

## **DINA ZUG RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE TO GRANGE, AGRICULTURE**

In one of his final acts as Pennsylvania State Grange Master, Wayne Campbell recognized Dina Zug for her years of dedication to the Grange and farming community.

Surrounded by friends and family members, Zug was named the 2022 Pennsylvania Granger of the Year during the All-Granger banquet at the recent 150th Annual Pennsylvania State Grange Session in York.

“My mom joined Walker Grange in the little town of Mexico, and she was an active member,” said Zug in an interview. “As children, we went to meetings with her, participated in activities, and volunteered. In those days, activities were few, and Grange was the center of things in our community.”

Zug’s lifetime of dedication to the organization is evident, serving as a Pennsylvania State Grange Junior committee member, as Pennsylvania State Grange youth director, as a delegate to the Pennsylvania State Grange Session, and as a past secretary of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

“One thing I am especially proud of is that Dina represents the Pennsylvania State Grange on the Dairy Future Commission and is Chair of the Market Level sub-committee,” said Campbell during the award presentation.

Over the years, Dina’s commitment to agriculture has included the Juniata County Dairy Promotion Board, Juniata County Cooperative Extension Service, American Dairy Association and Dairy Council, Land O’ Lakes Cooperative, where she serves as a Regional Delegate to the annual convention, time as a Juniata County 4H leader, and founder of the Juniata County 4H Dairy Feeder Club.

Dairy farming has always been a part of Dina’s life. The Juniata County farm her father purchased in 1958 is still part of their family operation, although it has grown in size and scale since then. Today, Zugstead Farm continues as a family business, with Dina and her husband Art’s two sons managing the day-to-day activities. Zug said she is the farm’s secretary and handles the bookkeeping. She points out that the farm’s business structure will ease the farm transfer to the next generation.

After years of service and dedication to Grange and agriculture, Zug remains humble when speaking about the recent statewide recognition, the highest honor presented by the Pennsylvania State Grange.

“I remember looking out at the audience from the podium and thinking there were so many sitting here that are so deserving of this award,” said Zug as she reflected on the special moment.