

PACE family named Farmer of the Year 2005

The Paul T. Case family, of north Shelby County, was chosen the 2005 Shelby County Farmer of the Year by the Shelby County Kiwanis Club!



Left to right: Katie Case, Agriculture Extension Agent Brittany Edelson, Kesler Case, Amanda Case, David and Sheila Case, Paul T. Case, Paul A. Case, Kiwanis President Ferenc Vegh, Rebecca Case, Vickie Case, and Willie Case. David, Paul A., and the late Thomas Kesler are sons of Paul T. and the late Joyce Case. Katie, Kesler, and Amanda are children of David and Sheila. Rebecca and Willie are children of Paul A. and Vickie. Photo: Walt Reichert, *Sentinel-News*

At the annual Farm-City Banquet, held on November 22, 2005, the Paul Case family was named as the Shelby County Farmer of the Year. The Shelby County Kiwanis Club presented a plaque to the Case family in the presence of Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher.

Shelby County Extension Agent Brittany Edelson said of the award: "Each year, we try to recognize a Farmer of the Year who has shown exemplary skills in agricultural production. Shelby County is blessed with several and this year, we want to recognize one that many people are familiar with but because they are a family farm may not be seen by the majority. This farm was established in 1961 with the purchase of 93 acres and was centered around a stanchion dairy. Today, they maintain tradition by milking 40 dairy cows, but have diversified into raising over 90,000 pounds of tobacco, several acres of hay, and grain crops. The family includes the father, three sons, a daughter, two daughter-in-laws, and five grandchildren. Together, they make farming a way of life and inspire those who had given up on the ideal of a family farm."

The Case family has over half of its farmland in the PACE (Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements) program. They are happy with the PACE program and have an application pending to PACE for additional acres.

The PACE program is strictly a voluntary program in which a willing farmland owner sells a piece of the property rights to a willing buyer, the Kentucky PACE Corporation. Farmland that is in the PACE program has a recorded easement on it so that houses cannot be built on it. The owners of the farmland are paid for the easement by the PACE Corporation. The value of the easement is the difference between the fair market development price of the farmland and the bare farmland price. The farmland owner retains all other property rights on the land and can sell, will, or transfer the land as he/she wishes.

Maintain Our Rural Environment is pleased to highlight the Paul Case family as the 2005 Shelby County Farmer of the Year and commends the members of the Case family for their many contributions to the Shelby County community.