

Elco Young Farmers honor top producers

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STOUCHSBURG — A crowd of close to 150 people crowded into the 7th Annual Banquet of the Elco Young Adult Farmers' Association here Thursday evening. Sonnen Acres, a dairy part-

nership from R1 Richland milking 89 head of registered and grade Holsteins, was recognized for Outstanding Achievement in Dairy Production. Glenn Sonnen and sons Paul and Malcolm had the first place production awards in three

groups: 3-year-old fat, 4-year-old milk, and 4-year-old fat. Malcolm Sonnen was honored individually as Outstanding Young Farmer for 1981 and was recognized for his service to the organization during his term as president for the past two years.

Another dairyman was honored for his Outstanding Achievement in Crop Production at the Thursday evening event. Herman Sauter, Myerstown, turned in the first place samples for corn quality and yield, along with the best haylage sample.

His corn was a long season Pioneer 3184 entry, which he planted on May 10 after conventionally preparing his limestone ground. This is the third year of a three-year rotation for his corn. The field, which didn't require liming, received about 450 pounds of 15-15-15 fertilizer plowed down, with an additional 100 pounds of triple-15 in the row. For weed and insect control, Sauter used a combination of Lasso and atrazine and Dyfonate.

Sauter's haylage sample was straight alfalfa of several varieties.

Leon Kline, of Kline Springs Farm, Newmanstown, had the top entry for hay quality. The sample was a combination of three established alfalfa stands from which four cuttings were taken. This top quality hay helps to feed Kline's 50-head herd of registered Holsteins, and keeps them making



Richard Kreider, right, received the 1981 Honorary Young Farmer award from Advisor Gerald Strickler at the 7th Elco Young Farmers Awards Banquet held Thursday evening. Dairyman Malcolm Sonnen, left, was selected as the 1981 Outstanding Young Farmer.



Leon Kline, Newmanstown, left, was honored for his winning entry in the hay quality competition, and Herman Sauter, Myerstown, right, had the first-place entries for corn yield and quality and haylage. Norman Kline, Leon's father, had the winning corn silage entry.

records that rank in the top three for milk and fat.

Leon's father, Norman Kline, R2 Myerstown, also had some winning entries in the October-September Young Farmer contest. Klunedell Farm was recognized for their first place corn silage entry and their herd's production increase of 2,701 pounds.

Bennetch Brothers, R2 Myerstown, had the first-place 2-year-old fat record, along with the top 3-year-old milk record. Willow Maple Farms, Newmanstown, turned in two winning entries — 2 year-old milk and aged cow milk. And the Raymond Getz family took first place in the aged cow fat category.

Swine producer and Pioneer seed corn salesman Richard Kreider, Lebanon, received the 1981 Honorary Young Farmer Award. And Marlin Getz was honored for his past service as the Elco Young Farmers' vice president.

Contest results are:

DAIRY PRODUCTION

2-year-old Milk
 1. Willow Maple Farms, 20,281 pounds; 2. Kline Springs Farm, 20,080; 3. Bennetch Bros., 18,042.

2-year-old Fat
 1. Bennetch Bros., 739 pounds; 2.

Kline Springs Farm, 736; 3. Sonnen Acres, 707.

3-year-old Milk

1. Bennetch Bros., 24,770; 2. Sonnen Acres, 23,687; 3. Raymond Getz Family, 23,335.

3-year-old Fat

1. Sonnen Acres, 927; 2. Kline Springs Farm, 826; 3. Bennetch Bros., 819.

4-year-old Milk

1. Sonnen Acres, 24,433; 2. Klunedell Farms, 24,106; 3. Bennetch Bros., 22,340.

4-year-old Fat

1. Sonnen Acres, 887; 2. Klunedell Farm, 884; 3. Raymond Getz Family, 809.

Aged Cow Milk

1. Willow Maple Farms, 29,108; 2. Bennetch Bros., 27,296; 3. Raymond Getz Family, 27,019.

Aged Cow Fat

1. Raymond Getz Family, 1,040; 2. Klunedell Farm 999; 3. Willow Maple Farms, 992.

CROP PRODUCTION

Corn Silage

1. Klunedell Farm, 21.85 TDN tons/acre (Dry Matter basis); 2. Herman Sauter, 20.38; 3. Kline Springs Farm, 20.17; 4. Roy Miller, 17.51; 5. John Moyer, 14.51.

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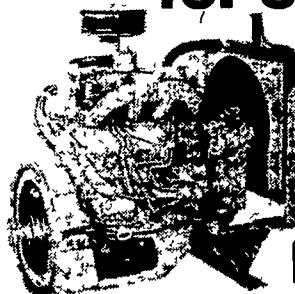
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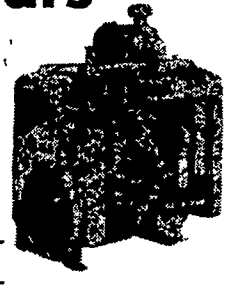
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