

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.

# A men honored

LANCASTER - Eleven spring conference of the supervisors received the 1976 "Award of Merit" several Bird-In-Hand. weeks ago during the annual

Lancaster County DHIA Southeastern Pennsylvania DHIA Supervisors held at

Lancaster supervisors

### 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.

Harold Brenneman, Strasburg; Clarence Crider, Manheim; David Harnish, Quarryville; Wilbur Houser, Lampeter; Lee Landis, Narvon; J. Harold Lindecamp, Peach Bottom; Moses Martin, Ephrata; Jay Mylin, Manheim; Harold Probst, Bart; Jay Risser, Lancaster; Floyd Zook, Strasburg. To qualify for this state

receiving the award were: J.

sponsored award which recognizes outstanding work in the DHIA testing program, a supervisor must

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meet these qualifications: Two years service as of January 1, 1977; have worked a minimum of 20 days per month for the year; attended two conferences held during the year; maintain an average mailing time not over 2.9 days for the year and test not over three per cent of their herds outside of the centering day.

In addition to meeting the above qualifications, a supervisor must be recommended by his county board of directors to receive the award. The final recommendation is based on completeness and accuracy of records, appearance of supervisor and cooperation with agents, directors, members and other supervisors.

# Meat production up

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 a year ago. 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

HARRISBURG - Red meat 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







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# Colored breed dairy club holds meeting

LANCASTER, Pa. - The 4-H Jersery, 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 wo 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.

next meeting is

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

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