

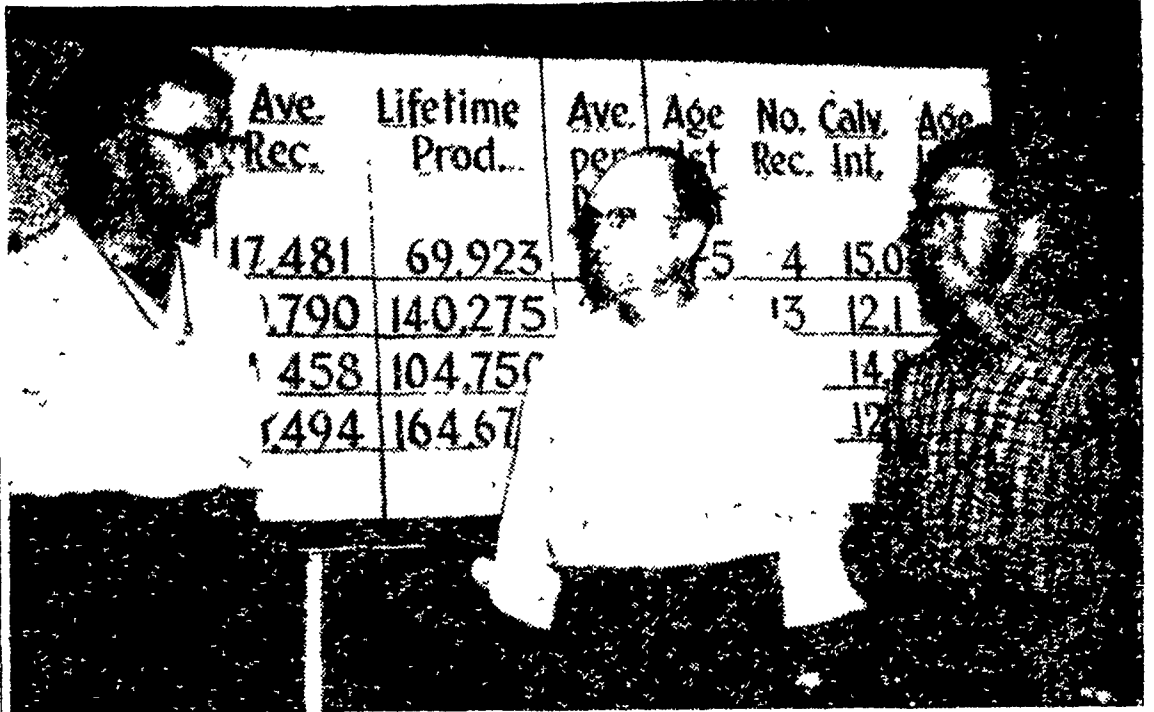
Milk Records
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"If the cow goes out of the herd soon after that, she just does not have time to be a real money maker, even though she might have been a real pail filler while she did milk."

The Penn State specialist advised dairymen to look for longevity, early freshening and regular calving intervals as well as high production records when selecting foundation cow families. In the judging contest, only two men in the group

had cards for both classes exactly like judge Shaffer Albert Frey, Manheim R2, and Lloyd E. Miller, Elizabethtown R3, both breeders of Holsteins, placed the Ayrshires and Holsteins in the same positions as the official judge Frey, in winning, repeated his performance of last year.

Many of the contestants had one or the other of the classes perfect, but most of the group disagreed somewhere along the line. Both winning judges were awarded show halters for their performance.



MARVEY SHAFFER, EXTENSION DAIRY SPECIALIST from the Pennsylvania State University, left, congratulates the only two persons to have perfect scores in the judging contest at the twilight meeting at the Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeding Cooperative this week. Standing with Shaffer in front of the chart he used to show how misleading lactation records can be are Albert Frey, Manheim R2 and Lloyd E. Miller, Elizabethtown R3. Approximately 580 dairymen and their families attended the outdoor event. L. F. Photo

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It appears we are on the same old merry-go-round we stepped on last year when some of us who played it straight stepped off to get our faces full of dirt.

Tobacco companies last year cautioned against the use of chemical growth inhibitors at the risk of severe price penalties for treated tobacco.

Many conscientious tobacco-farmers took the companies at their word and went through the age-old chore of hand suckering, while some of their adventuresome neighbors risked price cuts for the convenience of chemical suckering.

When the buyers hit the sheds last

fall, most of the tobacco was sold before the conscientious farmers had time to say, "But I suckered mine by hand."

What happened to the promised differential in price? Several farmers reported that the buyer did not even ask how the suckers were removed from the crop.

While the buying companies insist that they will not knowingly buy treated tobacco, they readily admit that treated tobacco, in many instances, does not show adverse physical effects that can be detected on the auction floor.

Tobacco bought on the auction floor is one thing, but the Lancaster county tobacco market is another.

In many cases the buyers were on the farms during the growing season, and still no premium was paid for the hand suckered crop.

If the tobacco companies intend to discriminate against the chemically treated tobacco, they made a poor start last season. There will be many more farmers willing to test them out again this year.

At least that's how it looks from where we stand.

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Various statements have been circulated giving a misleading impression of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's attitude on MH-30. Actually, the Department has refused to prejudge this chemical. It is engaged in careful, scientific review of MH-30. This will require many months.

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