

Berks County honors top DHIA herds

KUTZTOWN — The 1980 Berks County DHI banquet and Awards program was held last Friday, at the Kutztown Grange. Approximately 250 Berks County dairymen attended.

Burd Schantz, Berks County DHI Association President presided over the meeting and introduced the speakers who this year were all Berks County dairymen. Each was the recipient of one of this year's production awards, and each was requested to spend some time discussing their respective management programs.

This year, high herd for milk was that of Charles and Tim Kissling with a yearly average of 22,182 pounds.

High fat herd was Heindel Farms Inc. owned by George and Glen Seidel with a yearly average of 775 pounds of butterfat.

The top milk cow in the county was owned by F.M. Brown's Sons, Inc. with a 305

day lactation record of 30,332 pounds of milk.

Andrew Stoltzfus owned the top fat cow in the county with a 305 day lactation record of 1244 pounds of fat.

This year two new longevity awards were added with George Troutman being recognized as owner of the cow with the highest lifetime milk production record and Ray Seidel was recognized as the owner of the cow with the highest lifetime butterfat record.

Of the county's 171 herds, 164 completed records of 400 pounds milk or better. Average milk production per cow was 14,813 pounds milk and 554 pounds fat with a 37 test.

Berks County dairymen averaged \$1220 return over feed costs, about \$50 ahead of the state average of \$1168. Figures were computed on the 11,085 cows on DHIA in the county.



From left, award winners at the Berks County DHIA meeting included Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Stoltzfus, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Seidel, Mr. & Mrs. Tim

Kissling, Glen Seidel, Charles Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kissling, Mrs. Glen Seidel, Mr. & Mrs. George Seidel.

Order 4 milk price pegged at \$15.30

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Middle Atlantic Order Market Administrator Joseph D. Shine Monday announced a Class I milk price of \$15.30 per hun-

dredweight for January 1981. This price is up 10 cents from the December price and is \$1.25 above the January 1980 price.

Order No. 4 prices are announced for milk testing 3.5 percent butterfat, f.o.b. plants located within 55 miles of Philadelphia, and also within 75 miles from the nearer of Washington, DC or Baltimore, Md.

There is also a six-cent direct-delivery differential

applicable to producer milk received at plants located within 55 miles of Philadelphia.


Shine announced a Class II price of \$12.60 per hundredweight for November 1980 and a butterfat differential of 17.0 cents for the month. The Class II milk price also increased 10 cents from the previous month while the butterfat differential is up one-tenth of a cent.

These class prices are based on the November 1980 Minnesota-Wisconsin manufacturing milk price of \$12.52 per hundredweight adjusted to a 3.5 percent butterfat content.

The USDA reported that the wholesale price of Grade A butter at Chicago for November was \$1.4760 per pound and the nonfat dry milk price \$9333 per pound, f.o.b. plants in the Chicago area.



George Troutman received a plaque honoring him as owner of the cow with the highest lifetime milk production record in Berks County.

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