

York Co. DHIA names outstanding dairy herds

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YORK — Perennial winners captured several of the top awards presented annually to outstanding dairy herds during the York County banquet and meeting held by the Dairy Herd Improvement Association, held November 21 at the Avalong Farms Restaurant.

Sinking Spring Farms, Inc., York R22, was named the high herd in butterfat with an average of 762 pounds. The 66 cows in their registered Holstein herd also averaged 19,593 pounds of milk, second high in the county.

First place milk production was won by the Smyser's Richlawn Farm of East Berlin Road, York, family partnership of Richard, Robert and Rodney Smyser. Smyser's 64 head of Holsteins pumped out 19,693 pounds of milk and 741 pounds of fat to put them in the third spot for fat average.

With an impressive jump of 115 pounds of butterfat, Philip Laughman, owner of Philka Holsteins at Thomasville R1, captured the trophy for the most improvement over 500 pounds. His leap from 598 pounds to 713 pounds of butterfat during the last year put the herd of 20 cows way out ahead of the closest competitor for this award.

Famsey Cooper, Jr., from Delta R2, earned the award for the most improvement between 400 and 500 pounds of fat with an increase of 40 pounds. His mixed breed herd of 46 animals averaged 13,110 pounds of milk and 491 pounds of fat.

In the presentations to outstanding production by individual cows, the Sinking Springs herd again had a winner. "Sinking Springs Eden Lighter," a daughter of the Winterthur Eden Select sire, was high fat producer with a lactation total of 1157 pounds, and 28,018 pounds of milk. A four-year-old, she is classified at Good Plus-83.

Woodbine Holsteins, owned by the George Knight family, won two individual cow awards. High milking cow in the county for 1978 was "Northcroft Elevation Ella," with a lactation total of 23,161 pounds of milk and 946 pounds of fat.

"Ella" is not only a top producer but a star of the showring as well. Daughter of the popular Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation, the four-year-old has won grand champion honors at several East Coast shows, as well as the recent Kentucky North American International Livestock Exposition. Recently classified at Excellent-94, "Ella" has topped off her exploits with the recent delivery of a set of bull-heifer twins.

Another famous Knight animal, "Woodbine Ivanhoe Mollie," Excellent - 97, received recognition as the high lifetime producer. Now 15 years old and a successful transplant donor, "Mollie" has an accumulated record



Singled out for individual awards at the York DHIA meeting were, from left: Rodney Smyser, representing Richlawn Farms, the high herd in milk; Dennis Kauffman, herdsman for Sinking Springs Farms, high herd in fat and high cow in fat; Phillip Laughman, most improved over 500 pounds; and George Knight III, high individual cow in milk and high cow in lifetime production.



Seven York County herds topped the 700-pound butterfat average. Accepting awards for that honor were, front from left: Bob Smyser, Richlawn Farms, and E. Wayne Beshore. Back, from left, are Wayne Myers, Galawn Farms; Dennis Kauffman, Sinking Springs Farms, and Phillip Laughman. Absent were David Stewart and Lynn Wolf.

of 290,670 pounds of milk and 10,746 pounds of butterfat.

A dozen county herds received recognition ribbons for herd averages over the 600-pound butterfat mark. Winners were Avalong Farms, Inc., York R7, 696 pounds; Thomas Boyer, Biesecker Road, York, 681 pounds; Wayne B. Mumfart, East Berlin R1; 680 pounds; Robert Stewart, Airville R1, 650 pounds; H.E. Fetrow and Sons, York R4, 649 pounds; Earl Fuhrman, Hanover R3, 649 pounds; Paul R. King, Delta R2, 641 pounds; Guy Leader & Sons, York, 636 pounds; Rutter Brothers, York, 622 pounds; McRae Dairy Farm, East Berlin R1, 607 pounds; Leroy Bupp, Seven Valleys R2, 602 pounds, and Hidden Springs Farm, Adams Road, Dover, 600 pounds.

Three new directors were elected to the York County DHIA board of directors. They are Tom

Boyer, York; Mike Stewart, Airville; and Larry Reinhart, East Berlin.

Special guests included on the banquet program were dairy princess Patti Greek and the Sizemore family, who entertained with country-gospel music and singing.

County agent John T. Smith announced that the state DHIA has acquired another somatic cell testing machine and applicants on the waiting list will now be taken into the program. A meeting for somatic testing participants is being scheduled in Adams County on December 12.

Another service newly available is 365-day records on individual cows, available on request through the testers, and at a cost of about 20 cents each.

Supervisors for the York County association are David Miller, York; Vere

Balmer, Wellsville; Tim Sizemore, Fawn Grove; and Mary Ann Walter, Airville.

Down Syndrome parent group to meet

HERSHEY — The first in a series of discussions on "How to Provide Future Care for Your Child" will be held at the Saturday, December 2, meeting of the Down Syndrome Parent Group at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center of the Pennsylvania State University from 1 to 3 p.m. in room L-303.

Anyone desiring further information about the support group for parents of children with Down Syndrome should contact Marianne C. Landis, R.N., at 717-534-8412.

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