

# Adams Co. DHIA completes best year on record

GETTYSBURG -- "In completing their 50th annual year of officially supervised production testing, Adams County dairymen who are members of the Adams County Dairy Herd Improvement Association completed their best year on record" said Thomas E. Piper, county Extension director for Penn State when he presented a summary of the year's test at the association's annual awards banquet. The banquet was held December 7, in the Community Firehall at Barlow President Wayne Rodgers presided at the meeting.

In distributing the summary report for the testing year ending September 30, 1978, Piper recalled that the Association had its first herd to average over 700 pounds of butterfat of 1977 but had closed out 1978 with five herds in this prestigious class. In addition, the 52 herds with 3,122 cows on test was the largest number in the associations' history.

The county herds he said produced an average of 14,890 pounds of milk and 568 pounds of butterfat during the year, an increase of 703 pounds of milk and 23 pounds of butterfat over the prior year.

Piper noted that "the Pen-Mar Farm owned by Earl Noel of McSherrystown and managed by Claude Holmes was the county leader with production which averaged 19,253 pounds of milk and 779 pounds of butterfat on a 60-cow herd. He was followed by the El Rho Farm of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Baum at Abbottstown R1, whose 35-

cow herd produced an average of 19,443 pounds of milk and 749 pounds of butterfat. In third place, the Yellow Buttercup Farm of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Mumert at East Berlin R2, with 98 cows produced an average of 19,134 pounds of milk and 733 pounds of butterfat. Kling Ayr Farms, fourth place herd of 39 cows owned by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Klinger of New Oxford R2, produced an average of 19,237 pounds of milk and 721 pounds of butterfat. Stoner Brothers Dairy at East Berlin R2, averaged 705 pounds of butterfat and 18,034 pounds of milk with a herd of 49 cows and placed fifth.

A record twelve additional herds produced in excess of 600 pounds of butterfat and made a significant contribution in boosting the county's overall record. Weim Sharr Farms of New Oxford R2, placed sixth with 89 cows producing 18,455 pounds of milk and 686 pounds of butterfat. In seventh place, Oscar Winters, Hanover R5, averaged 17,980 pounds of milk and 672 pounds of milk with a 20-cow herd. Roy A. Weaner, Jr., Gettysburg R6, ranked eighth when his 51 cow herd produced an average of 16,697 pounds of milk and 669 pounds of butterfat. The William Myers' herd of 36 cows at R. D. 3, Littlestown produced 16,788 pounds of milk, 644 pounds of butterfat and ranked ninth. In tenth place, the Leroy Deputy herd of 88 cows at R.D. 1, East Berlin averaged 18,294 pounds of milk and 639 pounds of butterfat.

Other herds which produced in excess of 600 pounds of butterfat as follows: Milton R. Hoffman, Gettysburg R7, at 625 pounds of butterfat; Eugene Witter, Gardners R1, 619 pounds; Brown Valley Farm, Littlestown R3, 618 pounds; James E. Miller, R4, New Oxford, 612 pounds; Glenn Lippy, Littlestown R1, 607 pounds; Mervin K. Myers, Littlestown R2, 606 pounds and Jonas Beiler, Littlestown R1, 605 pounds of butterfat.

An additional 26 herds produced from 500 to 600 pounds and nine herds averaged between 400 and 500 pounds.

Trophies were awarded to the top three herds. Stoner Brothers Dairy received the trophies for the cow with the highest lifetime production of milk and butterfat. "Carol" was a repeat winner having now produced a total of 204,438 pounds of milk and 8,646 pounds of butterfat in twelve lactations.

Weim Sharr Farms, New Oxford R2, owned by D.H. Sharrar and Sons and farmed by Stanley Weimer and Sons garnered the trophies for the cow with the highest milk and butterfat record completed during the year. Their cow identified as "64" produced 31,312 pounds of milk and 1,153 pounds of butterfat during a 305-day lactation to win both awards.

Among individual high cow records based on butterfat, Weim Sharr Farms had a cow tied for fourth place, two tied for sixth place, one tied for eighth place and another in ninth

place. In this ranking, El Rho Farm, R1, Abbottstown, was second; Noel and Holmes, Hanover R1, was third and tied for fourth; Leroy Deputy, East Berlin R1, was seventh; Yellow-Buttercup Farm, East, was tied for ninth and William Inskip, East Berlin R2, ranked tenth. All these records exceeded 1000 pounds of butterfat.

Weim Sharr Farms won an equally large number of honors among the top ten cows based upon milk production in one 305-day lactation. In addition to first place, this herd had cows which ranked second, fourth, fifth, and ninth. Glenn and Janet Lippy, Littlestown R1, were owners of the cow in

third and eighth place; Noel and Holmes, Hanover R1, ranked sixth; El Rho Farms ranked seventh and a cow owned by Penn Gate Farm, Littlestown R2, placed tenth. All these records exceeded 25,000 pounds of milk.

The trophy for the herd achieving the greatest improvement in the herd average for the year, based on butterfat production, went to El Rho Farm, Abbottstown R1. Their herd average climbed from 570 pounds to 749 pounds, an increase of 179 pounds. Following in second place was Shamrock Farm, York Springs R1, with 120 pounds. Wilkinson and Reynolds, Biglerville R1, third with 112; Mervin K. Myers,

Littlestown R2, fourth with 91; Jonas M. Beiler, Littlestown R1, fifth with 87; John J. Hess, Gettysburg R5, sixth with 83; Kling Ayr Farm, New Oxford R2, seventh with 73; Stoner Brothers, East Berlin and Richard Herr, Gettysburg R5, tied for eighth place with 66 pounds; Yellow-Buttercup, East Berlin R2, ninth with 64 pounds and tied for tenth place at 61 pounds increase - Pleasant Acres Farm of Harold King, York Springs R1 and his neighbor Guy Tanger, York Springs R2.

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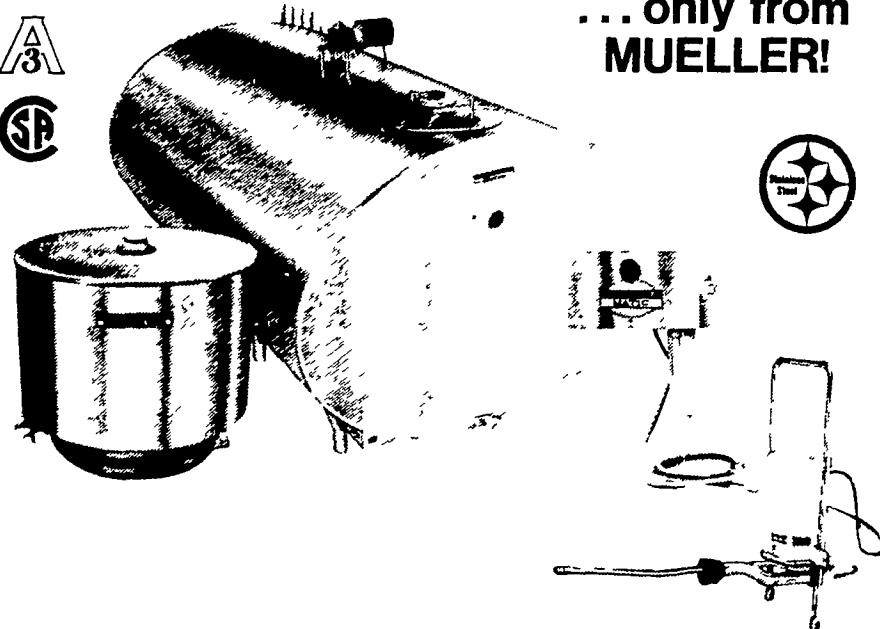
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