

Mest herd has Montgomery Co.'s greatest gain, highest fat

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LANSDALE — Merrill Mest, Schwenksville, won the trophy for having the highest test results in Montgomery county at the 1981 Dairy Herd Improvement association banquet held here last Saturday. Mest's herd produced 16,474 pounds of milk with 700 pounds of fat.

George Seneko, Jr., Harleysville, with 17,889 pounds of milk, and 699 fat, was second. David P. Longacre, Hereford, won third with 19,233 pounds of milk, 689 pounds fat. They were awarded plaques.

Ribbons went to the remaining seven farmers who made it to the top 10. They were Fred Seipt, Lansdale, 17,198 pounds of milk, 685 fat; Richard Bechtel, Harleysville, 18,333 pounds of milk, 680 fat; Roy S. Kolb, Spring City, 17,085 pounds of milk, 667 fat; Harold K. Halteman, Telford, 17,620 pounds of milk, 667 fat; J. Harold Keener, Telford, 17,900 pounds of milk, 663 fat; E.N. Halteman, Harleysville, 16,074 pounds of milk, 647 fat; and Robert A. Hewitt, Spring City, 16,480 pounds of milk, 642 fat.

David P. Longacre won a trophy for high milk production, while Richard Bechtel and the W.B. Saul High School in Philadelphia won plaques.

Others in the top ten for milk production included: Merrill G. Ruth, J. Harold Keener, George Seneko, Jr., Harold K. Halteman, the Du Mar Farm, Fred Seipt, and Roy S. Kolb.

For the greatest increase in 1981, Merrill Mest won a trophy. Woodson Farm, Pennsburg, and Graterford Correctional Industries were second and third place



Montgomery County dairy producers with the highest record increases included: from left, Fred Seipt; Merrill Mest; Stanley Kopistecki, Graterford Correctional Industries; and Robert Hewitt. Not pictured were Harold K. Halteman and David Longacre.

winners. Also in the top ten were: David P. Longacre, Clark Yoder, James Stutzman, Robert A. Hewitt, Roland R. Johnson, Fred L. Seipt, and Harold K. Halteman.

Allen Kriebel accepted an award from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture for his farm, which has been in his family for more than 100 years. Conrad and Bonnie Fisher also received a 100-year award.

In a slide presentation entitled "Visit to the Top Ten Herds," Montgomery County agent Joseph H. Way showed highlights of ac-

tivities on the farms with the highest production.

An energetic group of senior citizens entertained the DHIA members for an hour. The Bum-Bah Bucketeers, from the Harleysville Senior Adult Activity Center played a variety of unusual musical instruments while singing and dancing. The featured instrument, the Bum-Bah, is a pogostuck-like arrangement with a tamborine, little bells, a horn, a cow bell, cymbals, a woodblock, and banjo strings. It is played by bouncing it up and down, and striking it with a drum stick or brush.



Some of the Montgomery Co. Dairy Herd Improvement Association members receiving awards for high butterfat records included: from left, Harold K. Halteman, Telford; Roy S. Kolb, Spring City; Fred Seipt, Lansdale; Robert A. Hewitt, Spring City; E.N. Halteman, Harleysville; and Richard A. Bechtel, Harleysville. Not pictured were David Longacre, Hereford; J. Harold Keener, Telford; George Seneko, Jr., Harleysville; and Merrill Mest, Schwenksville.



Milk production awards were given to: from left, Harold K. Halteman; Roy S. Kolb; Fred Seipt; Richard A. Bechtel; Merrill G. Ruth, Telford; and D. Alderfer, Harleysville. Not pictured were Harold Keener, David Longacre, and George Seneko.

1981 HERD SUMMARY

Sixty herds completed twelve months production testing. A complete list of DHIA herds follow. In addition there were three owner sampler herds. This report lists rolling herd averages.

Name	Milk (lbs)	Fat (lbs)	Test %
Merrill Mest	38.9	H	16,474 700
George Seneko, Jr	69.2	H	17,889 699
David P. Longacre	89.6	H	19,233 689
Fred Seipt Family	125.9	H	17,198 685
Richard A. Bechtel	57.0	H	18,333 680
Roy S. Kolb & Sons	74.0	H	17,085 667
Harold K. Halteman	59.1	H	17,620 667
J. Harold Keener	43.9	H	17,900 663
E.N. Halteman & Sons	52.2	H	16,074 647
Robert A. Hewitt	43.1	H	16,480 642
Charles Rhoads	38.0	H	16,649 635
E. Jay Renninger	117.0	H	16,218 631
Woodson Farm	38.7	H	16,193 624
Du Mar Farm	58.0	H	17,493 621
Merrill G. Ruth	57.1	H	18,139 616
WB Saul High School	12.6	H	18,142 613
George Bisbort	40.4	H	15,665 611
James Guntz	39.6	H	15,853 603
Merrymeade Farm	127.1	H	15,758 601
Paul W. Weaver & Sons	56.6	H	15,569 598
Alvin D. Delp & Son	47.1	H	15,727 596
Ronald R. Johnson	39.3	H	15,748 596
Gordon Moser	40.9	H	15,881 595
Lalisa Holsteins	52.2	H	15,359 588
John W. Meyers & Son	40.3	H	14,498 582
Gehringer Bros.	59.6	M	14,585 581
Donald G. Stutzman	43.9	H	15,691 581
Clyde Masemore	66.2	H	13,508 565
Clark Yoder	52.5	H	14,689 558
Andrew Schertel	68.8	H	13,582 558
Kriebel Bros.	30.9	H	14,530 552
Gordon D. Holl	36.5	H	14,698 545
John Nikerle	54.1	H	14,602 543
Kenneth P. Schultz	49.5	H	13,755 542
Daniel E. Kolb	52.0	H	14,288 535
Irwin L. Zeigler	57.7	H	13,761 534
Correction Industries	139.8	H	14,470 534
Donald O. Kriebel	56.0	H	13,753 528
Hy-Vue Farms	165.1	H	15,143 527
S. Horace Mowrer & Son	135.9	H	14,278 527
Norristown State Farm	126.8	H	14,363 524

Name	Milk (lbs)	Fat (lbs)	Test %
Jesse V. Zumstein	110.3	H	11,668 519
Robert L. Freed, Sr	51.7	H	13,338 514
Walebe Farms	193.0	J	11,102 511
Edward Wisser	39.3	H	13,979 508
Robert W. Wolfgang	35.3	M	13,128 507
Grater Brothers	60.3	G	10,886 502
Curtis N. Kratz	47.1	H	12,701 502
Mark A. Slater	72.5	H	13,375 497
Franklin J. Schlegel	37.6	H	12,864 487
C.L. Reinford & Sons	83.8	H	12,649 487
Claude R. Bieler	31.3	H	11,813 481
Ronald P. Boyer	35.0	H	11,890 476
Hoffman Farms	138.8	H	12,346 470
Paul S. Jones	45.6	H	12,108 449
Walton Hackman	85.6	G	9,355 446
Grim Brothers	45.5	M	11,682 443
Watershed Farm	118.9	H	11,601 441
Stanley Fox	61.8	H	10,901 417
Warren W. Long	45.6	H	8,901 408

HIGH HERDS IN MILK PRODUCTION

Name	Milk (lbs)	Fat (lbs)	Test %
David P. Longacre	89.6	19,233	689
Richard A. Bechtel	57.0	18,333	680
W.B. Saul High School	12.6	18,142	613
Merrill G. Ruth	57.1	18,139	616
J. Harold Keener	43.9	17,900	663
George Seneko, Jr	69.2	17,889	699
Harold K. Halteman	59.1	17,620	667
Du Mar Farm	58.0	17,493	621
Fred Seipt Family	125.9	17,198	685
Roy S. Kolb & Sons	74.0	17,085	667

GREATEST INCREASE - 1981

Name	Milk (lbs)	Fat (lbs)	Test %
Merrill Mest	700	90.6	
Woodson Farm	624	68.6	
Correctional Industries	534	64.8	
David P. Longacre	689	62.5	
Clark Yoder	558	60.2	
James Stutzman	581	59.1	
Robert A. Hewitt	642	57.0	
Roland R. Johnson	596	55.7	
Fred L. Seipt	680	55.0	
Harold K. Halteman	667	52.5	

Greatest increase in fat is computed by a formula adopted in 1960. The purpose is to recognize herds making steady year to

year progress and to give more credit for increasing production on herds already on a high level of production.

HIGH TEN COWS - 1981 October 1, 1980 through September 30, 1981 FAT PRODUCTION - 305 days

Name	Herd	Milk (lbs)	Fat (lbs)	Test %
J. Harold Keener	H	11-10	22,375	1006
Tracy				
Fred Seipt Family				
Honest	H	6-1	20,493	990
David Longacre				
Mollie	H	6-8	26,665	979
David Longacre				
Prilly	H	7-9	24,501	962
Richard Bechtel				
Snoflak	H	8-2	23,408	962
Hy-Vue Farms				
812	H	4-4	24,149	951
Merrill Mest				
B8	H	5-5	18,505	936
Fred Seipt Family				
Gwen	H	6-2	21,116	935
David Longacre				
Billie	H	6-3	26,474	931
J. Harold Keener				
Pearl	H	8-5	22,614	931

MILK PRODUCTION - 305 days

Name	Herd	Milk (lbs)	Fat (lbs)	Test %
Hy-Vue Farms				
40	H	6-10	28,434	774
James Guntz				
29	H	5-0	28,156	899
Hy-Vue Farms				
811	H	3-4	27,437	840
David P. Longacre				
Mollie	H	6-8	26,665	979
David P. Longacre				
Billie	H	6-3	26,474	931
Hy-Vue Farms				
818	H	4-2	26,161	889
Roy S. Kolb & Sons				
86	H	11-1	25,624	873
David P. Longacre				
Margo	H	6-10	25,546	795
George Seneko, Jr				
Libby	H	5-7	25,479	913
Du Mar Farm				
Rachel	H	4-2	24,987	824

Grants available for agricultural preservation

LANCASTER — A grant totalling over \$83,000 has been awarded to the Planning Commission and the Agricultural Preserve Board to further their work in agricultural preservation.

The majority of the funds, provided under the Federal Community Development Program, are to be used by local municipalities in their agricultural preservation planning efforts.

So far, eight Lancaster County townships - Brecknock, Clay, East Cocalico, Ephrata, Manor, Paradise, Pequea, and West Cocalico — have submitted applications totalling approximately

one-half of the \$50,000 earmarked for local grants.

Municipalities may still apply for the remaining funds. Any local official interested in applying for some of the grant money or in

learning more about the program should contact Robert S. Yates, Chief Community Planner, at the Planning Commission, phone 299-8333.