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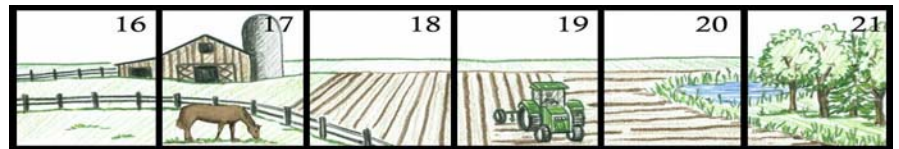
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## Delaware Agriculture Week

January 16 through January 21, 2006-

Delaware Agriculture Week consolidates farm-based educational meetings while recognizing and celebrating the industry's importance. The University of Delaware Cooperative Extension, Delaware State University Cooperative Extension and Delaware Department of Agriculture are cooperating with many partners to organize the week of agriculture related events.



## Friends of Agriculture

The next Friends of Agriculture Breakfast will be held January 27, 2006. Michael Scuse, Delaware Secretary of Agriculture, will be the guest speaker and will update us on the "Current Activities in the Delaware Department of Agriculture".

The 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 or for additional information.

Please mark your calendar for March 24 and April 28 for the remainder of the series.

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**Agriculture**

## Pat Nelson Honored

Dec. 14, 2005 Patricia Tanner Nelson, UD professor of food and resource economics, has been awarded the prestigious Career Achievement Award from the National Council on Family Relations for her work in guiding new parents.

The award honors the nation's most outstanding Cooperative Extension state specialist in family life and human development.

The announcement appeared in an UDaily article on December 14, 2005. To read the complete article visit <http://www.udel.edu/PR/UDaily/2006/dec/pnelson121405.html>

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## Jennifer Crouse Receives 4-H Leadership Award

Jennifer Crouse of the Harrington Sunshine 4-H Club was chosen as the recipient of the 2005 Michael Everline Memorial 4-H Leadership Award.

Connie Louder, Kent County 4-H Volunteer, and Kaila Tatman, Kent County 4-H Junior Council Secretary presented the 2005 Michael Everline Memorial 4-H Leadership Award to Jennifer Crouse at the 2005 Kent County 4-H Achievement Banquet held on October 23, 2005.

An article in the Delmarva Farmer December 2005 recognizes Jennifer and her outstanding leadership accomplishments. Congratulations Jennifer.



## Clark's Corner 4-H Awards Night

Was held on December 8, 2005. On display were samples of the 4-H work completed. Pins and the placement of seals on the club charter were awarded.

## Delaware 4-H Staff Earn National Honors

Joy G. Sparks, T. Harold "Ted" Palmer, Jr. and C. Douglas Crouse received recognition in Seattle at a meeting of the National Association of 4-H Extension Agents. Joy received the "25 Years of Service Award" for outstanding achievement. Ted received the "Meritorious Service Award" for his achievements as the 4-H volunteer development coordinator in Sussex County. Doug received the "Achievement in Service Award" for his work as 4-H youth development educator in Kent County.

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## Presentations

Ron Jester testified before a NIOSH committee relative to the National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA) on December 5, 2005 in Washington, D.C.

Doug Crouse, Heather Gooden and Katie Daly have been accepted to do a workshop 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).

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## Grants

Military 4-H Grant approved and sent to USDA budget office for approval and release of funds.

Kent County 4-H named one of the 25 winners in the national "4-H Afterschool Opens Doors" program.

Rural Youth Development Program, "Engaging Youth Serving Community" selected as grant recipient and sent to USDA for review.

Three grants from Northeast Center for Risk Management Education were awarded to: Carl German- "The Development of a Grain Marketing Decision Aid" \$25,000. Gordon Johnson-"An Entrepreneur's Guide to Starting a New Agricultural Enterprise- Managing Risk" \$36,632. Laurie Wolinski-"2006 Regional Women in Agricultural Conference" \$29,025.

Delaware 4-H awarded Bosnia Grant for \$75,000.

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## Director's Journal

October 2, Coast Day

October 3, 4-H Hall of Fame, National 4-H Center

October 4, 3 College Committee on Coastal Communities (meets every 2 weeks)

October 5, 4-H Military Hero Packs event, Paradee Center

October 10, Luncheon Meeting with Senator Margaret Rose Henry

October 10, New Castle County Farm Bureau Banquet

October 11, Presented dramatic portrayal of Annie Sullivan, FCE Meeting

October 13, New Castle County Achievement Banquet

October 14, CANR Advisory Council

October 18, Meeting with Extension Specialist, Allen Lab

October 20, Eastside Charter 4-H Afterschool program celebration

October 21, Friends of Ag Breakfast

October 23, Kent County 4-H Achievement Awards Dinner

October 25-26, Extension Annual Conference, Rehoboth Beach

October 27, Council on Farm Organization

October 28, International Pea Improvement Association

October 28, Delaware Invasive Species Conference

October 31- November 3, NAE4-HA Conference in Seattle, WA

November 7, Kent County Advisory Council

November 10, Sea Grant Council Meeting

November 11, Ratledge Award Presentations

November 13-15, NASULGC Conference Washington, DC

November 17, CMS Dean's Search Committee

November 18, Friends of Ag Breakfast  
November 19, Keynote Speaker, MD 4-H Volunteer Leadership Forum  
November 21, Presentation to Life Mentor Group  
November 28-30, 4-H National Congress Board of Directors Meeting, Atlanta  
November 30, Delaware Farm Bureau Annual Banquet, Felton  
December 2, Delaware State Grange Annual State Session Banquet  
December 5, ESP Winter Meeting and workshop on Grant-writing  
December 7, Eastern Shore Farmer of the Year Awards Dinner  
December 7, Meeting with Gary Simpson  
December 8, CANR Fall Faculty meeting  
December 8, Life Mentor Celebration  
December 19, Meeting with Michael Scuse  
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

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## Looking Ahead

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Women in Agriculture Conference  
February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Dover Sheraton, Dover DE

With 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)



