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and the most noble employment of Man."*

George Washington



## Dairymen increase promotion

By Melissa Piper  
LANCASTER - A number of dairymen in Lancaster County and surrounding areas will be increasing their deduction for milk promotion by three cents in the near future.

Members of the Interstate Milk Cooperative voted on Wednesday of this week to increase their deduction for milk promotion from five cents per hundredweight to

eight cents under Federal Order 4.

The resolution was adopted during a meeting of the Interstate Delegates held in conjunction with their annual meeting this week at the Host Farm.

While the milk promotion resolution brought no opposition, many Interstate members were opposed to a suggestion that would establish quality premiums.

The resolution proposed that the board of directors and management "examine the possibility of returning premiums to producers" in exchange for good quality milk with low bacteria counts.

An amendment which would have the board of directors set the premiums and implement the program was suggested shortly after the resolution was in-

troduced on the floor, but met with strong opposition and much discussion.

A number of producers voiced their concern about where the money would come from for the premiums and how it would be paid.

Authors of the resolution then noted that the money should come from over order pricing with premiums being paid probably on a monthly basis.

A small percentage of the delegates noted that premiums often caused dairymen to "work a little harder" for good quality milk and served an incentive for better milk.

But their counterparts quickly bantered the suggestion by relating previous experiences with the premium programs.

"When you get into working for premiums and

need just a few extra points beware of the inspectors," a Maryland dairymen noted, "he'll (inspector) look for the smallest detail to be wrong."

"If you have a burnt out light bulb he'll get you for that and you don't get a premium."

Many of the delegates took to the microphones in order

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## Guernsey breeders honored at banquet

By Melissa Piper  
BIRD IN HAND - Six Lancaster County Guernsey breeders received special DHIA awards during the Association's annual meeting and awards program held here Nov. 21.

Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Linde, Kirkwood, received three honors topping all other county Guernsey breeders in average milk production this year. The Lindes' herd averaged 13,463 pounds of milk and 612 pounds of fat for

the year. Represented at the event by their children, Mildred and Axel, the Lindes also received awards for the high producing cow, and the high producing four year old cow.

Penn Dale Farms, owned

by Raymond and Louise Witmer, Willow Street had the second high producing herd average with their Guernsey's milking 12,089 pounds and 631 pounds of fat.

Other breeders receiving awards included James

Weitzel - high producing 3-year old; Romella Farms - high producing 4-year old and 5-year old cow; Ken Garber, high producing 5-year old and Jesse Balmer - high producing 7-year old.

Three of the producers were also selected to act as directors of the county association. Elected were Peter Witmer, Willow Street; Dick Linde, Kirk-

wood and Robert McSparran, Peach Bottom.

Fred Crider, president of the Lancaster County Guernsey breeders, praised the producers for continuing to bring improvements to the breed both by pedigree and by production. Crider especially noted that the highest herd average had

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## Interstate's success no accident

LANCASTER, Pa. - Interstate Milk Producers' Cooperative has been able to avoid the financial problems suffered by several other dairy cooperatives in this region through good sound leadership and the membership's ability to recognize this leadership and contribute to it, said Dr. James E. Honan, general manager

of the 3,000 member dairy cooperative at its 58th annual meeting held here Tuesday afternoon.

Dr. Honan cited the demise of Country Belle Cooperative in Pittsburgh along with high surplus costs situations suffered by New York Order 2 cooperatives where, he noted, dairy farmers are beginning to

question the ability of cooperatives to serve them.

Among those problems which have existed and still face dairy farmers and cooperatives, noted Dr. Honan, are those of surplus handling and anti-trust. In Pennsylvania, he noted, there are persons still concerned about legislative control of a cooperative's

responsibility to its members. Consumerism is still with us and in the area of product liability more and more responsibility is being placed upon cooperatives and their members.

Explaining how Interstate will cope with these matters, Honan said, "Good

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