

Chester DHIA year

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 within the 12,000 pound range for the past eight years and stood at 12,747 a year ago. Another significant fact which comes out of the 1975 summary is that the number of cows on test increased by nearly 400 to its present total of 10,577.

The County's 1975 DHIA butterfat average stands at 504, which is another first - since it was never over 500 before. It had been over 460 for the past eight years and stood at 496 last year. Broken

down into categories, 42 of the County's 156 herds on test finished with butterfat averages in the 500 to 549 - pound range. The next largest group was those with 450 to 499 - pound records, which numbered 38. Only one herd came up with less than 349 pounds of more than 700.

Following are the 16 herds which finished the 1975 DHIA year with 600 pounds of butterfat or more:

Jefferson D Yoder, Elverson, registered Holsteins, 54.8 cows, 18,286 pounds of milk, with 719 pounds of butterfat.

Jacob Stoltzfus, 54.8 registered Holsteins, 17,954 pounds of milk with 696 of fat. He's from Oxford RD1.

Earl M. Weir of Cochranville had the high milk production average in the County. His herd statistics read: 33.1 registered Holsteins, 18,373M and 680F.

Robert Pepple, Oxford, 79.8 registered and grade Holsteins, 17,651 pounds of milk with 665 of fat.

Ardrossan Farms, Villanova, topped the Ayrshire field with their

111.9 registered Ayrshires and production of 15,119 pounds of milk and 660 of fat.

John Stoltzfus, Atglen, 56.9 registered Holsteins, 16,289 pounds of milk and 644 of fat.

Paul King, Cochranville, had an average of 16,938 pounds of milk and 639 pounds of butterfat on his 78 registered and grade Holsteins.

Walmoore Farm of Chatham produced an average of 15,616 pounds of milk and 635 fat on their 141.5 registered and grade Holsteins.

David E. Weaver, Glen Moore, 50 registered and grade Holsteins, 17047M. and 634F.

James Yale, Nottingham, 53.7 registered and grade Holsteins, 15,196M. and 623F.

William Moore, 138.2 registered and grade Holsteins, 15,838M. and 619F.

Elam Petersheim, Morgantown, 69.6 registered Holsteins, 15,819M. and 615F.

Dean Monacy, Coatesville, 16.4 registered and grade Holsteins, 15,969M. and 615F.



Special awards of merit were presented during the Chester DHIA annual meeting and banquet on Thursday night to Jefferson Yoder, second from left, and Earl Weir, right. They had the high butterfat and milk production averages, respectively. Making the presentation to Yoder is the County's DHIA vice president, Harold R. Kulp, while Chester County Dairy Princess, Sandra Evans, looks on.

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George Lamborn, Nottingham, 36.4 registered and grade Holsteins, 16,328M and 608F.

Willowland Farm, Atlen, 56.8 registered Holsteins, 15,946M and 606F.

Vernon Ruth, Spring City, 50 registered Holsteins, 14,734 pounds of milk and 606 of fat.

Other herds which finished with more than 15,000 pounds of milk are: J. Elmer Lapp, Cochranville; Ben S. Beiler, Cochranville; Donald Hostetter, Parkesburg; Edgar Miller, Cochranville;

J. Harold Bare, Atglen; and Christ Stoltzfus, Honey Brook.

The year-end report concluded that feed costs per

cow per year dropped from \$534 to \$516 and that the value of the milk, after feed costs, increased from \$598 to \$625.

Fulton Grange meets

Fulton Grange 66 met in regular session recently with Master Thomas C. Galbreath presiding. In keeping with a Bicentennial theme, an explanation was given as to how the 36 star flag signifies the strength of the union through the Civil War.

The program was conducted by Mrs. Laura McSparran, Lecturer. Arba Henry spoke on America as a Nation of Nations, a Land of Plenty, and having Certain Unalienable Rights. Mrs. Mabel Kreider performed a piano solo of American Forever March Song. Several members explained different items they had brought in that were 100-200 years old. The items included tools, books, silver, and furniture.

Mrs. McSparran announced that the next meeting, January 26, will be entitled "Pennsylvania Farm Show Gleanings and Reflections." February 9 will be open house at Fulton Grange and Richard Scott,

Mayor of Lancaster, will be the featured speaker. Anyone having old kerosene lamps should bring them to this meeting. The public is invited to attend this open house which starts at 8:00 p.m.

Eby cow recognized

Brattleboro, Vt. - Adding to her first yearly production record exceeding a half ton of butterfat is Pequea Apollo Marie 7373100 (GP) owned by Melvin R. Eby, Gordon.

With her 305-day lactation over the 1,000 lbs. of butterfat mark, she continued to milk for a 354 day record of 27,890 lbs. of milk and 1,073 lbs. of butterfat. "Marie" started her lactation at the age of 5 years 2 months and was milked twice daily.

Pequea Apollo Marie was bred in the Eby herd and sired by Hilltop Apollo Ivanhoe 1399824 (VG), a bull that has earned Gold Medal Sire recognition.

Pennsylvania State University supervised the weighing and sample testing of her production in cooperation with the Dairy Herd Improvement Registry Program of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

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