

# Atlantic Breeders Holds Two Meetings

The Atlantic Breeders Cooperative held two annual meetings in Lancaster County last week.

An estimated 300 dairymen and guests attended the Northern Lancaster County meeting at the Blue Ball Fire Hall Thursday night and about 200 attended the Southern Lancaster County meeting at the Quarryville United Methodist Church Friday night.

A total of 19 awards were presented to outstanding dairymen. The awards, Certificates of Merit for Superior Production, were given by Atlantic for high 1970 DHIA herd averages and large herd percentage sired by Atlantic.

Merits to 10 Northern dairymen were as follows. J Eby Hershey, Paul B. Zimmerman, Amos and Eleanor Hershey, John S. Yost, Albert E. Fry, Donald S. Eby, David L. Landis, Robert F. and Joan B. Book, Nelson E. Martin and Henry E. Kettering.

Merits to nine Southern Lancaster County dairymen were: Fred Crider, Robert W. Ulrich and Son, Henry B. Leaman, Parke H. Ranck, J Mowery Frey Jr., John C Metzler, Christian K. Lapp, Harry G. Kreider, and Curtis E. Akers.

Harry Roth, management representative from Lancaster headquarters, spoke at both meetings on "Atlantic View-points".

Harry G. Kreider, Quarryville, spoke at the Southern meeting and Clyde W. Martin, East Earl, at the Northern meeting on "The Affairs of Your Cooperative." The two men are district directors. Highlights of these reports included: Atlantic provided 226,391 first services throughout the service area during 1970; net savings totaling \$139,261 were returned to patrons according to their dollar volume of business at a dividend rate of seven per cent; \$77,450 in stock and equities were paid back to 8,242 inactive members this past year, assuring that current active members hold a controlling interest in the ownership of their Cooperative;



Among southern Lancaster County dairymen receiving Atlantic Breeders Cooperative Certificates of Merit for Superior Production for their high 1970 DHIA herd average and large percentage of their herd being sired by Atlantic Breeders are: left to right, John C,

Metzler, Harry G. Kreider, Henry B. Leaman, Curtis E. Akers, and Parke H. Ranck. Also receiving the award but not shown were: Fred Crifer, Robert W. Ulrich and Son, J. Mowery Frey Jr. and Christian K. Lapp.

semen sales increased by 45% over 1969; over 700,000 ampules of high quality semen were processed by the laboratory at headquarters; several high plus-proven and well-bred young sires were added to the stud; progeny of Atlantic bulls won championships at several major shows, brought top prices at sales, and established new high production records.

An election was held to select a Director for a three-year term and Sire Reporting Committee-men for each dairy breed to represent this area for the coming year. Members will be advised of the election results through their monthly newsletter from Atlantic, since more than one meeting is held in most of the 16 Districts.

A 22-minute color and sound movie, "The Hope And The Promise," was shown to those attending. This movie was made on Atlantic member's farms and shows the results and benefits being received through the use of the Cooperative's sires and service programs.



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shey, Henry K. Kettering, Albert E. Fry, John S. Yost, and Robert F. Book. Others not shown were: Paul B. Zimmerman, Amos and Eleanor Hershey, Donald S. Eby, David L. Landis, Nelson E. Martin.

# Three Day American Pork Congress Held



John Henkel, left, Strasburg RD1, president of the Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council, looks on recently as Eugene Wingert, center, St. Thomas, receives a \$300 check from Floyd Aylor, representing

Shell Chemical Co. Wingert received the money to travel to the American Pork Congress this week as Pennsylvania's Pork All-American.

Eugene Wingert of St Thomas, Pa., was Pennsylvania's Pork All-American contestant at the three day American Pork Congress in Des Moines, Iowa, this week.

John Henkel, Strasburg RD1, president of the Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council, was the only Lancaster County representative at the Pork Congress.

Wingert has been making trips to National Pork Producers' meetings as a director or state leader for several years. He was chosen as the state's Pork All-American on the basis of his outstanding hog operation and his leadership in the industry.

Wingert was president of the South Central Pork Producers Association, a four-county unit, for two years before the Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council was organized in 1967 and he became the first president.

Expansion of the state membership, number of area asso-

ciations and the check-off totals in the state testify to the contributions that Wingert made as president.

Wingert has a 125-sow herd, feeds high moisture grain, and has a 20 crate concrete block farrowing house and finishing quarters in a barn basement area.

He has shown regularly in the South Central barrow and carcass show, winning a number of championships in his effort to maintain the quality of his Hampshire-Yorkshire crossbred hogs.

The commercial operation was expanded sharply eight years ago when he abandoned a purebred Hampshire herd he had started when he was in FFA. He earned State Farmer degree in FFA.

Since then, he discontinued the dairy operation, produces corn on 225 acres, barley on another 125 acres.

At present, Wingert is president of his local Young Farmers Association.