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## Erroneous Ballots Sent to Dairymen

A printer's error on milk referendum ballots has a lot of dairymen confused, but so far, none of the misprinted forms have been reported in the LANCASTER FARMING readership area.

According to Don Kuyon, chief of marketing services for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, only about 200 of the erroneous ballots have been sent out, and they seem to have been sent mainly to dairy farmers in the western part of the state. All the other ballots which were mailed out on January 16 are apparently all right.

Secretary of Agriculture Jim McHale took to the airwaves on Thursday to alert dairymen across the state that they may be getting a ballot with instructions printed on both sides and no place to vote. The correct ballots have

instructions on one side and a place to vote on the other.

McHale said anyone who receives one of the misprints can get a new ballot by contacting the marketing services division of the department of agriculture in Harrisburg. The phone number there is 717-787-4210.

Don Kuyon pointed out that a very few dairy farmers may not have gotten any ballots at all. "We mailed ballots to all the names on the official ring test list," he said. "This was the most complete list we had, but if someone has started dairying in the last few months, and his herd hasn't been tested yet for brucellosis, then he might not have gotten a ballot."

Kuyon said anyone who hasn't gotten a ballot at all can get one by calling the phone number above.

## Cattle Market Higher

Cattle prices at Thursday's New Holland auction continued the strengthened price trend which has been bringing more dollars to local cattlemen for the past several weeks. Slaughter steers were \$1-1.50 higher than the week before, up about \$4-5 from a month ago, and a good \$6-7 higher than cattle prices at this time last year.

Veteran observers of the cattle markets who a few months ago would have scoffed at the possibility of steers bringing 45 cents a pound, now say it could happen any day.

One load of 27 choice Angus steers sold for the average price of \$43.05 per hundred pounds, Wednesday at the Lancaster Stock Yards, thought to be the all-time high price paid for a live beef animal in this area. The animals were sold by J. M. Hooper Inc., for the New Holland Division of Sperry Rand Corp.

Most farmers feel they are now getting a price for their cattle

that is commensurate with the investment they must make to buy and feed these animals.

While some farmers at Lancaster Stock Yards Wednesday were selling 1,300 pound steers at \$40-43 per hundred pounds, others were buying steers weighing 950-1,100 pounds which they will feed for a few weeks before selling on the market again.

If the cattle market holds or goes higher, they stand to make a profit on these short-term cattle. But like most farm products, the cost of a pound of beef on-the-hoof is constantly changing and next week could see the cattle market tumble for some unknown reason.

Hog prices too, have been setting their own records, going as high as \$35 per hundred pounds at the Lancaster yards, Wednesday.



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A barn fire on the farm of J. R. Forman, Lititz R1, caused damages in excess of \$50,000 late Thursday afternoon. An estimated 125 firemen from three fire companies battled the blaze, but the barn was a total loss.



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Red Rose DHIA members were honored for their high 1972 milk production records Tuesday at the annual DHIA banquet. Among those receiving awards were, left to right, front row: Aaron Beiler, Paradise R1; John Lapp, Leola R1; John Yost, Kinzers R1; Henry Kettering, Lititz R3.

Back row: Dale Heistand, Bainbridge R1; Harry Kreider, Quarryville R1; Harold Risser, Bainbridge R1. Yost received the award for having a higher butterfat production than any other DHIA member in the county.

## Red Rose DHIA Awards Go to County Producers

John Yost, Kinzers R1, was honored Tuesday afternoon by the Red Rose DHIA for achieving the highest butterfat production of any Lancaster County DHIA member in 1972. Yost's 35-cow herd of registered Holsteins produced an average 16,087 pounds of milk last year and 673 pounds of butterfat.

He received a plaque at the association's annual banquet at the Farm and Home Center.

Yost also was recognized as the highest producer in the Holstein breed category. Other breed champions were: Ayrshire, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown; Brown Swiss, J. Rohrer Witmer, Willow Street; Guernsey, Raymond Witmer, Willow Street; Jersey, Robert W. Ulrich & Son, Quarryville; mixed herd, Harold and Donald Risser, Bainbridge.

There were 16 dairymen honored for producing an average of 600 or more pounds of butterfat during the year. All herds in this category were composed of Holsteins. The farmers, in addition to Yost, are: J.Z. Nolt, Leola R1, 654 pounds of butterfat, 17,358 milk; Rufus G. Martin, Ephrata R3, 646 fat, 17,576 milk; Paul B. Zim-

merman, Ephrata R1, 643 fat, 16,187 milk.

Lloyd Wolf, Quarryville R2, 639 fat, 15,761 milk; John P. Lapp Leola R1, 628 fat, 16,599 milk; Dale Hiestand, 627 fat, 16,414 milk; Samuel I. Esh, Gordonville R1, 621 fat, 17,275 milk; Harry G. Kreider, Quarryville R1, 619 fat, 15,280 milk; Ben S. Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R2, 615 fat, 15,853 milk.

David L. Landis, Colebrook Rd., Lancaster, 611 fat, 16,736 milk; Aaron E. Beiler, Paradise R1, 606 fat, 15,227 milk; Henry E. Kettering, Lititz R3, 605 fat, 15,534 milk; Ben K. Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1, 604 fat, 16,841 milk; John Farrington, Lititz R2, 603 fat, 15,818 milk; J. Mowery Frey Jr., Beaver Valley Pike, Lancaster, 601 fat, 15,063 milk;

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## Burkhart Receives Conservation Prize

Donald U. Burkhart, Strasburg, has been named Pennsylvania's top conservation contractor by the Pennsylvania Land Improvement Contractors Association and the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation District Directors.

Burkhart received the award at the annual state contractors meeting held recently at New Cumberland. Robert M. Ross, association president, presented the award.

Burkhart had been recommended for the award by the board of directors of the Lancaster County Conservation District. He was competing in the contest against contractors from all over the state. His name will now be entered in national competition.

Aaron Stauffer, Ephrata, president of the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, presented the second place award to Kitmer Brothers from Somerset County.

In 1972, Burkhart completed 25 percent of the cropland terraces built in Lancaster County, 40

percent of the sod waterways, 30 percent of the diversion terraces and 50 percent of the farm ponds.

Judges for the contractor award base their selection on both quantity and quality of land improvement work.



Donald U. Burkhart, Strasburg, is shown here with the plaque naming him Pennsylvania's outstanding land improvement contractor for 1972.

## Farm Calendar

Saturday, January 20

7 p.m. - Pomona Grange 71 dinner meeting, Rhoads Spanish Restaurant, Quarryville.

Monday, January 22

Fulton Grange meeting, Oakryn.

Tuesday, January 23

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Agway Dairy, Livestock, Crops, Production

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