

## Ephrata young farmers

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pounds milk represents an increase of 1421 pounds over the previous year.

Second high herd improvement in butterfat was earned by R W and R.K. Burkholder. Their DHIA report shows production of 562 pounds fat, an increase of 46 pounds over the previous year.

James Hess was honored as the group's outstanding poultryman.

He recently expanded his flock from 12,000 to 36,000 hens. Eggs are shipped to R.W. Sauder, Lititz.

In addition to the birds, Hess also has steers and hogs on his 120 acre operation.

Top beef producer for the year was Melvin Nolt.

Along with his beef herd, Nolt

farms 120 acres of cropland, mostly corn and grains.

Outstanding swine producer award went to Terry Scheetz.

He produces 900 market hogs on his 400 acre farming operation. Scheetz has been evaluating the results from a less typical livestock enterprise: he raises 110 rabbit does, too.

In addition to being named Vice President, Clark Stauffer, RI Ephrata, gathered several honors. Stauffer was named EAYFA's Outstanding Young Farmer under 30.

He also took first place in the grain corn production class. He made 152 bushels of Pioneer 3184 per acre. He planted 38-inch rows at 21,900 plants per acre.



Clark Stauffer, right, was honored as the Ephrata Area's Outstanding Young Farmer Under 30 and also took the top corn grain producer honors. Other award winners included, from right, Mahlon Eberly, active

member award; Warren Bollinger, Outstanding Young Farmer over 30; Earl G. Martin, second place corn grain winner; and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Graybill, outstanding community service award.



Ephrata Area Young Farmers honored top livestock producers in the group. From left are Melvin Nolt, outstanding beef producer; Terry Scheetz, outstanding swine producer; and James Hess, outstanding poultryman.

Hog manure from his 110 sow farrow-to-finish operation helped the grain grow. In addition, Stauffer keeps steers and broilers on his 80 acre farm.

Finishing as second high corn grain producer to Stauffer was Earl G. Martin.

Martin also used Pioneer 3186, but he planted in 30-inch rows and had a population of 19,600 plants per acre to make his 145 bushel yield.

Outstanding Young Farmer over 30 was presented to Warren Bollinger.



Moses Martin, Ephrata area DHIA tester for 24 years, receives an appreciation certificate from Young Farmer Secretary Kerry Boyd, right.

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