

Willow Street Farmer Re-elected Director of Eastern States

WEST SPRINGFIELD, Mass. Feb. 28 — B. Snavely Garber, Willow Street, general farmer, was re-elected a member of the Eastern States Farmers' Exchange board of directors today. Garber has been a member of Eastern States since 1937 and currently a member of the executive committee.

Garber was elected by the members — about 1,200 in number — attending the 40th annual meeting of the cooperative, here.

Officers re-elected are: President, Mark M. Witmer, Dalmatia, Pa.; first vice president, Jonathan Davis, Sterling Junction, Mass.; second vice president, Merrill K. Zimmerman, Norris town, Pa.; clerk and general manager, W. D. Milsop, assistant

general manager, William H. Prigmore, treasurer, Mildred E. Pike, Julian B. Thayer, Rockfall, Conn., was re-elected chairman of the executive committee.

Highlights of the report of the general manager, W. D. Milsop, included:

In 40 years the accumulated savings of Eastern States have amounted to \$57,326,000. Of this \$28,147,800 has been returned through the years as patronage refunds. The remainder has been retained by the cooperative as permanent capital.

Patrons' purchases in 1957 totaled \$83,400,000. Savings over costs during 1957 were \$3,261,528. By action of the board of directors, \$2,261,528 of this will be returned to members as patronage refund and the remaining \$1,000,000 will be retained for capital needs. The largest single capital expenditure for 1958 will be the new Eastern States fertilizer plant being built at Detroit, Maine.

Milsop reported an expansion in the research program conducted by Eastern States, which is beamed directly at producing farm supplies with greater value-in-use. An example of this is the development of E. S. Brachytic 602, a short-stalk corn which has less stalk rot and lodging than normal corn varieties, and often superior production.



HOLSTEIN SIRE PURCHASING committee chairman Earl L. Groff, Strasburg, looks over Langdonhurst Ormsby Burke Lad, a gold medal sire recently purchased by the SPABC from Great Brook Farms, Carlisle, Mass. Serving on the committee with Groff were Elvin Hess Sr., Strasburg, and Ivo V. Otto, Carlisle.

At the Eastern States Feed Research Center, at Ellington, Conn., 237 experimental feed formulas were studied. Some of these were concerned with the fat-protein ratios and nutrient requirements of high-fat rations. A new broiler feed program was developed that will produce larger birds with less feed required per pound of chicken than has any past Eastern States feeding program.

Milsop also reported the success of Lacto-Life and Silmo Vitamin D in the prevention of milk fever and ketosis.

The agricultural chemicals formulations now number 106 and during 1957 Eastern States produced an additional 69 special dust mixes upon member request.

All costs of all research done by Eastern States in its members behalf cost an average of sixty cents for each \$100 worth of supplies that members purchased.



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Holstein Assn. Reports HIR Herd Averages

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. — The Holstein Friesian Assn. of America reports the completion of new lactation averages by the registered Holstein herds of several area dairymen.

They are:
Paul H. Eby, Cochranville, 24 cows, average 13,300 pounds milk, 491 pounds butterfat; J. C. & Jay Garber, Lancaster, 23 cows, 11,949 pounds milk, 455 pounds butterfat.

Harvey Rettew, Manheim, eight cows, 13,451 pounds milk, 514 pounds butterfat; Earl L. Umble Atglen, 18 cows, 12,665 pounds butterfat; and John M. Umble Atglen, 28 cows, 12,963 pounds milk, 477 pounds butterfat.

Lactation averages are calculated on the two-milkings a day, mature equivalent basis commonly employed to provide a uniform basis for comparisons and selections in registered Holstein breeding programs.

The Pennsylvania State University supervised the weighing and testing of production as part of the Herd Improvement Registry of the national Holstein organization.

There are now more than 2,200 participating herds in the HIR programs.

Pennsylvania Leads Nation In New Holsteins

Pennsylvania leads the nation in the number of new Holstein herds, the breed association reports.

During the year just ended, 2,360 new herds were established in the Keystone state. Close behind were New York with 2,203 and Wisconsin with 1,994.

Nearly 20,000 new herds were started in 1957. Seed stock was officially transferred to 19,369 new buyers, that is, dairymen who had never before owned a registered Holstein.

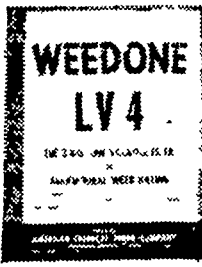
Prominent on the list were Ohio with 1,528, Michigan with 1,270 and Illinois with 1,171 new breeders.

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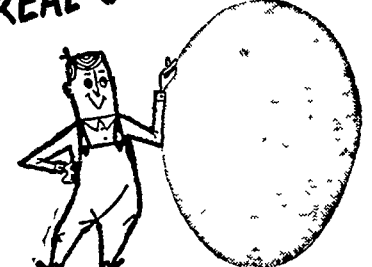
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ent operations.

8. Determine maximum purchase price per acre. Add mortgage interest rate plus another percentage for risk and divide into annual rent (five per cent plus 1 per cent, or 6 per cent, divided into \$24.66). The answer is \$411. Although the average price of the farm, in this case is \$225 the operator could afford to spend as much as \$411 for an additional tillable acre.

A less efficient farmer would not be able to pay \$411. If, for example, he had only a \$13.50 rate instead of \$24.66, he could not spend more than \$225 per acre (\$13.50 divided by 6 per cent).

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