

## 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, herdsperson 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, Herdsperson 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.



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.

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## 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 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.

Morning topics January 8 open at 9:30 with "Spray It Yourself", presented by Donald R. Daum, agricultural engineer at Penn State. "Chinese Farming Super-Till to No-Till", will be the topic of

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, agronomist from the

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 Still 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.

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.

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.

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 the overall increase averaging 10 to 15 percent.

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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