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Lancaster Holstein Assn. honors top producers

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INTERCOURSE — Ten producers were honored for outstanding milk and fat records at the Lancaster County Holstein Association's annual banquet held Tuesday at Harvest Drive Restaurant. Three new breeders were elected to serve on the Association's Board of Directors.

Production awards were presented by Elam Bollinger to the following:

Benuel Z. Lapp, R2, New Holland, was honored for the high two year old in milk production. "Candy" produced 24,383 pounds of milk in 305 days.

The fat award for two year olds went to John L. Landis, 1801 Colebrook Road, Lancaster for "Corky" who had 875 pounds of fat.

Curtis Akers, R1, Quarryville, won in the senior two year old milk category with "Trudy" who produced 24,535 pounds of milk in 305 days.

The senior two year old winner in fat was Vern Lee Farm, owned by Russell Kline, with "Winnie" who had 840 pounds of fat.

The three year old milk production winner was "Winnie",

owned by Christian Zoek, R2 Gap, with a record of 28,251 pounds of milk in 305 days.

The fat record went to "Barbara" owned by Kenneth Myer, R5, Elizabethtown, with 1,085 fat.

John Harnish, Beaver Valley Pike, Lancaster, won the four year old milk category with "Friend" who had a production record of 29,155 pounds of milk in 305 days.

Nelson W. Noit, R1 Peach Bottom, took the four year old fat record with No. 44, with 1,112 pounds of fat.

David Kulp, R1 Manheim, took aged cow honors in milk production with "Bren" who produced 32,003 pounds of milk in 305 days at five years and 6 months.

In the fat class for aged cows, Meadow Vista Farms, owned by Donald Risser, R1 Bainbridge, took honors with "Hazel" who had a fat record of 1,228 at seven years and one month.

Elected to serve on the Board of Directors was Gary Akers, R1 Quarryville; John Howard, Beaver Valley Pike, Lancaster; and Loren Zimmerman, R2 East Earl.



Production awards were presented at the annual Lancaster Holstein meeting this week to: from left, Ken Myer, Lucinda Landis for her father John, Dennis Kulp for his brother David, Ginny Akers for her father-in-law Curtis, and John Harnish. Ten different awards were presented in both milk and fat production.

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Farewell, beginnings mark IMPCO's 65th year

LANCASTER — It seemed a proper coincidence, on this past Veterans Day, that Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative applauded those individuals, who collectively gave more than 90 years of service to the 65-year-old co-op.

The veterans, James Honan, Paul Hand and Mary Quigley, stood before a crowd of several hundred members, guests and well-wishers, Thursday night, to reflect on past years and future challenges.

In his 25th year of service, Paul Hand, the former assistant general manager and economist accepted the reins of leadership as the co-op's general manager, replacing 35-year veteran James Honan.

"Today, I am between the past and the future — representing that link which will determine Inter-State's degree of success," Hand said.

He said his first task is to nurture

relationships with cooperative employees and department heads, board members and delegates, neighboring cooperatives and buyers of the cooperative's products.

"My goal," said the new chief, "will focus on meeting the challenges related to our changing environment."

For Hand, the evening marked transition; for Quigley and Honan, a fond farewell.

Quigley, a Rosemont resident, was honored for 30 years of service with the 3,200-member cooperative. Retiring in mid-1983, Quigley served as management assistant to Honan.

Webster defines "dynamic" as pertaining to effective action and as the accolades rolled in for Inter-State's retiring general manager, the co-op's 1982 annual theme, "Dynamic at 65," easily could

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PFA delegates re-elect Eckel president

HERSHEY — As the final hours of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association 32nd Annual Meeting found the 170 delegates wrapping up this year's resolutions and voting them in as PFA policy, one significant part of the order of business was the election of a president. It came as no surprise to those assembled, however, when incumbent Keith Eckel was unanimously voted in as the farm

organization's chief for the next two years.

In his acceptance remarks, Eckel, who is a dairy and vegetable farmer from Lackawanna County, expressed his appreciation for the "vote of confidence" his fellow PFA members gave him. Eckel had completed the unexpired term of former PFA president Eugene Thompson.

Earlier in the week, Eckel voiced his concern about the current economic conditions in rural Pennsylvania during his presidential address.

"There is a terrible temptation to suggest quick fixes to our present economic problems, but we can't give into this urge of expediency at the expense of a lasting solution," he stressed.

Eckel observed that farming is in its third straight year of depressed income, adding that the debt burden of many farmers has worsened during that time. Emphasizing the fact that the solution to the economic problems will be slow in coming, Eckel stated PFA's position on how recovery could be made possible:

"We support the reduction of uncontrolled federal spending so that high interest rates might moderate and the spend-and-tax cycle might be broken. Meaningful cutbacks, including substantial reductions in entitlement programs, is the route to curtailment of excessive and non-essential government expenditures."

"PFA welcomes the progress that has been made to reduce inflation. We have long understood that inflation ultimately leads to

serve distortions in production, prices, costs and farm income."

"We strongly support the economic policy direction toward reduced taxation and spending, regulatory reform and sound monetary policy set forth by the Reagan Administration. However, farmers are frustrated by the failure of this administration and the Congress to gain control of federal spending, and failure to balance the federal budget."

"Until the administration and Congress come to grips with entitlement program spending, PFA will no longer support reductions in federal expenditures for agriculture. We will not support federal farm programs administered on budget constraint grounds to accommodate the budget balancing objectives of the Reagan Administration," Eckel stated.

"We will fight any cuts in federal spending in agriculture until such time as the Reagan Administration



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