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Center for Dairy Excellence Honored by Lancaster Business Executives Chapter

Harrisburg – The Center for Dairy Excellence was recently recognized by the Lancaster chapter of the Service Core of Retired Executives, or SCORE, for helping dairy farm families apply effective business practices to operate more sustainable businesses.

The center was one of five groups honored by SCORE, an organization comprised of volunteers who serve as “counselors to America’s small business.”

“Our partnership with SCORE has enabled the center to bring an entirely new level of business aptitude to farms participating in the center’s on-farm dairy resource team programs like Dairy Profit Teams,” said John Frey, executive director of the Center for Dairy Excellence. “We are pleased that SCORE also sees the relationship as positive and rewarding.”

The center’s on-farm resource team program uses the team approach to help producers make better business decisions or to troubleshoot problem areas that may lead to greater profitability and enhanced performance.

Producers can choose from three team options – dairy profit teams, target profit teams or succession planning teams. Team members can include veterinarians, nutritionists, financial lenders and attorneys -- among others -- depending on each farm’s needs.

More than 100 people, including state representatives, mayors and representatives from many Lancaster organizations devoted to promoting economic development in Lancaster, attended the awards ceremony.

To learn more about the program or for more information about the Center for Dairy Excellence, visit www.centerfordairyexcellence.org.

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The Center for Dairy Excellence is a non-profit organization initiated by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in 2004. Bringing together people from more than 40 different dairy organizations in Pennsylvania, the center’s mission is to enhance the profitability of the dairy industry by empowering people, creating partnerships, and increasing the availability and use of resources. Learn more about the center at www.centerfordairyexcellence.org.