

Adams County DHIA sets new records

EAST BERLIN - "Interest in production testing and participation in the Dairy Herd Improvement Association set new records in 1977. A new high of 51 herds completed the testing year which ended September 30, 1977. These herds in-

cluded 3,012 cows, an increase of 622 over 1976. County herds produced an average of 14,187 pounds of milk and 545 pounds of butterfat this year, an increase of 1,337 pounds of milk and 56 pounds of butterfat" according to the

yearly summary presented to member-dairymen by County Agent Thomas E. Piper at the annual awards banquet held Thursday, December 8, in the East Berlin Fire Hall.

Penn-Mar Farm owned by Earl Noel of McSherrystown and managed by Claude Holmes led the way with production which averaged 18,694 pounds of milk, 750 pounds of butterfat on 61 cows. This becomes the first 700-pound herd in the 49 year history of Adams County DHIA.

A record 11 more herds produced in excess of 600 pounds of butterfat and contributed significantly to the boost in the county's overall record. Oscar Winters, Hanover R5, placed second with 672 lbs; Weim Sharr Farms, New Oxford R2, was third with 670

pounds; Yellow-Buttercup Farm of Larry Mummert, East Berlin R2, fourth with 669 lbs; William Myers, East Berlin R3, fifth with 665; Roy A. Weaner, Jr., Gettysburg R6, sixth at 657; Eugene Witter, Gardners R1, seventh at 655; Kling Ayr Farms, New Oxford R2, eighth at 648; Stoner Bros. Dairy, East Berlin R2, ninth at 639 pounds; and Leroy Deputy East Berlin R1, tenth at 622 pounds. Two additional herds produced in excess of 600 pounds of butterfat, namely Brown Valley Farm, Littlestown, R3, with 618 pounds and Kraybill Miller, Dillsburg R2, with 617 pounds.

An additional 28 herds produced from 500 to 600 pounds and nine herds averaged between 400 and 500 pounds.

Trophies were awarded to

top three herds. Weim Sharr Farms at New Chester owned by D.H. Sharrar and Sons and farmed by Stanley Weimer and Sons garnered two additional trophies for the individual high cow record completed during the year. Their cow identified as "85" produced 29,778 pounds of milk and 1,087 pounds of milk during a 305-day lactation. "Carol", a cow owned by Stoner Brothers Dairy earned two trophies for her high lifetime records in milk and butterfat production with 188,886 pounds of milk and 7976 pounds of butterfat respectively.

Among individual high cow records based on butterfat, Weim Sharr Farms held the top three places, each exceeding 1000 pounds. M.J. Starnar and sons, New Oxford R1, placed 4th, 5th, 8th, and 9th with records with ranged from 910 lbs. butterfat to 978. Leroy Deputy, East Berlin, placed 6th at 975 lbs.; Yellow-Buttercup Farm took 7th and 10th place honors with records of 943 and 908 pounds respectively.

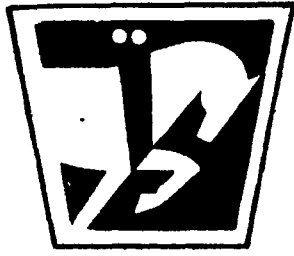
Weim Sharr Farms won an even larger share of the honors for the ten high cows based on milk production during a 305 day lactation. They took the first four places with production ranging from 29,778 down to 26,271 and the 7th place with a record of 25,323 pounds of milk. Leroy Deputy's Brenda placed 5th with 26,110 lbs. Glenn and Janet Lippy, Littlestown R1, came in 6th with a record of 25,585; Robel Acres, New Oxford R1, was 8th with 24,925;

Yellow-Buttercup, East Berlin was 9th with 24,922 and Penn Gate Farm, Littlestown R2 completed the top ten with 24,846 pounds of milk produced.

The trophy for the greatest increase in butterfat production over the 1976 record went to Larry and Yvonne Mummert of Yellow-Buttercup Farm which improved herd production by 137 pounds. Following them in second place was Oscar Winters with 123 pounds; William Myers was third with 102; El Rho Farm of Eldon Baum, Abbottstown R1, was 4th with 99; Donald Todt, Hanover, R4, 5th with 97; Noel and Holmes, 6th with 95; Martin Farm Dairy, Gettysburg R2, 7th with 94; Kling Ayr Farms, New Oxford R2, 8th with 92; James Behney, York Springs R2, 9th with 88 & Mervin K. Myers, Littlestown R2, 10th with an increase of 86 pounds in his herd average over last year.

Nationally dairy herds are producing more milk than is being consumed and as a result, surplus stocks held by the Commodity Credit Corporation for the government are building rapidly. County Agent Thomas E. Piper cautioned the dairymen to heed the advice of their Co-op leadership and cull herds to reduce production. "Eliminate those marginal cows who contribute little to your net profit but whose production when combined with other marginal producers can contribute significantly to the milk surplus said Piper. "Records are your best tool for culling low producers", said Piper.

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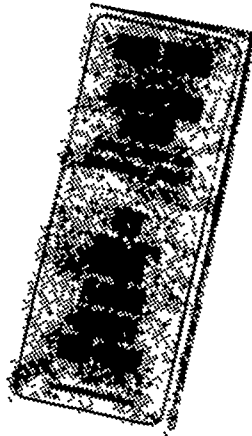
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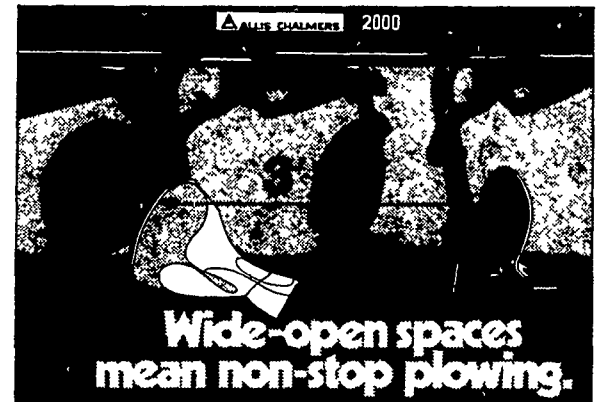


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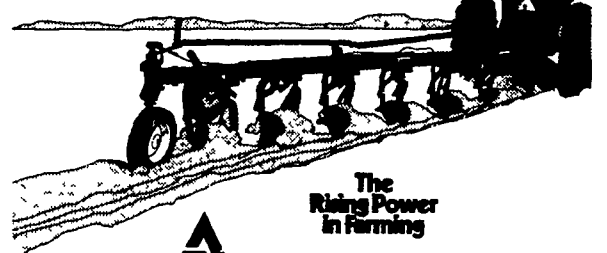
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