

Local Men Elected As Young Dairymen Convene

Young dairymen discussed items as general as a world free market for dairy products and as specific as farm pollution during the activities of the Young Cooperator Consultant Committee.

These dairymen who are members of Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative met at Lancaster recently and discussed their future role in their marketing cooperative and the dairy industry.

Benjamin Dum, Ellhottsburg, was elected chairman of the Young Cooperator Consultant Committee. Kenneth Rutt, Quarryville, was elected vice-chairman, and John Hess, Gettysburg, secretary. The Young Cooperators reviewed their last year's program and agreed on the date of June 28, 1973 for the Pennmarva Young Cooperator Day, Hunt Valley, Md.

Benjamin Dum appointed the following committees: Young Cooperator Day, John Hess and Rodney Eisenhart; breakfast, Clifford Higgs, gifts, Nathan Stoltzfus, and picnic, Robert Wenger.

During the afternoon session a panel discussion was held. Included on the panel were James Kreider, Pennsylvania Master Farmer, Quarryville; Roy Weaner, Gettysburg dairyman, District 24 director, and Robert Dever, Philadelphia, assistant treasurer of Inter-State.

The discussion of the panel and the questions that followed indicated that young dairymen are interested in the problems that are confronting consumers today as well as distribution problems of their product and the constant problem of cost confronting dairy farmers.

Members of this Young Cooperator Consultant Committee include Nathan Stoltzfus, Gap, District 6; Charles E. Schilling, Petersburg, District 13; H. Emile Dilling, Williamsburg, District 20; John F. Hubschmidt, Bridgeton, N.J., District 23; Rodney C. Eisenhart, Thomasville, District 24; Donald Meyers, Kempton, District 1; Lester Jones, Jr., Medford, N.J.

Welk Herd Classified

Maurice F. Welk of Quarryville, reports that his Registered Holsteins were classified for body conformation on February 21. The scoring was done by an official classifier of Holstein-Friesian Association of America, Brattleboro, Vermont.

Dairymen enrolled in this herd improvement program receive a numerical score for each animal evaluated. The True-Type Holstein represents theoretical perfection and has a value of 100 points on the classification score card. Each animal is scored, receiving a rating of Excellent (90 points or more), Very Good (85 through 89), Good Plus (80 through 84), Good (75 through 79), Fair (65 through 74) or Poor (64 points or below).

Including animals previously scored, the Welk-View herd has one Excellent, six Very Goods and 11 Good Pluses.

Control Rats

One rat can eat as much as 40 pounds of feed yearly and contaminate nearly 10 times this amount, reminds Stanley G. Gesell, Extension entomologist at The Pennsylvania State University. There are a number of rat baits on the market. When used properly, they are effective and safe. Always follow directions carefully, urges Gesell.

Ag Progress Days Slated for Hershey

One of the largest outdoor agricultural events in the East - the 1973 Agricultural Progress Days - will be held August 28-30 at the Milton Hershey School Farms in Hershey.

The schedule of events will include three days of farm machinery demonstrations; commercial and educational exhibits; family living demonstrations; youth activities; livestock, dairy, crops, and environmental improvement programs; and the State Plowing Contest.

County Agent M. M. Smith points out that the sponsor of the event is The Pennsylvania State University Cooperative Extension Service, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Grassland Council, State Plowing Contest Committee, federal and state agricultural agencies, farm machinery and equipment dealers, and Milton Hershey School Farms.

"About 85 commercial farm equipment companies are expected to exhibit their newest products at the field days," Smith said. "A large number of commercial companies also will operate their latest line of equipment in field demonstrations."

Scores of field crops and forage test areas are being established for Ag Progress Days. These will include alfalfa, corn, soybean, and grain sorghum plots, weed control, no-till plantings, and a limited crops garden. The annual Hay and Silage Shows will be held all three days.

For women, a consumer economics program will place emphasis on the various aspects and uses of textiles, vegetables, ornamental horticultural products, and crafts.

"An unique feature of the field days will be an elaborate display of educational livestock exhibits." "Topics will cover free-stall

housing, feed handling, foot trimming, manure disposal, ventilation systems, exotic beef breeds, and crossbreeding beef."

Winners of county eliminations will vie for awards in the State Plowing Contest scheduled for August 29. Divisions will include contour, small plow, and large plow.

The committee is planning a special program for youth including a weed identification contest, land judging, hay judging, and quality milk tasting.

Smith notes that the Agricultural Progress Days is an event held in a different section of the state each year. Last year's field days, held in Somerset County, attracted 30,000 people during the two days of activities.

Whipping Cream

You can expect properly whipped whipping cream to double in volume, according to Extension dairy specialists at The Pennsylvania State University. Use a cold bowl, cold beaters and cold whipping cream. Always whip the cream before adding sugar and flavorings.



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