

## Earl Umble Herd Leads Progressive In January Butterfat Production

Twenty-one of the 103 herds tested in the Progressive DHIA in January had averages of over 35 pounds of butterfat. High herd in the month was that of Earl Umble, Atglen.

Umble's Holsteins averaged 43.1 lbs. of butterfat and 1,137 lbs. of milk.

Harold Umble owned the high cow for the month. The grade Holstein produced 2,279 lbs. of milk and 88.9 lbs. of butterfat. There were 29 cows with over 70 pounds of butterfat.

The top ten herds and their averages are: Earl Umble, 1,137 lbs. of milk, 43.1 lbs. butterfat; Charles Brosius, 878 lbs. milk, 42.7 lbs. butterfat; Bechenstrator & Wilson, 1,205 lbs. milk, 41 lbs. butterfat; Ankrum Brothers, 881 lbs. milk, 40.1 lbs. butterfat;

Everett Cowan, 1,030 lbs. milk, 39.5 lbs. butterfat; Stanley Dreider, 954 lbs. milk, 39.4 lbs. butterfat; Horace Walton, 1,039 lbs. milk, 39.3 lbs. butterfat; Harold Umble, 1,024 lbs. milk, 39.2 lbs. butterfat; Willard Moore, 903 lbs. milk, 39.2 lbs. butterfat and Mah-

lon B. Shoemaker, 1,018 lbs. milk, 39.1 lbs. butterfat.

The ten top cows, listed by owner and record are as follows:

Harold Umble, 2,279 lbs. milk, 88.9 lbs. butterfat; Henry Landis, 2,093 lbs. milk, 87.9 lbs. butterfat; Mason Brothers, 1,854 lbs. milk, 83.4 lbs. butterfat; Horace Walton, 1,659 lbs. milk, 81.3 lbs. butterfat; Everett Cowan, 1,621 lbs. milk, 79.4 lbs. butterfat;

Henry Landis, 1,727 lbs. milk, 77.7 lbs. butterfat; Mason Brothers, 2,182 lbs. milk, 76.4 lbs. butterfat; Robert Counts, 2,235 lbs. milk, 76 lbs. butterfat; Harold Umble, 2,000 lbs. milk, 76 lbs. butterfat; Earl Umble, 2,046 lbs. milk, 76 lbs. butterfat.

Testers for the Progressive association are David Sweigart, Robert L. Janney, Harold J. Lindcamp and Robert P. Farmer.

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## H. H. Alp Tells Poultrymen Business Must Work with Agriculture

A unification of effort and more agricultural - business alliances were called for by H. H. Alp, of the American Farm Bureau Federation at the Poultry Booster Banquet at the Hotel Brunswick Wednesday night.

In calling for this action, he pointed out that too often stockholders and laborers points of view are upheld in changes in business, not the consumers. He also said that agricultural policy is too often determined by groups outside the industry.

For example, farmers operating costs are raised by processors demanding new equipment and new processes of marketing. Too often, he said, this leads to a price squeeze that the farmer can not fight.

In giving other solutions to problems facing the farmer today, he offered these suggestions.

one: Changes are needed in the tax schedule, both state and federal, to supply relief to the peculiar needs of agriculture.

two: Farmers must produce more volume at a lower unit cost.

three: New markets in foreign countries must be found and exploited

four: Food sales must be dissociated from promotion of high mark-up non-food items in supermarkets.

five: The national diet must be up-graded.

Alp said that with the increase in the average farm size in the country from 146.2 acres in 1900 to today's average of 242.2 acres, the farmer has become more vulnerable to what happens in marketing and distributing his products.

At the same time, he said, the farm has become more "citized." The standard of living has risen on the farm to the state that the farmer now is a city man who lives and works in the country. This combined with an average investment on the farm of some \$88,000 means that the farmer is much more vulnerable to price and cost variations than ever before.

In speaking of the family farm and its preservation, Alp predicted that the family farm of the future will be a family operated farm, but not necessarily family owned or family sized farm.

However, he said, the figures show that while the number of farms have fallen, the number of acres has remained about the same with one man now operating about twice as much land as before.

In summing up the family farm situation, he said that the family farmer in the future will be an individual operating a large family farm with enough I.Q. to hold his own in a complicated marketing situation, or he will be a glorified hired hand for large corporations or large government.

On improving the national diet, he said that 40 per cent of the population of the United States does not eat breakfast. If these people could be persuaded to eat breakfast, he said, it would mean that egg production would go up 71 per cent, bacon production would rise 173 per cent from last year and there would be a market for 28 per cent more fluid milk.

Harold P. Klahold, president of the Northeast Poultry Producers Council, blasted integrated poultry production in a brief address. He said that integration is a new "gimmie" by feed manufacturers to sell more feed.

A total of 159 people attended the \$100-a-plate dinner.

## Wednesday Chicago Grain Markets

March futures:

Corn—\$1.29½, down ¼  
Oats—\$.75½, up ¼  
Wheat—\$2.33¾, down ½  
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## Federation Asks That May 4-11 Be Broiler Week

HARRISBURG, Pa. — At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation held February 20, Homer J. Bickler, president, report that directors of the Federation have requested the State Department of Agriculture to set aside the week of May 4 to May 11 as Pennsylvania Broiler Week. The highlight of the Pennsylvania Broiler Week will be the Chicken-of-Tomorrow State finals and auction sales to be held May 7 and 8 respectively.

One of the other highlights of the board meeting was passing of a resolution asking the federal government to discontinue FHA funds for poultry expansion and also to discontinue the federal egg surplus purchasing program. Copies of this resolution will be sent to the Northeastern Poultry Producers Council, Trenton, N. J., and to the United States Secretary of Agriculture.

The directors also went on record favoring the proposed Pennsylvania Egg Grading legislation which will be presented to the current Pennsylvania legislature.

Bickler also reports that the Board of Directors are 100 per cent in support of the Federal Compulsory Poultry Inspection bill, which the regional organization — Neppco — is supporting in Congress.



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