



Lancaster County DHIA supervisors who recently received the "Award of Merit" are, seated from the left: Floyd Zook, Wilbur Houser, Jay Risser and Harold Brenneman. Standing from the

left are: Clarence Crider, Jay Mylin, David Harnish, Harold Probst, Joe Lindecamp and Lee Landis. Not present in picture, Moses Martin.

## DHIA men honored

LANCASTER - Eleven Lancaster County DHIA supervisors received the 1976 "Award of Merit" several weeks ago during the annual

### Sheep dwindling

As in every year since 1960, the U.S. sheep and lamb population dwindled again in 1976. As of January 1, 1977, there were an estimated 12.7 million of these animals on American farms, 5 per cent fewer than a year earlier and 12 per cent below the 1975 count. The

number of sheep and lambs on feed in the 26 major feeding States declined an even sharper 8 per cent to 1.7 million head. Only the value of the Nation's sheep inventory headed higher - to an estimated \$539 million. Value per head climbed \$5.20 during 1976 to an average of \$42.40 this past January.

### Colored breed dairy club holds meeting

LANCASTER, Pa. - The 4-H Jersey, Ayrshire, Brown Swiss dairy club of Lancaster County held its second meeting on April 11 at the Farm and Home Center, Lancaster. At this meeting two educational movies were shown, after which a suggestion was made that the Lancaster County dairy clubs, which are now arranged by breeds, become area dairy clubs incorporating all breeds. This would save members from extra traveling to meetings. Other dairy clubs in the county are thinking about the change.

The next meeting is

scheduled for May 9 at the Roy Witmer farm. The demonstration will be "Dairy Cattle Judging".

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## Meat production up

HARRISBURG - Red meat production in Pennsylvania during March 1977 totaled 94.9 million pounds, up eight per cent from a year earlier according to the Crop Reporting Service.

Cattle slaughter at 85,800 head was up two per cent from March 1976; hogs at 264,500 head were up 21 per cent; sheep and lambs at 12,200 head were up 12 per cent; but calves at 33,600 head were down 14 per cent from a year ago.

Nationally, commercial red meat production in March 1977 totaled 3.5 billion pounds, up one per cent from

a year earlier. The number of calves slaughtered was up five per cent, hog slaughter was up 14 per cent, sheep and lambs slaughter was up one per cent, but cattle slaughter was down five per cent from a year ago.



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