

Cumberland County DHIA records summarized

CARLISLE — M. Thomas Sheaffer was singled out Thursday evening for again having Cumberland County's highest DHIA average. The occasion for the presentation of the award was the Cumberland County dairy banquet, held two days ago at the South Middleton Fire Hall.

Sheaffer, Carlisle R5, has a herd of 50 registered Holsteins with an average of 18,532 pounds of milk and 681 of fat.

Cumberland County dairymen who are on DHIA had 5622 cows tested during the DHIA year, which ended Sept. 30. The average for the county now stands at 14,678 pounds of milk and 541 pounds of butterfat. That

compares with a state average of 14,475 and 548 for milk and butterfat, respectively.

In other statistics revealed at the banquet, the average Cumberland County dairy herd consists of 63 cows, compared with a statewide average of 55. The value of the milk produced by a Cumberland County cow on DHIA last year was pegged at \$1532, compared with a statewide average of \$1498. This came about despite higher feed costs, the statistics revealed. Total feed costs per head were calculated at \$655 in Cumberland County, while the state average stands at \$641. The average value of the milk after feed costs was

\$877. The state average for the 1977-78 DHIA testing year stands at \$857.

Cumberland County's DHIA average has been moving up steadily over the years, records show. In 1928, for example, the average stood at 8935 pounds of milk with a 3.5 per cent test and 318 pounds of butterfat. By 1948 that average had increased to 9386, 3.8 per cent and 355. In 1968 the respective figures were 12,983, 3.9 and 506. A year ago the Cumberland County DHIA average stood at 14,525 pounds of milk with a 3.8 per cent test and 547 pounds of butterfat.

Huntsdale Janet Imperial Chief, with 24,659 pounds of milk, a 4.0 test and 987 pounds of butterfat to her credit.

Fourth was Marquis Eagle Jolly, also owned by Sheaffer, with 21,866 pounds of milk, a 4.4 test, and 970 pounds of butterfat. Chamberlain-Dale Elva was fifth highest with a lactation of 21,590 pounds of milk, a 4.5 test, and 964 pounds of butterfat.

In the milk production race, J. Shephard Wolf, Newville R1, had the first place cow. She is Lady Valley Acres Magnet Jo, a 4-year old with 27,098 pounds of the white fluid. She had a 2.4 per cent test and 650 pounds of butterfat. Huntsdale Emma was second. In third place was Stroc-Key Performer Diana, owned by J. Paul Strock of Mechanicsburg R9. She produced 25,752 pounds of milk, testing 3.6 per cent butterfat, and yielding 928 pounds of butterfat. Fourth was Weaver Dale Ideal Star Lu, owned by Chester Weaver of Carlisle R9. She produced 25,566 pounds of milk, with a 3.8 per cent test and 966 pounds of butterfat. Fifth was another Strock cow, Stroc-Key Ivan Star Karen, with a record of 25,277 pounds of milk, 3.7 test and 942 pounds of butterfat.

In lifetime production, Lady Osborndale Pabst Joe is credited with 12 lactations and 3941 days of milk for a total output of 188,446 pounds of milk and 8048 pounds of butterfat. She is in the Thrush Brothers herd at Shippensburg R1.

Chamberlain Dale Daisy, now deceased, is second in the lifetime production list with 197,607 and 7923 pounds of milk and butterfat, respectively. She was owned by Clifford Chamberlain and had completed 13 lactations.

Third in line is Frena Penstate Connie, owned by Fred Naugle of Carlisle R7, with 180,937 pounds of milk and 7719 pounds of butterfat in 10 lactations.

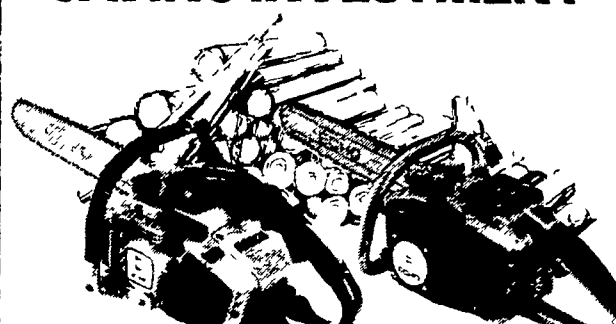
Other owners of top lifetime production cows are, in order, Chester and Galen Smith, Shippensburg R5; Fred Naugle; Robert Strock, Mechanicsburg; and John Lippert, Carlisle.

Following is a listing of yearly herd averages above 550 pounds of butterfat.

M. Thomas Sheaffer	RH	50	18,532	681
Alfred Gaisler	R&GrH	44	17,626	653
Vallilea Farm	R&GrH	105	17,516	651
Clifford Chamberlain	RH	34	17,059	651
Paul Strock	RH	108	17,923	647
Nevin Shughart	R&GrH	28	17,747	644
Mark E. Leinaweaver	R&GrH	29	17,339	638
Fred B. McGillvray	RH	37	16,273	625
Elmer Gettle	R&GrH	47	16,341	610
Lee G. Davidson	RH	54	15,426	610
John M. Lippert	R&GrH	32	15,859	608
Carl Kelso, Jr.	R&GrH	49	17,701	606
Paul E. Hornbaker	R&GrH	149	16,731	605
J.B. Brymnesser & Sons	R&GrH	188	15,900	603
R. Rice & Amos King Jr.	R&GrH	37	16,692	600
Donald L. Basehore	RH	37	16,008	599
J. Shephard Wolf	RH	33	17,617	599
J. Glenn Glesner	RH	43	16,875	597
Leroy Showaker & Son	R&GrH	63	15,905	596
Roy J. & Merle Dice	R&GrH	47	16,195	596
Norman Hertzler	RH	91	16,413	596
Fred Naugle	RH	53	15,228	595
Berkhimer Farms	R&GrH	116	16,213	595
Paul R. Cornman	RH	41	15,670	593
Charles L. Nehf	R&GrH	31	16,737	592
Harry & Paul Hoch	RH	77	15,717	590
Thrush Brothers	R&GrH	98	15,398	588
Herbert B. Shughart	R&GrH	26	16,626	588
D. Clinton Sauder	R&GrH	49	15,400	586
K. Hale & N. Burkholder	R&GrH	43	16,370	586
Roy L. & James Miller	R&GrH	49	15,771	585
Robert H. Jamison	RH	27	16,100	585
Chester C. Weaver	R&GrH	66	15,545	581
Creddin C. Cornman	RH	34	14,787	570
Richard L. Lehman	RH	21	15,709	569
Edward L. Brackbill	R&GrH	35	14,709	567
Roy E. Snoke	RH	30	15,488	564
Paul Basehore	R&GrH	53	14,541	559
Chester & Galen Smith	R&GrH	95	14,867	558
Samuel D. Shenk	R&GrH	45	15,858	557
Oscar Nealy & Sons	R&GrH	72	16,019	554
D. Lehman	Mixed	85	15,017	552

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The high cow for milk in the 1977-78 DHIA summary is Chamberlain-Dale Rae, a 7-year old registered Holstein owned by Clifford Chamberlain of Shippensburg R1. She produced 24,382 pounds of milk with a 4.5 test and 1092 pounds of milk. Second high was Huntsdale Emma Imperial Chief, owned by M. Thomas Sheaffer, who pumped out a record of 26,649 pounds of milk with a 3.9 per cent butterfat content, amounting to 1036 pounds of actual butterfat. The same cow stood second in the list of high milk production records. Third in butterfat production was another Huntsdale cow.

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