

## Atlantic Breeders Honors Dairymen

The Atlantic Breeders' Cooperative has honored 13 county dairymen for having high milk-producing herds during the past year.

The herds, for which awards were given, were at least 15 per cent above the state average for butterfat last year, while at least two-thirds of the cows in these herds are progeny of Atlantic sires.

Certificates of Merit were presented to Parke H. Ranck, Ronks RD1; Curtis E. Akers, Quarryville RD1; Aaron E. Beiler, Paradise RD1, and Harry G. Kreider, Quarryville RD1.

Also receiving certificates were: Ezra M. Martin, Ephrata RD1; Donald S. Eby, Gordonville RD1; Harold L. and Don Risser, Bainbridge RD1; Edwin K. Wise, Ephrata RD1; Henry E. Kettering, Lititz RD3; Robert L. and Joan Book, Leola; David L. Landis, Lancaster; Dale E. Heistand, Bainbridge RD1, and John S. Yost, Kinzer RD1.

The awards were presented at separate banquets last Thursday and Friday nights for farmers in northern and southern Lancaster County.

Clyde W. Martin, of East Earl RD1, was elected a district

director from northern Lancaster County.

Three members elected from the northern district to the sire reporting committee were Milton M. Brubaker, Lititz, Ayrshire, Jesse G. Balmer, Lititz R4, Guernsey; and Donadd S. Dby, Gordonville R1, Holstein.

The southern district elected only one member to the Holstein

sire reporting committee. He was Curtis E. Akers, Quarryville R1.

Roger Emig, Atlantic's sales director, told members of the cooperative attending both banquets that technicians last year provided 221,645 first services, with a 27 percent increase in the number of ampules sold compared to 1971.

## Weed Control Seminar

A two-day weed control educational session for custom spray operations is scheduled for March 8 and 9 at the Treadway Inn, Lebanon. Sessions start at 9:30 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. each day.

Agronomists and research staff members from Penn State University and men from industry will combine their teaching efforts to help you do a better job in your custom work. No fees are involved for the instruction.

Included will be: Identification of Weeds, How Herbicides Work Within Plants; Some Troublesome Weeds to Control, Application Techniques, Sprayer Calibration; 1973 Recommendations, and Programs for Various Crops.

Separate subject matter sessions will be held for County Agricultural Agents and spray operators.

There will be no meeting in Lancaster this year as had been done previously.

## Lower Leaf Tobacco Stocks Reported

Stocks of leaf tobacco in the United States and in Puerto Rico totaled 4.7 billion pounds (farm-sales-weight) as of January 1, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced recently. The total, based on quarterly reports of dealers and manufacturers, was 128 million pounds less than a year ago.

Domestic flue-cured and burley stocks were below the Jan. 1, 1972 totals by 185 million and 14 million pounds respectively, while the combined inventory of foreign grown flue-cured and burley tobaccos rose 29 million pounds to a record high of 48 million pounds. Foreign cigar leaf tobacco stocks showed a gain of 23 million pounds. Domestic cigar filler and dark tobacco stocks reached record lows after decreasing 21 million and 5 million pounds respectively.

Stocks of leaf tobacco under Government loan as of January 1 totaled about 805.1 million pounds, a drop of 344 million pounds from a year ago. These loan stocks were divided as follows: flue-cured, 494.5 million pounds; burley, 293.6 million;

fire-cured, 0.7 million; dark air-cured, 13.1 million; and cigar leaf, 2.9 million.

USDA's Quarterly Stocks Report containing detailed tobacco stocks information was scheduled to be published on February 20. Copies may be obtained from the Tobacco Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, Washington, D.C. 20250.

## Rummage-Food Sale for MS

A Rummage-Food Sale will be held for the benefit of Multiple Sclerosis on March 1, 2 and 3 at the former address of Wizard Lock & Safe Company, 19 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster, across from the Post Office. Many merchants have donated new merchandise for this special sale. Food items of all kinds also will be on sale.

Proceeds will go toward helping the 166 patients in Lancaster County who are registered with the Chapter Drugs, medical assistance, hospital beds, lifts, walkers and supportive care are all needed by many of these patients.

Some funds also go toward finding the cause and cure of MS through a co-ordinated research program. Dr. Jonas Salk, who discovered the cause and cure for polio is now a member of the multiple sclerosis research team. HELP US FIGHT MS NOW!

If you have any rummage or food donations, please contact chairman Verna Hasch at 397-7354.

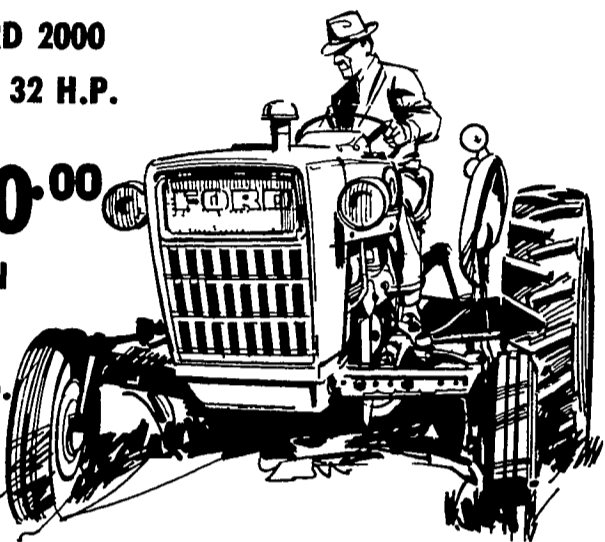
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