

ABC District II dairymen honored

The Chester-Delaware dairymen were honored for having high producing herds this past year at the 17th annual District 2 meeting for Atlantic Dairymen's Cooperative held February 19 at The Stone Barn, near Chatham, Pa. Receiving Certificates of Merit for having top Dairy Herd Improvement Association averages were: Drew Stoltzfus, R1, Gantown; Earl Weir, R2, Chranville; John S. Stoltzfus, R1, Atglen; Moore Farm, Chatham; Lam P. Moore, Chatham; George Lamborn, R1, Bingham; Vernon Ruth, Spring City; Floyd Mast, R1, Kesburg. All herds were at least 15 percent above the state average for butterfat last

year, while at least two-thirds of the cows in these herds are progeny of Atlantic sires. The awards were presented by Edwin Sauder, Atlantic's field supervisor for this area.

Reports by District 2 Director William P. Moore of Chatham, and management representative Willis Ritchey, service manager, informed members that 1975 was a very successful business year for Atlantic. The service program was updated with the entire area divided into 66 units and all farmer-members can now use WATS numbers to call toll-free of AI service. Atlantic sires maintained their rating among the nation's best for transmitting profitable traits Ritchey said.

Service Technicians provided almost 200,000 first services, and semen sales

reached an all-time high. Barns were completed to provide new isolation quarters and house up to 50 more bulls, and young sires were used more extensively than in previous years.

A 25-minute movie, "Dial 800," was shown to help members see the beneficial traits being transmitted by several Atlantic sires. The film depicted a farm situation where an Atlantic member is consulting with a Technician about proper use of bulls for each mating in herd.

Members present voted for District representatives for the coming year. Election results will be announced in the next issue of the Cooperative's monthly newsletter, since more than one meeting is held in most of Atlantic's 16 Districts.



ABC District II dairymen who were honored last week at their Cooperative's annual district meeting, were, left to right, Vernon Ruth, Elmer Mast, Daniel Miller

(herdsman for Walmoore Farm), Clifford Stoltzfus (for John Stoltzfus), and Clair Smith, herdsman for William Moore.

Tobacco stocks enormous

WASHINGTON - Stocks of leaf tobacco in the United States and in Puerto Rico totaled 4.7 billion pounds (farm-sales-weight) as of Jan. 1, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced last week. The total, based on quarterly reports of dealers and manufacturers, was 280 million pounds larger than a year ago.

Domestic flue-cured and burley stocks were above the Jan. 1, 1975 totals by 226 million and 32 million pounds respectively, while the combined inventory of foreign grown flue-cured and burley tobaccos rose 36 million pounds to a record high of 207 million pounds.

Foreign cigar leaf tobacco stocks showed a gain of 6 million pounds.

Stocks of leaf tobacco under government loan as of Jan. 1 totaled about 402.5 million pounds, a gain of 118.7 million pounds from a year ago, reflecting larger deliveries of the 1975 flue-cured and burley crops. These loan stocks were divided as follows: flue-cured, 357.8 million pounds; burley, 41.7 million; fire-cured, .4 million; dark air-cured, .01 million; and cigar leaf, 2.6 million.

USDA's Quarterly Stocks Report containing detailed tobacco stocks information will be available in late February. Copies may be

obtained from the Tobacco Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, Washington, D.C. 20250.

Check Your Drying Methods

Bath rugs or mats that have polyurethane foam, polyester or cotton backing can be tumble dried, says Mrs. Ruth Ann Wilson, Extension clothing and textiles specialist at The Pennsylvania State University. Articles containing foam rubber or latex should be air dried. When heated, foam rubber materials can, under certain circumstances, produce fire by spontaneous combustion.

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