

Juniata Co. DHIA names top producers

MIFFLINTOWN — The Juniata County Dairy Herd Improvement Association finished its 55th year with 66 whole-year and 10 owner-sampler herds. An average of 3179 cows were on test. The average production per cow was 15,007 pounds of milk containing 570 pounds of butterfat.

The Pennsylvania Dairyman's Association awarded purple rosette ribbons to the two top herds in the county.

The C. Roy Henry Holstein Herd, Port Royal, was high in butterfat. The 49 cow herd averaged 18,650 pounds milk and 737 pounds butterfat.

The Kenneth Deamer Holstein Hero, Thompsontown, was high in milk. The 51 cow herd averaged 19,156 pounds milk and 719 pounds butterfat.

The Dairyman's Association also awarded gold rosette ribbons for average production per cow of over 600 pounds of butterfat to the following herd owners. Mark L. Zook, Mifflin; Elroy Saner, Thompsontown; Clyde D. Moyer, Thompsontown; Freeburn & Norman Love, East Waterford; John L. VanHorn, Mifflintown; James L. Swartz, Port Royal; Elmer A. Noss & Son, Honey Grove; James C. Graham, Port Royal; Larry & David Noss, Port Royal; Donald Adams, Port Royal; Harold B. Shearer, East Waterford; Wilbur Harshbarger & Sons, Mifflintown; S.F. Metz, Mifflintown; Rodney Conrad, Millerstown; Leonard Queitzsch, Mifflintown; Charles Wochley, Mt. Pleasant Mills; Lost Creek Farm, McAlisterville; Glen B. Simonton, Port Royal; and James & Trudy Wagner & Son, Mifflintown.

Over the past year, Juniata County has increased their average number of cows by 77 to a total of 3179. Those cows are producing 147 more pounds of milk than last years 14,860 pound average. Even though the pounds of milk increased, the pounds of butterfat produced was two pounds less than last years 572 pound average.

In comparison with the State, Juniata County had



Eleven of the nineteen Juniata County DHIA owners of herds averaging 600-700 pounds of butterfat received gold rosettes in person at the DHIA Annual Meeting. Front row shown left to right are: Glen Simonton, Port Royal; Charles Queitzsch, Mifflintown; David Noss, Port Royal; Clyde Moyer, Thompsontown; Elroy Saner, Thompsontown; Donald Apple (DHIA President), Richfield made the presentations. Back row, shown left to right,

Charles Wochley, Richfield; Jay Finkbner, McAlisterville; Herbert Keiser, herdsman for Donald Adams, Port Royal; Harold Shearer, East Waterford; James Graham, Port Royal; Norman Love, East Waterford. Absent from the picture are: Mark L. Zook, Mifflin; John VanHorn, Mifflintown; James Swartz, Port Royal; Wilbur Harshbarger, Mifflintown; Rodney Conrad, Millerstown; and James Wagner, Mifflintown.

and average of 47.4 cows per herd, 7.9 cows below the state average. The County was only .1 behind the State's 86.2 per cent cow days in milk. For per cow averages: Juniata came out way ahead of the State with a 15007 pounds of milk average, 532 pounds more than the State's 14475 average. The County also showed a 22 pound gain on the State's 548 pounds of butterfat average per cow, with the per cent fat being the same. The County's value of milk was higher at 1529 compared to the State's 1498. The value plus/minus feed cost was 857 for the State and eight less, or, 845 for the County.

The County fed 585 more pounds of grain compared to the State's 5882 pounds fed. Hay, silage and other forages were less though. Hay fed, according to State averages, was 3967 pounds, while the County fed 3849 pounds. Silage and other forages fed by the State totaled 15,127 while the County fed substantially less at 13,674 pounds. The County averaged 13 more days on pasture (85 days) compared to the State's 72 days.

On the average Juniata County paid more for their feed then the State averaged

over the past year. Grain costs were \$10 more for the County while the State paid \$343. Hay prices were \$43 more for the County, and the state was paying \$101, compared to Juniata's \$144. The County paid out \$20 less for other feed costs (\$155) and the State paid \$175. Pasture cost the County \$31 while the State averaged \$22. Totaling the feed cost figures, the County paid \$43 dollars more for feed per cow then the State averaged. Said another way, the County's feed cost per hundred weight of milk was

\$.13 higher at \$4.56 compared to the State average of \$4.43 per hundred weight of milk produced.

Chief testing supervisor was Harvey Fettig assisted by C. George Book, Mifflintown and Michael Beaver, Port Royal.

Newly elected officers of the Association are President-Donald Apple, Richfield; Vice-President-Norman Love, East Waterford; Secretary-C. Roy Henry, Port Royal; Treasurer-Harvey Fettig, Port Royal.

Breakfast scheduled

LEESPORT—A breakfast will be held at the Ontelaunee Grange Hall, Bern Township, on Sunday, January 7, 1979, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The choice of menu includes: sausage and pancakes, ham and eggs or sausage and eggs. Baked goods will be on sale. The public is invited.

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