

Local milk quality team competes at nationals

NEW HOLLAND — The Milk Quality and Dairy Foods Contest is one of eleven National Agricultural contests conducted annually by the National FFA Organization as part of the National FFA Convention.

This year 33 teams tested their knowledge of milk quality and dairy foods in a contest that included tests on milk production and marketing, identification of flavors and odors in milk and cottage cheese, identification of hard cheeses, scoring of sediment pads, and identification of milker unit defects.

The contest was one of many educational activities at the National FFA Convention in which FFA members put into practice the lessons taught in the vocational agriculture classroom.

Participants in the Milk Quality and Dairy Foods Contest were given ten samples of bulk milk which has been pasteurized. Each of the samples were visual and taste tested to determine flavor, odor and sediment content of the milk.

Each team's evaluations of the samples were written

on score sheets and compared to scores determined by contest officials. Scoring was done according to standards by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Each of the teams competed in the Milk Quality and Dairy Foods Contest at other levels before earning the right to compete in the National Contest. As teams progressed to area and state contests, the competition became more difficult.

The Pennsylvania team

spent many hours preparing for the National Contest. The team consisted of Kevin Zimmerman of Denver, a junior at Garden Spot High School; Mike Pfautz of Stevens, a sophomore at Ephrata High School; and Christine Davis of Laurelton, a senior at Mifflinburg Area High School. Individually, Kevin received a Silver Medal and Mike Pfautz received a Bronze Medal. The Pennsylvania team received a Bronze Medal.

York Co. 4-H Council meets

YORK - The York County 4-H Council held their meeting on November 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the 4-H Center. Prior to the meeting a Halloween dress-up contest was held.

Upcoming events are the Lancaster County Dance and the Dauphin County Bash on November 17; Family Movie Night at the center on November 30; Capon Round-Up will be held on November 14.

The first of the three county roller skating parties will be held on November 13.

At the next meeting on December 5, members are asked to bring a gift to be exchanged. Value of the gift is to be one or two dollars.

Stoverstown and Thomasville Clubs will have refreshments at the December meeting.



Members of the Pennsylvania FFA State Milk Quality and Dairy Foods Team met recently with a Special Project sponsor of the contest (left) Mr. William Powell, President of Mid-America Dairymen, Inc. The team was one of 34 FFA teams participating in the National FFA Milk Quality and Dairy Foods Contest at the 52nd National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. Team members (left to right) Christine Davis, Mike Pfautz, and Kevin Zimmerman were accompanied by their Advisor/Coach (far right) Mr. Clifford J. Day of New Holland. The National FFA Milk Quality and Dairy Foods Contest is a Special Project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc., sponsored by Mid-America Dairymen, Inc. of Springfield, Missouri and Patz Company, Pound, Wisconsin.



Kent Shelhammer was honored with the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award on Tuesday evening. The former State Secretary of Agriculture, with his wife Mary, accepted the award during the PFA Annual Meeting. Also pictured are Eugene Thompson, PFA president, far left, and Charles Mohn, PFA Administrative Secretary, far right.

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