

Chester County DHIA presents butterfat awards

GUTHRIESVILLE — The herd of Melvin S. Stoltzfus, of Oxford, received the top butterfat production award at the annual Chester County DHIA meeting and banquet Thursday night.

The Stoltzfus' herd produced 806 pounds of butterfat during the past testing year, topping the nearest rival by more than 50 pounds.

The award marked a step up for Stoltzfus, who last year placed second in the annual competition.

Other dairymen honored with the presentation of plaques and rosettes, whose herd butterfat production topped 700 pounds, included

Dunwood Farms, Alvin Stoltzfus, Oxford, 750 pounds; John S. Stoltzfus, Atglen, 732 pounds; Jefferson D. Yoder, Elverson, 725 pounds; Robert E. Pepple, herdsman Mrs. Patty Edwards, Oxford, 725 pounds; Paul King, Cochranville, 707 pounds

Also honored with certificates were those dairymen whose herds topped 650 pounds of butterfat. They included:

Jonas Z. King, 694; John M. Umble, 693; George P. Lamborn, 688; Androssan Farms, 687; H. and R. Mason, 677; Donald Hostetter Jr., 677; Jonas B. Stoltzfus, 670; David Windle, 670; Christ L. Stoltzfus, 667;

Willowland Farms, 665; Merle J. King, 663; David E. Weaver, 656; Richard Proud and Son, 653, and Harold R. Kulp, 652

The awards were announced by E. Richard Hoopes, vice president; and presented by Nelson K. Stoltzfus, secretary.

Three directors were elected at the business session of the annual meeting. They were Glenn Freese, Oxford, George P. Lamborn, Nottingham; and Stephen Mason, Nottingham

In a report to the assembled group of about 250, Nelson Stoltzfus announced that Penn State fees for testing will be increasing by four cents per cow for 1981.

A report on Penn State dairy extension activities was given by Earl Baum, DHIA fieldman.

Master of ceremonies for the evening was Nicholas Tkaczuk

Entertainment was provided by Yvonne King, Chester County Dairy Princess, who presented her puppet milk promotion act, and the Kitchen Ramblers Band, a senior citizens group from Coatesville, which presented a medley of songs from the Roaring 20's

The annual session was held in the East Brandywine Fire Hall at Guthriesville.



Mrs. Patty Edwards, Herdsman for Robert E. Pepple, Oxford, accepts Chester County DHIA award for herd butterfat production of 725 pounds.



Top butterfat award for herd production of 806 pounds is presented to Melvin S. Stoltzfus, of Oxford, Chester County.

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Runner-up Chester County DHIA award for butterfat production of 750 pounds is presented to Alvin Stoltzfus of Dunwood Farms.



Chester County DHIA plaque honoring fat production of 725 pounds is presented to Jefferson D. Yoder, right, by Nelson K. Stoltzfus.



Third-place Chester County butterfat award is received by John S. Stoltzfus, right, of Atglen.

Ephrata Adult Farmers to meet Tuesday

EPHRATA — The Ephrata Area Adult Farmer Association will meet Tuesday evening, November 18 at 7:45 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the ag department of the Ephrata Senior High School

Following the business meeting a program on

wildlife conservation and outdoor recreation will be presented

Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

For more information, contact Charles Ackley at the High School, 717/733-7961, extension 261.

Order tickets today for January no-till meeting

LANCASTER — The Mid-Atlantic No-Till Conference, which draws capacity crowds of over 1000 farmers each year, will be held January 8 in Lancaster, with tickets available by mid-November from county agricultural agents in six states

Site of this year's conference will be the Host Farm Resort, five miles west of Lancaster on U.S. Route 30. No tickets will be sold at the door, says general chairman Donald J. Overdorff, county agent in Cumberland County

The event attracts farmers from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Virginia, and West Virginia.

The speaking program will cover management factors affecting the future of farming, Overdorff stated. Topics will include spraying, water runoff, insect control, weather stress, and new equipment for planting and fertilizing no-tillage crops.

William Hinton, farmer from Fleetwood, Pa.

Glover B. Triplett, agronomist from Ohio State University, will discuss "Tillage and Agricultural Challenges." S.H. Phillips, crops specialist at the University of Kentucky, will

speak on "Managing No-Till for the Future."

The afternoon program January 8 will start at 1:30 on the topic, "Stalk Borer Control", presented by Stanley G. Gesell, entomologist at Penn State. William H. Mitchell,

University of Delaware agronomist, will describe "Energy Requirements of No-Till versus Conventional Tillage."

"No Tillage Under Stress Conditions" will be the topic of V. Allan Bandel, agronomist from the

University of Maryland.

A panel of farmers will discuss no-till drilling of alfalfa and small grains versus conventional seeding. The panel will include Fred McGillivray of Newville, Pa., E. Kenneth Stonesifer of Stull Pond, Md., and Bruce S.

Berkey of State College, Pa. Moderating the panel will be Lynn D. Hoffman, Penn State agronomist

The Mid-Atlantic No-Till Conference will include displays by numerous seed and chemical companies

Grain supplies tighten, prices should rise

LANCASTER — Because of further deterioration in world crops and continued strong export demand, prices for feed grains and oilseeds are likely to be stronger than earlier expected

Although world grain production is forecast up slightly for 1980-81, this will not offset the 12 percent smaller stocks carried into the marketing year. In early October, total world grain supplies for 1980-81 were estimated at 1.61 billion metric tons — down slightly from last year's supply of 1.62 billion

World cotton supplies remain tight as the smaller U.S. crop has reduced total world supplies for 1980-81 by about three percent from a year earlier

World trade and use of grains are expected to set records in 1980-81, with ending stocks likely to be down around 20 percent from the 192.5 million tons on hand at the end of 1979-80. However, since earlier October, indications are that grain production prospects in the Soviet Union, Argentina, and Australia may have deteriorated if this is the case the world grain supply situation may be even tighter than these latest figures indicate

Next year's carryover stocks will decline to about 10.5 percent of use — the same tight relationship that stocks bore to world use at the end of the 1974-75 marketing year when the stock/use ratio reached the lowest level of the 1970's

The improved farm prices of the second half of 1980 will offset the lower prices of the first half, leaving average prices received by farmers slightly higher than last year

However, total cash receipts may be up six to seven percent, mainly because of larger marketings. Farm inventories of corn, soybeans, cotton, and hogs are being reduced. Net farm income in 1980 (after inventory adjustment) is still expected to fall within a range of \$23 to \$25 billion — down 20 to 25 percent from 1979

Before inventory adjustment, net farm income in 1980 will be down less than 10 percent from 1979

Prospects for higher crop and livestock prices in 1981

indicate a brighter farm income situation, as cash receipts will likely rise more than costs. Thus, net farm income in 1981 is expected to increase significantly, possibly recouping all of this year's decline

Retail food prices rose at an unadjusted annual rate of 12.9 percent during the third quarter of 1980, with higher farm prices the major factor

behind the increase. In the fourth quarter, retail food prices will increase more slowly than in the third, and the year-over-year increase in 1980 is expected to be about nine percent

Next year, retail prices for all food categories are expected to rise faster than they have in 1980, with the overall increase averaging 10 to 15 percent

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