Asian	1.1%
■ More than one race	1.4%

### Ethnicity

■ Hispanic or Latino	7%
■ Not Hispanic or Latino	93%

### Volunteers

■ Adult and Teen Volunteers	3379
■ Total Value of Volunteer Contribution exceeds	\$1.6M

Kudos to Joy Sparks and the entire 4-H staff for touching the lives of such a large number of Delaware's youth "One Child at a Time."

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Women in Agriculture Conference

February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Dover Sheraton, Dover DE

Featured Speakers:

Rebecca Long Chaney

Author of "Bulldust in My Bra" and

Paul Tukey

Editor and Co-host of "People, Places & Plants"

The conference website is:

<http://ag.udel.edu/extension/kent/womeninag.htm>

The conference registration information can be found on the website or by contacting Laurie Wolinski at 831-2538 or [lgw@udel.edu](mailto:lgw@udel.edu)



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## The 12th Annual Governor's Conference on Delaware Agriculture

### **"Nutrient Management: Progress and Future Prospects"**

will be held on February 17, 2006 at the Modern Maturity Center.

The day will start 7:15 a.m. with the Friends of Agriculture Breakfast "Environmental and Nutrient Management Challenges for Delaware".

Limited display space is available and the Department of Food and Resource Economics is actively seeking sponsors for this year's conference.

For the most current information about the conference, you may visit the web page. <http://ag.udel.edu/govconf> or contact Vicki Taylor by email- [vtaylor@udel.edu](mailto:vtaylor@udel.edu) or phone- 302-831-2512.

The registration deadline is February 14, 2006

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## Friends OF Agriculture

Dr. Jack Gelb will provide an update on Avian Influenza at the March 24<sup>th</sup> Friends of Agriculture Breakfast.

Breakfast is served at 7:15 a.m. at the Modern Maturity Center 1121 Forrest Avenue Dover, DE. The cost for registration is \$15.00 and checks are payable to the University of Delaware.

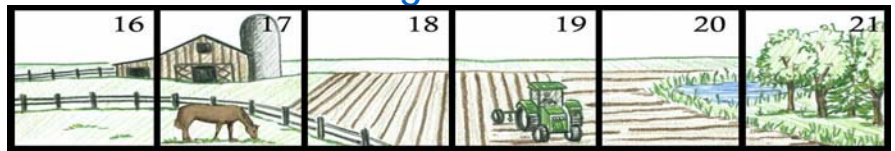
Please contact Alice Moore 302-831-2504 or [ammoore@udel.edu](mailto:ammoore@udel.edu) to register in advance or for additional information.

Please mark your calendar for April 28 for the season finale of the breakfast series. Additional information to follow soon.

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## Delaware Agriculture Week



### A Huge Success

Delaware Agriculture Week was held the week of January 16 through January 21, 2006. The University of Delaware Cooperative Extension, Delaware State University Cooperative Extension and Delaware Department of Agriculture cooperated with many partners to organize the week of agriculture related events. By all accounts, this new concept for providing information and engaging the Delaware Agriculture Community was a huge success.

Kudos to Ed Kee and the more than 30 people who served on the Ag Week Committee for their stellar work.

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### Carvel Research and Education Center Opens

The staff of the Research and Education Center has been very busy moving into their new building ... more later as they get settled. Information on the dedication will be forthcoming.

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### Terry Higgins National 4-H Wildlife Volunteer

Terry Higgins, Kent County 4-H volunteer and chair of the Kent County Extension Advisory Committee has been named one of five National 4-H Wildlife Volunteers.



### "One Dream, One World, One Community"

Christopher Shaffer was recognized on January 16, 2006 at the Martin Luther King Celebration River Front Center, Wilmington for his essay "One Dream, One World, One Community". Christopher is a member of the Summit Bridge 4-H club and son of Brenda and Denis Shaffer. He received a Dell computer for his essay which speaks about his community service through 4-H and his church.

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## Rachel Hovermale to serve on National 4-H Congress

Rachel Hovermale has been selected to serve on the 2006 National 4-H Congress Design Team. This is a high honor as only a small number of youth are selected for this opportunity.

## Kent County 4-H Achievement Awards

Cedric Jacob and Jeffery Sullivan have been recognized by Kent County 4-H as their Prudential Spirit of Community Award winners and appear in an article in the Mid-Atlantic Country Folks on January 2, 2006. Also mentioned in the article were: Jennifer Crouse, Sara Busker, Brent Ashley, Kayla Kemp and Michael Severson who received Certificates of Merit for their community service volunteer efforts.

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## Presentations

Sue Snider and Kathleen Splane from the University of Delaware and Donna Brown Delaware State University have been selected to present a workshop "Helping Youth with Eating and Fitness Decisions" at CYFAR Children, Youth, Families at Risk Conference May 16-19, 2006 in Atlanta, GA.

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## The News Journal Column

**Native Delaware** is a weekly column in The News Journal written by University of Delaware Cooperative Extension Professionals on the plants, animals and weather of the First State. For more information regarding these articles please contact Susan Baldwin at 831-1355 [smb@udel.edu](mailto:smb@udel.edu) or Margo McDonough at 831-1358 [margomcd@udel.edu](mailto:margomcd@udel.edu).



## In The News

- "Delaware 4-Hers honored for projects" The Delmarva Farmer December 13, 2005 reported that more than 100 Delaware 4-Hers received recognition for outstanding accomplishments in their 4-H project work via the Project Awards Program.
- An article entitled "Delaware Ag Week announced for Jan. 16-21" appears in January 3<sup>rd</sup> issue of The Delmarva Farmer.
- Gary VanWicklen and Bud Malone are quoted in The Mid-Atlantic Poultry Farmer January 10<sup>th</sup>. The article is entitled "UDel's Lasher Lab to help poultry growers cut expenses".

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## Director's Journal



January 11, Meeting with the staff at The News Journal  
January 11, Legislative Reception, Ag Museum  
January 14, Delaware 4-H State Leader Forum, Georgetown  
January 16-21, Ag Week/Ag Industry Dinner  
January 22, Kent and Sussex Master Gardener's Awards Banquet  
January 23, Levy Court Dinner  
January 24, United Way Reception, President's House  
January 27, Friends of Agriculture Breakfast  
January 30- February 1, ECOP Task Force and NEED Meeting, Washington, DC  
February 3, Leadership Trust Meeting  
February 4, 4-H Day University of Delaware Basketball  
February 6, Three College Meeting  
February 8, DFAC Meeting  
February 9-10, Women In Agriculture Conference  
February 14-17, National Extension Directors/Administrators Meeting  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
February 24, Poultry Meeting in Maryland

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## Looking Ahead



### "A Day on the Farm - 2006"

#### **Woodside Farm, Hockessin, DE**

Mark your calendars for Saturday June 3, 2006  
From 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact Carl Davis  
(302)831-2506 for more information and to submit  
your commitment for support.

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