

John E. Esh Herd Tops DHIA For Second Consecutive Month

The herd of John E. Esh, 25,590 pounds of milk with a 3.3 test. Gordonville R1, had the high monthly butterfat average for January in the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

The 25 registered Holstein cows made an average of 70 pounds of butterfat in 1,898 pounds of milk with a 3.7 per cent test.

Second high average was made by the 24 registered and grade Holstein cows in the herd of Ivan G. Martin, Ephrata R1. This herd averaged 68 pounds of butterfat in 1,717 pounds of milk with a 3.9 per cent test.

The high 305 day lactation completed during the month was made by Alma, a registered Holstein in the herd of Clarence Stauffer, Ephrata R1. The five year old cow produced 857 pounds of butterfat in years following graduation.

Second high lactation was produced by a three year old registered Holstein in the herd of Henry Kettering, Lititz R3. Her record was 807 pounds of butterfat in 17,653 pounds of milk with a 4.6 per cent test.

Eight other cows in the association made more than 750 pounds of butterfat during the lactations ending in January. Fourteen other herds had averages of over 60 pounds during the month.

A basic requirement for membership in the Future Farmers of America is that a boy must be a student of vocational agriculture in high school, although he may remain has membership for three years following graduation.

N. Holland YFA Holds Banquet

Past President, Carl Weaver, acted as toastmaster for the Second Annual Awards Banquet of the Garden Spot Young Farmer Association, which was held recently at the Garden Spot High School, New Holland.

Earl S. Fisher, RD1, East Earl, was presented the Outstanding Young Farmer Award for Region II of Pennsylvania, by Paul Kline, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Young Farmer Association.

The Chapter Charter was formally presented to the president of the local organization, Carl Weaver, by Mr. Paul Kline for the State Young Farmer Association.

The annual banquet is basically an awards program sponsored by Mr. A. B. C. Groff, local farm implement dealer,

and Mr. Earl Sauder, local feed dealer.

Charles Martin, RD2, Parkersburg, was the top winner of the Corn Growing Contest with a yield of 146 bu. of 15.5% moisture shelled corn per acre. Second place went to Abram Zeiset, RD1, East Earl, with a yield of 142 bushels of shelled corn per acre.

Earl R. Martin, RD1, East Earl, received a trophy for being the high Dairy Herd Improvement Association member during the last year. A plaque was presented to Melvin Brendle, RD1, East Earl, for having attended the most meetings of the educational series.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to Mr. Ivan Witwer, president of the Eastern Lancaster County Joint School Board, Mr. Robert P. Simon, Supervising Principal of the Eastern Lancaster County Joint School System; Mr.

Kenneth Herr, Industrial Arts Teacher of Garden Spot High School, Mr. Earl Groff, District Field Man of Eastern States Cooperative; Mr. Eugene Paules, Field Man of Southeastern Artificial Breeding Corporation; and Mr. George A. Weaver, Realtor, New Holland.

USDA Buys Meats For Lunch Program

"All beef and other meats bought by the U. S. Department of Agriculture are produced in the United States," Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman said today.

Secretary Freeman said he made this statement to end what he called rumors that the Agriculture Department is buying imported meats for school lunch and other food distribution programs.

"All contracts require that meat bought by the U. S. Department of Agriculture must be produced in the United States, in plants under surveillance of USDA's Meat Inspection Service, to make certain the meat is of U. S. origin and meets rigid requirements of quality, content, and wholesomeness," Secretary Freeman said.

"A further safeguard against purchase of imported meats by USDA is that the Federal Meat Inspection Service makes sure the origin of imported meat is clearly marked, at all ports of entry."

Thus far in the current school year, USDA has bought 34 million pounds of frozen ground beef and 24 million pounds of canned pork which have been distributed to schools.

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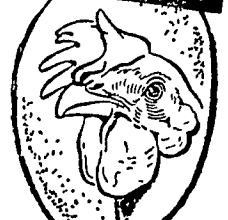
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