

Bradford Co. dairyman claims '81 high state average

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TOWANDA — Four Holstein breeders were recently honored for high state herd at the Eastern Bradford County DHIA Dinner Meeting.

William and Janet Brown's 30 registered Holsteins tallied the number one state herd average of 23,437 pounds of milk and 903 pounds of fat.

Bill and Ginny Davis turned in the high herd average for their 67 milking Red and White Holsteins, recognized as a breed for the first time this year.

Orville Yoder, Bradford County Extension agent, presented honorary rosettes to owners of herds with less than 200,000 somatic cell count. High butterfat production also received special recognition. The William Browns finished with more than 900 pounds of fat. Twenty county herds finished in the 700 pounds of fat category while 37 herds finished in

the 650-699 pounds of fat range.

Troy DHIA supervisor manager, Brent Skinner, reported that 404 herds were on test at the end of September compared to 390 last year. In addition, there were 74 Owner-Sampler herds.

Skinner also stated that a new meter checking rule is in effect. The rule states that any meter used 25 times or more a month is subject to semi-annual checks.

Skinner reported that seven out of nine Bradford County DHIA supervisors received the state-issued Supervisor Merit Award, which was the highest percentage in the state for honored supervisors.

Roy Beardslee, president of Bradford County DHIA, conducted a paper ballot election to fill the spots of four out-going directors. James Kitner, Mercur was reelected Owner-Sampler Director from Eastern Bradford. Election of other directors will be determined at the Western Bradford DHIA meeting.

The following is a list of Bradford County producers finishing with more than 700 pounds of fat: William Brown, Nichols, N.Y. — 23,437 pounds of milk, 903 pounds of fat; Donald E. Harkness, Monroeton — 20,093M, 788F; Richard H. Packard, Troy — 20,251M, 765F; Robert Taylor, Rome — 19,013M, 760F; Windham Valley Farm, Rome — 19,865M, 742F; George M. Shell, Columbia Cross Roads, 18,085M, 738F; Russel L. Jones, Little Meadows — 19,614M, 736F; Ronald P. Davis, Warren Center — 18,426M, 734F; Earl J. Gamble, LeRaysville — 18,265M, 731F; Archie L. Williams, LeRaysville — 19,398M, 723F; Milford Kinsman & Son, Troy — 18,186M, 721F; Y Run Dairy Farms, Troy — 18,568M, 720F; Wayne H. Lamont, Troy — 19,565M, 719F; Tom & Diane Elliot, Towanda — 18,965M, 719F; Dale Mattocks, Columbia Cross Roads — 18,309M, 718F; Lewis & Lois Anderson, LeRaysville — 17,825M, 716F; Clarence & Keith Cram, Wysox — 19,064M, 715F; Ford



Bradford County agent, Orville Yoder, right, congratulates Janet and William Brown for achieving the highest herd average in the state. With a 29-cow herd, the Brown's record finished at 23,437 pounds of milk and 903 pounds of fat.

Ridge Farm, Rome — 18,371M, 714F; Sons, Rome — 17,658M, 701F; Orton Mattocks, Troy — 18,766M, 712F; H.W. Russell & Donald Jennings, Jr., Canton — 18,845M, 701F.

Stoltzfus is Chester Co.'s top dairy producer

By Joan McIntire

GUTHRIESVILLE — The Chester County Dairy Herd Improvement Association awarded Herd Production Awards to six farmers at its 23rd annual meeting and banquet here last Thursday.

Melvin Stoltzfus, Cochranville, was the top producer with a herd record of 840 butterfat and 21,527 pounds milk. Other award winners

were, John M. Umble and Sons, Atglen, represented by Alan Umble, with 779 pounds butterfat, 19,489 pounds of milk; John S. Stoltzfus, Atglen, with 775 butterfat, 19,902 pounds of milk; Paul King, Cochranville, 766 butterfat, 19,839 pounds of milk; David and Tim Kauffman, Atglen, 754 butterfat, 20,626 pounds of milk; and Robert Pebble, Oxford, 752 pounds

of butterfat, 19,712 pounds of milk.

Charles J. Moore, Lester High, and Sam Acker were elected to the board of directors.

During the business meeting, President Nicholas Tkaczuk explained that the association was running in the red. It was required to pay unemployment tax for the past year, he said, and decided to operate in the red rather than

assess members. He indicated that the fees will have to be raised again next year due to rising costs.

In his report on the Pennsylvania Dairyman's Association, Robert Pebbles said the Association promotes dairy welfare, sponsors the Dairy Princess and 4-H judging, provides ribbons and product certificates, supports research and updates the computer capacity, and furnishes money for product sample testing.

Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Charlene Rohrer, Cochranville, performed a skit promoting dairy products

Roy O. Christman, Hamburg, Berks County, showed slides of his 1978 trip to Pakistan. Sent by the State Department, Christman reported to the State Department and Congress when he returned. He said that on a Pakistan dairy farm, he saw a stainless steel bulk tank that "had a coating of flies." They just skim the flies off and let the next batch come in to get their fill." Also, he said that Pakistan's top dairy cow produced 5,000 pounds of milk. He was surprised, he said, to have seen many Russian built tractors.



Award winners at last week's Chester County DHIA banquet included, from left, Alan Umble, Atglen; David Kauffman, Atglen; John

S. Stoltzfus, Atglen; Paul King, Cochranville; and Robert Pebble, Oxford.

USDA seeks public comment on soil conservation

HARRISBURG — The Secretary of Agriculture announces the opportunity for people to comment on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's proposed soil and water conservation program. The program features expanded roles for local and state governments and the targeting of USDA dollars and personnel to conserving critical resource problem areas.

People who are interested in the proposed program, or potentially affected by it, are invited to comment. Responses will be accepted through January 15, 1982, and can be mailed to State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, Box 985, Federal Square Station, Harrisburg Pennsylvania.

The proposed program would concentrate more USDA assistance in areas where soil erosion and other problems threaten to reduce agricultural productive capacity and to increase agricultural production costs, according to Graham T. Munkittrick, State Conservationist SCS. Basic USDA technical and financial assistance would continue in all areas.

The program would use local and state conservation coordinating

boards to identify critical problem areas, set priorities, and develop program for local and state action to solve the problems. These boards would be based on existing organizations—conservation district boards, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committees, Extension advisory boards, and other groups.

Based on the recommendation from these local and state boards and national priorities, more USDA assistance would be aimed at reducing the most serious soil erosion and related problems.

The program is the Department's proposed response to Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act of 1977. It is detailed in an RCA Program report, Munkittrick says. This report and a summary leaflet with response form are available at SCS and Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service offices throughout the state.

The basis for the program is an appraisal of the condition, trends and natural resource problems of the Nation. Published in two reports, the appraisal is also available for public reference in the two USDA offices.



Members of the 12-man Chester County DHIA Board of Directors are: front row, from left, David Weaver, Glenmoore; Nelson Stoltzfus, Parkesburg; Jeff Yoder, Elverson; George Lamborn, Nottingham; Leon Kurtz, Cochranville and Nicholas Tkaczuk, Elverson.

Back row, from left, Charles Moore, Cochranville, newly elected; Richard Hoopes, West Grove; Steve Mason, Nottingham; Lester High, newly elected; and Glenn Freese, Nottingham. Not pictured, Sam Acker, Chester Springs, newly elected.



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