

DHIA Records Summary Show Improvements

Eighty-seven dairy herds in Lancaster County had butterfat averages of over 500 lbs. last year, according to Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement records.

The number is up from 51 herds with over 500 pound averages during the previous testing year.

Unofficial results of the testing year show the county with a 442 pound butterfat record for all the cows in the association. The herds made the average in 11,024 pounds of milk with a 4.01 per cent test.

The state average for the testing year was 11,183 lbs. of milk with a 3.92 per cent test and an average of 438 pounds of butterfat.

The herd of Raymond and Louise Witmer, Willow Street R1, finished the testing year with an average of 621 pounds of butterfat for each of the 47 cows.

Complete results will be an-



OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARMER, reads the certificate won by Kenneth Murphy, Quarryville R3, left, president of the Solanco Chapter YFA. James Fink, state advisor of YFA, center, made the presentation while William Fredd, advisor of the Solanco Chapter at Quarryville looks on at right. L. F. Photo.

County Young Farmer Elected Region II Vice President

announced and awards presented to outstanding herds during the annual banquet of the association on January 15.

Vincent Becker, Lititz R3, was elected vice president for region II by the Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association at the group's annual convention Wednesday at the Pennsylvania State University.

Becker, a member of the Manheim Young Farmers chapter, served the organization as secretary last year.

Eugene Thompson, Marion Center, last year's public relations director for the state association was named president by the delegates.

John Fleming, Elderton, was elected secretary, and treasurer is Willis Kittle. Troy Joseph Hassinger, McClure is the public relations officer.

Other regional vice presidents are as follows: Region I Robert Thompson, Towanda; Region III Donald Mincemover, Mifflinburg; Region IV Wayne Freeman, Greenpark; Region V Robert Stohl, Somerset; VI, Don Bleahnev, Elderton.



ONE OF THE EIGHT OUTSTANDING Young Farmer certificates awarded by the Pennsylvania State Association of YFA was won on Wednesday by Peter Hernley, Manheim R4, left, shown here accepting the award from James Fink, state advisor. Looking on, right, is Joseph McGahen, advisor of the Manheim Chapter YFA and teacher of vocational Agriculture in the Manheim Central High School. L. F. Photo.

County Egg Processors Begin In-Plant Washing

Ed. Note: This is the first of a series of two articles on in-plant egg washing. The second article will be printed next week.

What is in-plant egg washing? What are the advantages and disadvantages? What does it mean to the producer, the consumer and the processor of the eggs?

These are some of the questions which have been floating around the county since the word got out that at least two processors in the county and one cooperative, which takes many county eggs, are planning to install washing machinery in the near future.

We set out to find out what the process involves and what it would mean to all parties concerned. We came up with some answers and a great many more questions.

First of all, the plants with definite commitments for egg washing machinery are Hess Brothers of Ephrata and the Producers Cooperative Exchange in Coatesville. The

Hess Brothers organization hopes to have their equipment delivered early next week with immediate installation to follow. Producers Cooperative is looking for delivery of new flash candling, grading and packaging machinery to be installed during the first week of January. This equipment will include washing machinery.

The firm of Raymond Sander, Lititz is in the process of expanding facilities. An addition to the existing egg handling building is under construction, but no deadline has been set for installation of the equipment. This new equipment will also include washing machinery.

The Victor Weaver firm at New Holland, probably the largest processor in the county, is taking a somewhat more cautious attitude.

"We are waiting to see if the thing proves successful. There are some definite disadvantages, we believe, but if

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Quarryville Dairyman Is Named Regional Top Young Farmer

University Park — A Lancaster County dairy farmer was named outstanding Young Farmer of Region II Wednesday at the state convention of Young Farmers Association.



Harry L. Troop

Harry L. Troop, Quarryville R3, was presented the award by James Fink, state supervisor of vocational agriculture education and advisor of the state YFA.

Certificates of excellence were presented to two other Outstanding Young Farmers in the county. They were Peter Hernley of the Manheim Chapter and Kenneth Murphy of the Solanco Chapter. Troop, a 32-year old Holstein breeder received the county Soil Conservation District award last spring as the

outstanding associate director.

The former Marine entered the Young Farmers Association through the GI Bill classes in vocational agriculture at Lampeter-Strasburg High School.

Troop is the second consecutive Southeastern regional winner from the chapter. Last year state president Alfred Overly, Quarryville R2 won the award.

The state Outstanding Young Farmer John Dietrich, Mifflinburg, Union County, who won out over five other regional winners.

Principal speaker at the convention Dr. Murray McMunick, United States Steel Corporation, told the more than 200 Young Farmers that designs now being tested will

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Farm Calendar

- Dec. 4 — 7 15 p.m. — Garden Spot Young Farmer class at the New Holland High School Panning the farmstead.
- 8 p.m. — Dairy meeting at the Poultry Center, sponsored by the county extension association. Subject is test variations in milk.
- Dec. 5 — 4 30 p.m. — County Teachers of Vocational Agriculture to hold regular monthly meeting at the Ephrata H.S.
- Dec. 8 — 2 to 5 p.m. — Chicken barbecue at the Poultry Center, sponsored by the Lancaster County Poultry Association. Take outs only.
- Dec. 10 to 14 — State extension service annual conference at the Pennsylvania State University.

DHIA Banquet Date Is Set

The annual meeting and banquet of the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association has been scheduled for January 15 at noon, it was announced at the regular meeting of the association directors Monday night.

Following the good turnout at last year's meeting, which was held at noon, the committee felt it might be more convenient to a greater number of dairymen to attend a meeting in the middle of the day.

Speaker for the program to be held in the basement room of the Host Motel at Lititz Pike and Keller Ave. Lancaster, will be the Rev. James Singer of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Bloomsburg. The Reverend Mr. Singer is a

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Dairy Meeting Next Week On Test Variations

What causes the difference in butterfat tests at the farm and the milk receiving plant will be discussed at a special meeting being sponsored by the Lancaster County Extension Service next week.

The meeting scheduled to get underway at 8 p.m. December 4 at the Lancaster Poultry Center, Roseville Road and 230 Bypass will have as featured speaker Dr. Richard Adams, dairy feeding specialist from the Pennsylvania State University.

Dr. Adams will discuss fat test variations between the milk receiving plants and the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association results and the possible connection

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FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average nine or more degrees above the normal range of 39 at night to 47 in the afternoon. Little day to day temperature variations are expected. Precipitation during the period is likely to be less than a tenth of an inch occurring as scattered showers towards the end of the period.