

Area Holsteins Set New Production Levels

New, officially recognized milk and butterfat production levels by registered Holstein cows in this area are listed in a special report from Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

Vicinity cow included in the report are:

Herlandia Cleo Tess Ivanhoe, a 3-year-old, produced 16,765 lbs. of milk and 716 lbs. of butterfat in 326 days; Strickst Hays Fobes Sally, a 4-year-old, had 16,356 lbs. of milk and 702 lbs. of butterfat in 315 days; Herlandia Gem Marge Sovern, a 10-year-

old, had 16,100 lbs. of milk and 628 lbs. of butterfat in 321 days. All are owned by Hiram S. Aungst, Elizabethtown.

El-Lyndo Joey Woodmaster, a 6-year-old owned by Elam Bollinger, Manheim, produced 17,690 lbs. of milk and 646 lbs. of butterfat in 312 days.

Bruk Vil Becky Della Regal, a 5-year-old owned by Isaac M. Brubaker, Lititz, produced 16,600 lbs. of milk and 653 lbs. of butterfat in 318 days.

Spring Lawn Ivanhoe Beauty, a 3-year-old owned by Jay C. Garber, Lancaster, produced 14,680 lbs. of milk and 555 lbs. of butterfat in 305 days.

Rocksbrae Benney Lyn, a 7-

year-old, produced 19,467 lbs. of milk and 869 lbs. of butterfat in 305 days; Whirlhill Sam Stella, a 4-year-old, had 17,016 lbs. of milk and 640 lbs. of butterfat in 346 days. Both are owned by Donald L. Hershey, Manheim.

Rollingstead Deen Jess Evelyn, a 5-year-old, produced 22,292 lbs. of milk and 836 lbs. of butterfat in 365 days; Northmount Beth, a 5-year-old, had 18,256 lbs. of milk and 672 lbs. of butterfat in 359 days. Both are owned by Titus M. Hurst, Lititz.

Locustcroft Osborndale Marion, a 4-year-old, produced 18,660 lbs. of milk and 867 lbs. of butterfat in 337 days; Andean RbJane, a 10-year-old, had 20,410 lbs. of milk and 832 lbs. of butterfat in 305 days. Both are owned by Heman E. Kettering, Lititz.

Trout Spring Segis Flashy, a 7-year-old owned by John E. Krieger Lancaster, produced 15,580 lbs. of milk and 709 lbs. of butterfat in 305 days.

Fultonway Ivanhoe Kathy, a 4-year-old owned by Melvin G. Peifer, Lancaster, produced 25,968 lbs. of milk and 852 lbs. of butterfat in 365 days.

Baer's Almanac Predicts Cold And Wet Winter

Baer's Agricultural Almanac, published for its 141st year at Lancaster, Pa., predicts a winter similar to the rough one of 1958-59, because of the influence of the planets Saturn and Jupiter.

Man's latest conquests of space have nothing to do with the chilling forecast of this down-to-earth prognosticator of the Pennsylvania Dutch.

This gloomy outlook is based on an ancient computation which says each of seven planets rules the weather in turn.

This is a saturnine year—cold and wet Saturn rules 1965 Jupiter rules 1966, and he gets off to a late start, since Saturn, "with his tedious winter and excessive cold, will still hold on until the spring."

Go easy on your personal anti-freeze, the publishers advise, but hold your snow plow on the ready January and February loom as snowier than usual, so if you're planning a vacation in warmer climes, that's the time.

Baer's Almanac is not all nuggets of negativity. It says 1966 will bring the two-thirds mark of the century—exactly at 4 a.m. on Sept. 1. It will bring a June date written completely in sixes, a once-in-a-century item: 6-6-66.

As for the year 1966 in general, the Almanac says it shapes up as a wet one, meaning good news for the drought-struck Northeast.

The 1966 edition is decorated with wood engravings of charming vintage, some real American primitives—William Penn signing a treaty with the Indians, boys skating in 1793; a lion and a lamb for March, hex marks, birds and stagecoaches.

Martha Washington's recipe for her "great cake" is featured. To start it, break 40 eggs. Other recipes are for parsnip wine, Swedish rye bread and a combination

called Sausages and Peppers, from author Richard Gehman.

Another author new to the Almanac, named William Shakespeare, is quoted at length in an article which shows he would have made a good almanac editor. It is written by John Cavanaugh, curator of astronomy at North Museum, Franklin and Marshall College.

Other gems include a tale about the 150th anniversary of 1816, the "year without a summer"; data on Phases of the Moon, tips on keeping cows happy and curing toothaches by use of roasted onions, and a calendar that tells when fish bite best.

The Almanac says, through its sage Abner Americanus: "Don't plant corn and expect to harvest cornucopias; don't plant sand and expect to reap sandwiches."

It also suggests: "Don't ridicule a man whose life's askew; There but for the grace of God go you."

Baer's Almanac is published by John Baer's Sons, send it anywhere in the world for 35 cents a copy postpaid.

3 Pa. County Agents Honored At National Agr. Agent Convention

Three Pennsylvania county agricultural agents were among 110 agents from the United States who received Distinguished Service Awards this week during a special banquet at the annual meeting of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents in the Pittsburgh Hilton.

Honored were John D. Gapen, Greene county, George L. Settlemyer, Juniata county, and Philip L. Sellers, Allegheny county.

Gapen, a county agent for 18 years, has advocated strong livestock and marketing programs. He was instrumental in organizing cooperative lamb pools in Greene county in 1956 which serves as a market for area sheepmen as well as improving the quality of lambs produced.

Since 1955, Gapen has carried out an extensive rural areas development program. He has conducted a number of meetings on land-use planning and was one of the state's leaders in organizing the "Pennsylvania Growth" county economic studies in 1961.

Settlemyer, a county agent for 18 years, has always emphasized the need for accurate dairy records. When he became Juniata county agent in 1951, there were 44 Dairy Herd Improvement Association members and 678 cows on test. In 1964, there were 61 members and 1493 cows on test, an increase of 120 percent in cattle numbers. These cows in 1964 produced 493 lbs. of butterfat, second highest in the state.

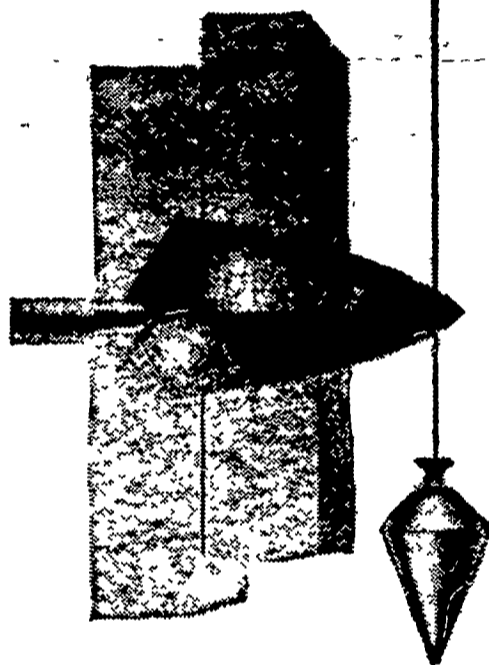
He initiated a forage insect spray program for spittlebug control in 1955 which now includes the use of chemicals to help protect the county's 8600 acres of alfalfa from alfalfa weevil.

Sellers, a county agent for 19 years has developed and promoted Extension educational programs for urban and farm people through close contact and good public re-

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Christmas Tree Center To Be Established By Industry At Penn State

The Christmas tree industry is establishing a national archive and information center at The Pennsylvania State University. The facility is believed to be the first of its type to be established by an American industry.

Complete volumes of all national, regional, and state periodicals, journals, and bulletins published by Christmas tree growers' organizations will be collected and shelved at the University. The collection will contain books pertaining to Christmas tree production, marketing and utilization.

Materials will presently be housed in the School of Forest Resources building. The address is National Christmas Tree Library, 110 Forestry Building, University Park, Pa., 16802.

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