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Lancaster DHIA honors producers

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SMOKE TOWN — Russel Kline, Vern Lee Holsteins, Denver, received the top award for fat production at the Red Rose DHIA dinner meeting held this week at the Good and Plenty Restaurant.

Kline completed his sixth year as a dairyman with a record for his 44 Holsteins of 20,657 pounds of milk and 791 pounds of fat.

High Milk herds by breed awards went to Robert W. Ulrich, Quarryville, for his 83 Jerseys finishing with 13,259 pounds of milk and 656 pounds of fat.

K.D. and Elsie Linde, Oxford, took top Guernsey herd with 14,327

pounds of milk and 690 pounds of fat.

Top Ayrshire herd was Harold G. Shelly, Manheim, with 15,450 pounds of milk and 806 pounds of fat. Shelly has 18 cows on test.

Donald B. Trimble, Peach Bottom, took top Brown Swiss herd with a record of 16,344 pounds of milk and 588 pounds of fat. Mixed breed award went to Elam K. Stoltzfus, Morgantown, with a record of 16,982 pounds of milk and 598 pounds of fat.

High Holstein herd was Benuel Z. Lapp, New Holland, with 21,748 pounds of milk and 754 pounds of fat. Lapp milks 45 cows, Stoltzfus-

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Several DHIA supervisors were honored for their outstanding service to the Red Rose DHIA. From left to right the group includes: J. Wilbur Houser, Lampeter; Harold Lindecamp, Peach Bottom; Lee Landis, Narvon. Missing from photo but also honored were Thomas Garrett, Palmyra, Harold Probst, Bart and Robert Brinton, Quarryville.

Pa. milk referendum projected for Spring

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hollowell, announced Wednesday, that the state's 17,500 dairy farmers will soon have the opportunity to vote on a statewide milk marketing program which could provide more than \$9 million

a year to increase sales of milk and dairy products.

"A successful referendum in early spring will have the potential to double existing efforts at promotion and marketing of milk," Hollowell said before a meeting of representatives of the state's dairy cooperatives.

"After numerous meetings with individual dairymen, milk cooperatives and farm organizations," said Hollowell, "it appears that a referendum conducted now would likely prove successful."

If approved the statewide referendum would assess 3/4 of one percent of the weighted average price of milk or approximately 10 cents per hundredweight.

The Agriculture Secretary has called a meeting of the Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Advisory Committee on Dec. 22. At that time, the committee, which represents the wide interests of the dairy industry, will discuss the draft proposals and determine a timetable for proceeding with the referendum. The amended draft

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In Hershey Institute:

1,000 Young Farmers meet

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN

HERSHEY — Away from the lowing of cattle, clanking of hog feeders and the pre-dawn milking schedule for a few days, more than 1,000 Young Farmers from throughout the nation gathered at Hershey this week for their 15th National Educational Institute.

Hosted by the Pennsylvania Young Farmers, the five-day institute featured a full program of educational sessions, on-farm tours, socializing and the exchange of ideas and business meetings.

In official business, delegates to the institute approved:

—Hiring of a full-time executive secretary, Ann Milhon Schwarm, who had coordinated the Young Farmer Spokesperson for Agriculture program for the sponsoring Elanco Products Company.

—Raising of dues to be forwarded to the national executive secretary by the state organization from 10 to 20 cents per member per year. The funds will be used to recruit more states in the national organization.

—Changing of the national summer meeting to a delegate voting session in order to free more time at the winter educational institute for informational sessions and tours. Previously, business

matters could only be proposed and recommended at the summer meeting.

—Scheduling of the 1984 national meetings in Wyoming. Next year's sessions will be held in Texas and in 1983 in Virginia.

In all, some 27 states were represented at the institute held at the Hershey Motor Lodge and Convention Center.

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In our effort to bring you the most up-to-date agricultural news and services, Lancaster Farming will be going to press on Wednesday, Dec. 23 and Dec. 29. In the Christmas and New Year holidays, and during both of these special weeks, your paper will be in the mail Wednesday evening.

Because of this abridged week, deadlines for advertising and news will be as follows: All classified and display ads, 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22 and Dec. 29; mailbox material, 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 21 and Dec. 28; news and features, 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22 and Dec. 29. Our best wishes for a joyous Christmas and prosperous New Year.

LCCD joins satellite pilot project

BY DEBBIE KOONTZ

LANCASTER — In a unanimous vote at their monthly board meeting, Wednesday night, the Lancaster County Conservation District Board agreed to support a proposed project which would incorporate the Chickies Creek Watershed in Lancaster in a study using a digital data base derived from satellite to help in land use decision-making.

The project was suggested and will be directed by Richard Brand of Titan Systems, Inc. of McLean, VA, and will seek funding from several sources, including the Soil Conservation Service, the Forest Service, the Data General Corporation and the Lancaster County Conservation District.

Though Brand had only favorable remarks on his proposed project, the Pennsylvania Science and Engineering Foundation (hoped by Brand to be the project's largest sponsor), did not share his enthusiasm. During a board meeting Thursday afternoon, the PSEF board voted not to fund the project.

William Cook from PSEF said, "The board didn't feel it was really novel technology and we have very limited funding to distribute to such projects. They felt this proposal was just applying technology instead of research."

"We're being very selective on what projects we fund. We've turned a large number down. Our

funding is just very tight," he explained.

According to Brand, the PSEF's failure to fund the project "will not stop it, just delay it for a while until other sources can be found for funding."

Commenting on the project itself, Brand said, "I'm very excited about this because the program has a lot to offer. It will try to put land decision-making in the hands of the farmer which is a terrific goal."

"It has incredible potential for being a good model and when the government finds something that serves as a good model, they'll find the money," he said.

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