

Montgomery County DHIA records summarized

NORRISTOWN - J. Harold Keener, attributing his success to good feed, was singled out recently for having Montgomery County's highest DHIA average.

The Keeners have farmed for two years on the Newton Moyer Farm, Telford. Harold says the herd did well because of good feed. He feeds corn silage and wilted sudax along with brewers grain and grain mix. All the feeds are mixed together in a bunk feeder.

Keener's best cow family has come from Keystone

Queen Tracey, classified VG-88. They acquired her while working for the Seipts at Keystone Farm. Both their high production and highest classification come from this family. Four of the offspring of Tracy include Keenline Juno Trinket, VG-86, (granddaughter), Keenline Joyful Trumpet, GP-82 (daughter). Keenline Joyboys Trix, VG-87, is a granddaughter, along with Keenline Be Treasurer, GP-82.

The last record of these five cows averaged 18,792 pounds of milk, with a 3.92

per cent test and 726 pounds of butterfat.

Keener's herd of 38.3 Holstein cows averaged 18,913 pounds of milk and 755 pounds of fat.

Harold and Marily Halteman, Telford, with 58.7 Holsteins, averaging 18,652 pounds of milk and 700 pounds of fat, were ranked second in the County. Harold says the herd did well because of a good roughage program. He feeds mostly clover hay, corn and grass silage. This herd was high County herd in 1977, 1976,

and 1974, and ranked second in 1975.

Ranking third in Montgomery County was the herd of Richard A. Bechtel, Harleysville. His herd of 42.3 Holsteins averaged 17,771 pounds of milk and 683 pounds of fat.

DHIA records continue to be made throughout Pennsylvania with the state averaging 548 pounds of fat and 14,475 pounds of milk, the highest ever, stated Montgomery County Agricultural Agent Joseph H. Way. There were 214,395 cows on test in Pennsylvania

also the highest ever. Way said there is a major campaign planned for 1979 to increase herds and cows on test in the state.

Way was encouraged at the number of Montgomery County dairymen and younger families that are topping the list of high producing herds.

The results of Montgomery County's 63 herds

on full year test out of the 3876 test herds in the State, are as follows. The average number of cows in the Association numbered 4059, out of the 214,395 in the state. The average number of cows in a herd averaged 64.4, while the State's average was 55.3. Montgomery County herds averaged 3.9 per cent milk fat, 1 per cent

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Merrill Mest, Obelisk representing the Montgomery County Dairy Herd Improvement Association presents awards to the county's top dairymen. Shown left to right are Harold Keener, Telford, who herd of 38 Holsteins averaged 18,913 pounds of milk and 755 pounds of milkfat during the testing year. Harold Halteman, Telford,

whose 59 holsteins averaged 18,652 pounds milk and 700 pounds of milkfat, and Richard Bechtel, Harleysville whose 42 holsteins averaged 17,771 pounds of milk and 683 pounds of milkfat. Awards were made at the Association's Annual Banquet at Christopher Dock School attended by 330 dairymen and their families.

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