Paul Zimmerman, John Lapp Have Top 1971 DHIA Records

Paul B Zimmerman, Ephrata RD1, was recognized this week for having the best DHIA herd average in 1971.

At the annual noon banquet of the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association at the Farm and Home Center Tuesday, Zimmerman and other Lancaster County dairymen with herds averaging more than 500 pounds of butterfat per animal were recognized

Zimmerman's herd, which averaged 32 7 animals through

the year, had an average production level of 673 pounds of butterfat and 17,057 pounds of milk

Running a close second was John P. Lapp, South Groffdale Road, Leola RD1, whose 30 cow herd averaged 17,143 pounds of milk and 661 pounds of butterfat.

Zimmerman and Lapp had the only herds listed in the annual report with production of more that 17,000 pounds.

Throughout the Lancaster County DHIA in 1971, the 19,368

cows on record averaged 12,574 pounds of milk and 488 pounds of butterfat. This compared to a statewide average of 12,920 pounds of milk and 498 pounds of butterfat.

The Lancaster County figures were down slightly from last year when the average output per cow was 12,598 pounds of milk and 489 pounds of butterfat.

The number of animals in 1971 in DHIA is up more than 600 from last year while the number of full-year herds is down by six to a total of 411. This resulted in an increase in the average number of cows per herd from 44.9 in 1970 to 47.6 in 1971. The state average in 1971 was 47 9 cows

Comparative results for the past 30 years show that when the testing started in 1939-40 the average production per cow was only 9,344 pounds of milk and 370 pounds of butterfat. This stayed relatively stable until the mid-1950's

Production in 1958-59 exceeded 10,000 pounds of milk and 400 pounds of butterfat for the first time By 1961-62 average output per cow had passed 11,000 pounds of milk and in 1963-64 it exceeded 12,000 pounds for the first time For the past five years, the figures have remained relatively stable

Zimmerman had the high Holstein herd average

Others recognized for high breed records were Ayrshire, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Guernsey, Raymond Witmer, Willow Street RD1, Jersey, Roy Ulrich and Son, Quarryville RD1; Brown Swiss, J Rohrer Witmer, Willow Street RD2, and Mixed Herd, Harold L. Risser, Bainbridge RD1

New DHIA directors introduced at the banquet are: Isaac K. Eby, Ephrata RD1; Mervin Nissley, Bainbridge RD1; Nathan Stoltzfus, Gap RD1;

James Eshelman, Mount Joy RD1, and Ellis Denlinger, Gordonville RD1.

Other producers with butterfat averages exceeding 600 pounds in 1971 were:

John S. Yost, Kinzer, 15,363 pounds milk, 656 pounds fat; Harry G. Kreider, Quarryville RD1, 15,978 milk, 644 fat; Donald S. Eby, Gordonville RD1, 15,550 milk, 631 fat; John and H. Farrington, Lititz RD2, 16,393 milk, 625 fat.

Amos E. King Jr, Ronks RD1, 16,623 pounds milk, 624 pounds iat, Curtis E. Akers, Quarryville RD1, 16,095 milk, 619 fat; Dale E. Hiestand, Bainbridge RD1, 15,828 milk, 616 fat; Amos and Eleanor Hershey, Kinzers RD1, 14,233 milk, 616 fat; Leon S. Lapp, Gap RD1, 16,419 milk, 613 fat; Mervin Nissley, Bainbridge RD1, 15,787

milk, 612 fat; Henry E. Kettering, Lititz RD3, 15,631 milk, 611 fat.
J. Kenneth Hershey, Kinzers RD1, 16,120 pounds milk, 606 pounds fat; J.Z. Nolt, Leola RD1, 16,371 milk, 604 fat; Harry S. Aungst, Marietta RD1, 15,434 milk, 603 fat; Red Rose Research Center, Lancaster, 15,713 milk, 602 fat; Edwin K. Wise, Ephrata RD1, 15,657 milk, 601 fat; Raymond and Louise Witmer, Willow Street RD1, 12,129 milk, 601 fat; Lloyd Wolf, Quarryville RD2, 14,959 milk, 600 fat.

Producers with butterfat averages exceeding 575 pounds were:

Albert E. Fry, Manheim RD2, 15,691 popunds milk, 598 pounds fat; Robert and Joan B. Book, Leola, 15,012 milk, 596 fat; David L. Landis, Lancaster, 15,752 milk, 594 fat; Rufus G. Martin,

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