

Registered Holstein Has High 305 Day Record in Red Rose D.H.I.A.

The highest 305 day lactation in the Red Rose dairy herd improvement association was completed by a registered Holstein owned by Ivan G. Martin, R1 Ephrata. She produced 17,256 pounds of milk and 7099 pounds of butterfat.

The second high lactation was completed by a grade Holstein owned by Marvin A. Eshleman, Strasburg. She produced 16,920 pounds of milk and 675 pounds of butterfat.

High herd for the month of November was that of Henry Martin, R1 Ephrata, with an average of 1,330 pounds of milk and 515 pounds of butterfat. Second was Jacob L. Kurtz, R2

Elizabethtown, with an average of 1,269 pounds of milk and 495 pounds of butterfat.

Fobes II, a registered Holstein owned by Harry H. Ranck, R1 Ronks, was the highest butterfat producer. She made 2,331 pounds of milk with 1166 pounds of butterfat. Second was Eldon, another registered Holstein owned by J. Lester Stauffer, R3 Manheim, with a record of 2,595 pounds of milk and 1142 pounds of butterfat.

Here are the November herd averages of 35 or more pounds of butterfat.

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Home Building Down, Million Starts Seen

While the Federal agencies have predicted that total public and private outlays for new construction in 1957 would reach a record \$46,500,000,000, a further decline in new housing starts is expected.

Only about 1,000,000 homes will be started next year, compared with 1,100,000 this year and more than 1,300,000 in 1955. The prospective drop was attributed chiefly to a scarcity of mortgage money.

- Holsteins, 1,269, 49.5
- Bard Kreider, reg. and grade Holsteins, 1,316, 48.5
- Daniel L. Stoltzfus, grade Holsteins, 1,283, 45.0
- J. Harold Balmer, reg. and grade Holsteins, 1,165, 44.9
- Elam B. Baier, grade Holsteins, 1,116, 44.6
- J. Lester Stauffer, reg. Holsteins, 1,236, 43.3
- Amos M. Staltzfus, reg. Holsteins, 1,177, 42.5
- Jacob K. Staltzfus, reg. Holsteins, 1,201, 42.5
- Hiram Bollinger, Jr., reg. and grade Holsteins, 1,049, 42.2
- J. Robert Hess, reg. Holsteins, 942, 42.0
- Raymond F. Witmer, reg. Guernseys, 828, 40.9
- Henry E. Kettering, reg. Holsteins, 1,044, 40.8
- Jesse Osborne and Son, mixed, 604, 40.8
- James G. Kreider, mixed, 1,110, 40.7
- Irvin R. Musser, reg. Holsteins, 1,024, 40.7
- Charles M. Long, reg. and grade Guernseys, 618, 40.6
- Harry H. Ranck, reg. Holsteins, 938, 39.9
- Ernest J. Sauder, reg. Holsteins, 974, 39.5
- Robert C. Groff, reg. Holsteins, 813, 39.5
- Joan E. Kreider, reg. Holsteins, 1,036, 39.4
- Elvin Hess, Sr., reg. Holsteins, 973, 39.3
- Alvin Miller, mixed, 887, 39.1
- John H. Hershey, mixed, 998, 38.9
- Red Rose Farm, reg. Holsteins, 1,063, 38.9
- Paul R. Martin, reg. and grade Holsteins, 994, 38.9
- Albert R. Fry, reg. Holsteins, 978, 38.6
- Harold K. Book, reg. Holsteins, 960, 38.5
- John U. Lapp, reg. Holsteins, 963, 38.4
- J. Richard Keller, reg. and grade Holsteins, 977, 38.2
- John S. Shelly, reg. and grade Holsteins, 946, 37.6
- Gene Witmer, reg. Holsteins, 942, 37.6
- Mervin Nissley, reg. and grade Holsteins, 927, 37.2
- Christian S. Petersheim, reg. Holsteins, 1,011, 37.1
- Ezra M. Martin, reg. Holsteins, 983, 37.1
- Ivan S. Zimmerman, reg. Jerseys, 604, 37.1
- Stephen S. Stoltzfus, reg. Holsteins, 912, 36.9
- Ellis D. Kreider, mixed, 927, 36.7
- Elmer Smoker, reg. Holsteins, 970, 36.6
- John H. Herr, reg. and grade Holsteins, 919, 36.4
- Bruce Hershey, reg. and grade Holsteins, 918, 36.4
- M. M. Wenger, reg. Holsteins, 983, 36.1
- Brinton and Shaub, mixed, 905, 36.1
- Mary B. Stoltzfus, reg. Holsteins, 849, 35.4
- Melvin M. Groff, mixed, 855, 35.4
- C. J. Kurtz, reg. Holsteins, 923, 35.3
- Issac Brubaker, reg. Holsteins, 949, 35.2
- Elmer N. Hershey, reg. Holsteins, 883, 35.1
- Harry G. Kreider, mixed, 850, 35.0
- Melvin H. Ranck, mixed, 925, 35.0

Oak Wilt on Decline over Pennsylvania

HARRISBURG — A satisfactory down-trend in occurrence of oak wilt — a little-known fungus disease that kills practically all oak trees that it attacks — was reported today for Pennsylvania by State Secretary of Agriculture William L. Henning.

Infected oak trees and clumps of trees spotted from the air and eradicated by ground crews this past season total 398 compared with 660 in 1955.

One reason assigned by Secretary Henning to the decline is that the continuing eradication program over past seasons has been successful. Wet weather conditions that prevailed between last June and September could have caused less spread, he pointed out.

Oak wilt has its highest concentration in the south central counties of the State, according to survey reports by the Department's Bureau of Plant Industry. More than 95 per cent of the infection spots have been located in nine counties.

Air survey activity was stepped up this season to 351 airplane flying hours, nearly 100 more than in 1955. Trained observers spotted diseased trees through foliage discoloration. Every county was inspected from the air at least once. Trees in every infection spot were cut down and the stumps treated with chemicals to kill roots. No disease was found east of the Susquehanna River. The spotting and eradication crews totaled 19 men, including students from the Mont Alto campus of the School of Forestry, Pennsylvania State University.

School Aid in Year Billion and a Half

The Federal Government contributed more than \$1,500,000,000 to 181 educational programs in the 1954-55 school year.

The Federal expenditures included aid to local school districts crowded with children because of new Federal activities, veterans' education, school lunches, agricultural extension work and education of Indians.

Accidents First in ...

Death at Age 1 to 35

Accidents now rank first as the cause of death in persons between the ages of one and thirty-five years.

They are fourth as the cause of deaths in all age groups. Accidents in 1955 killed 93,000 persons, 38,000 of whom were killed in automobiles.

of Forestry, Pennsylvania State University.

Huntingdon and Bedford Counties continue to have the largest numbers of oak wilt infection spots, the Department finds. For this year both showed less than half the number reported in 1955. Huntingdon this year had 90 oak wilt spots compared with 197 last year. In Bedford the decline was from 148 in 1955 to 79 this year.

Oak wilt locations in other counties this year, with 1955 totals in parentheses, include: Allegheny 6 (6); Armstrong 7 (4); Beaver 1 (1); Blair 8 (17); Cumberland 4 (6); Clinton 1 (1); Fulton 23 (42); Franklin 74 (127); Indiana 3 (1); Juniata 18 (21); Mifflin 18 (22); Perry 63 (62); Somerset 3 (2).



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