

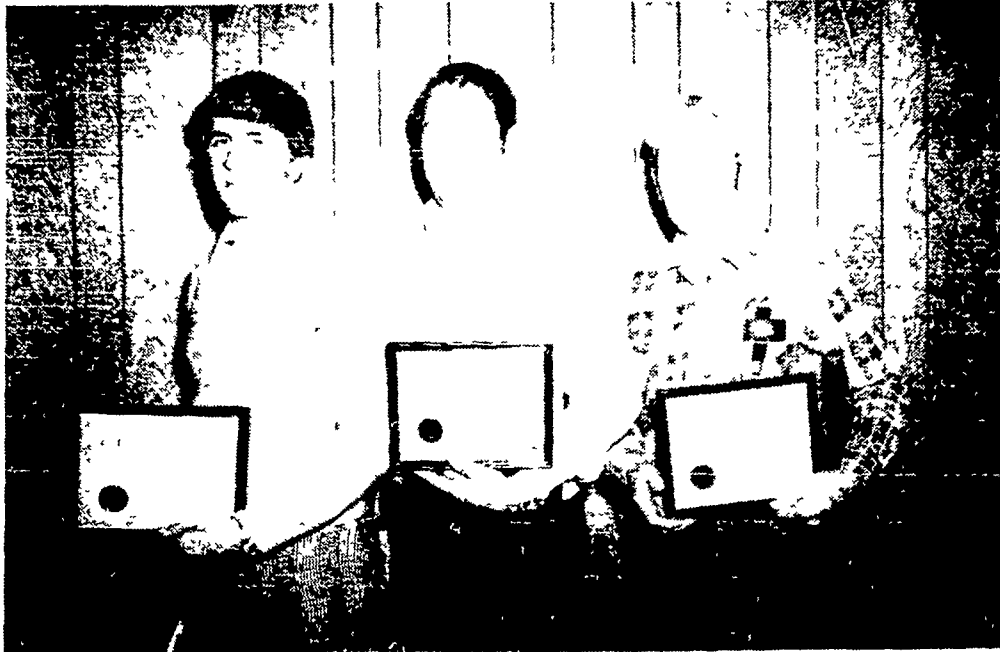
Dairymen cited for herd averages

HALIFAX — Two area dairymen were honored for having high producing herds as past year at the sixteenth annual District III meeting for Atlantic Breeders Cooperative members held Tuesday at Camp Hebron Halifax, Pa.

Receiving Certificates of Merit for having top Dairy Herd Improvement Association averages were Michael and Paul Miller's Great View Farm; and Robert Schaffer, represented by Leonard Waldron.

All herds were at least 15 percent above the state average for milk or butterfat production last year, while at least two-thirds of the cows in these herds are progeny of Atlantic sires. Awards were presented by Ed Sauder, Atlantic's Field Supervisor for this area.

Reports by District III Director Harold Bollinger of Newmans town, and management representative Larry Roth, Lancaster, informed members that 1979 was the most successful business year in Atlantic's history. Service Technicians



Leonard Waldron, left, representing Robert Schaffer; and Michael and Paul Miller, of Great View Farm, received certificates of merit for having top DHIA averages.

provided 308,000 services, and semen sales increased to direct-herd breeders and through domestic and international distributors.

A 25-minute movie was shown which used on-farm interviews to tell how members make good use of their Cooperative's services and follow sound

management practices to further their herd's progress.

Atlantic members who were patrons in 1969 received a cash refund totaling over \$137,700. New equities will be issued to members active in 1979.

Members present voted for District representatives for the coming year. Election results will be announced in the next issue of the Cooperative's monthly newsletter, since more than one meeting is held in most of Atlantic's 16 Districts.

Landis museum features spinning, weaving

LANCASTER — The Landis Valley Associates will meet Tuesday, February 19 at 8 p.m. at the Pennsylvania Farm Museum.

Rosalie Smith, Tour Guide Supervisor at the Farm Museum will discuss the history of spinning and weaving of wool and flax. Smith will demonstrate

spinning on a drop spindle, wool wheel, and Saxony wheel; and demonstrate weaving on a tape loom.

Smith, a resident of Akron, teaches fraktur classes at the museum. She currently is working on a spinning workshop for the 1980 Institute of Pennsylvania Rural Life and Culture.

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USDA to purchase surplus chicken

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Carol Tucker Foreman has announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Quality Service is purchasing 11,016,000 pounds of whole frozen young chickens.

The purchase follows an announcement on January 19 to remove surplus supplies of chicken from the market. The surplus

resulted from President Carter's January 4 suspension of trade with the Soviet Union.

The poultry will be donated to hospitals, nursing homes and other institutions, according to Foreman, and was purchased for \$.4633 to \$.5280 per pound—a total cost of \$5,489,000.

Offers were accepted from seven of 23 firms submitting bids.



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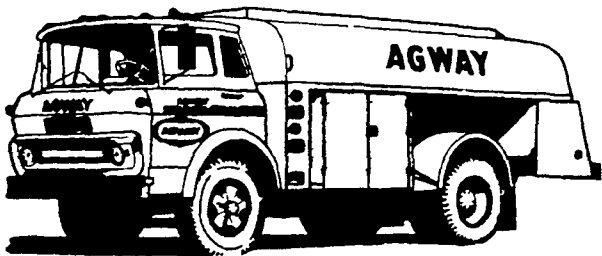
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