Md. Ag Merit roster includes waterman

the first time in its 67-year history, the University of Maryland's Certificate of Merit Award in Agriculture has been presented to a representative of the state's seafood industry.

This marker buoy was established with the selection of J. Clayton Brooks of Cambridge, Dorchester County. Brooks is president of the J. M. Clayton Company, a family-owned Eastern Shore crab-processing operation.

Along with three landlubbers from the western side of the Chesapeake Bay, Brooks was honored during the seventeenth annual Maryland Agricultural Leaders Forum on the College Park campus earlier this month.

The Certificate of Merit Award in Agriculture has now been bestowed on 240 men and women in the Old Line state.

Brooks is a past president of the National Blue Crab Association and former secretary-treasurer of the Chesapeake Bay Seafood Industries Association, now headquartered at Easton. He is a recipient of the Association's Seafood Ambassador award.

He has been involved with the University of Maryland's Sea Grant program, beginning in 1972 with the Marine Advisory Program of the University's Cooperative Extension Service.

Also honored with Brooks were Leon B. Enfield of Knoxville, Frederick County, Melvin E.

COLLEGE PARK, Md. - For Leppo of Winfield, Carroll County, and Carl L. Orndorff of Kensington, Montgomery County.,

Enfield and Leppo are both dairy farmers and former members of Maryland Agricultural Commission, while Orndorff is a veteran nurseryman.

Enfield also is president of the Maryland Farm Bureau. He has been associated with the county board of zoning appeals, government study commission and County Board of Supervisors of Elections. And he is a member of the University of Maryland's agricultural advisory committee.

In his spare time over the years, Enfield has attained recognition in jousting, the official state sport of Maryland. He has also developed a jousting project for advanced 4-H horse and pony project members.

Both he and his wife have been local 4-H volunteer leaders for a number of years.

Like his southwest Frederick County counterpart, Melvin E. Leppo balances dairy farming in southwest Carroll County with community and statewide service.

In addition to a three-year term on the Maryland Agricultural Commission, Leppo has served on finance committees of the board of directors for Dairymen, Inc.

At the county level, he was a Soil Conservation District supervisor for nine years, and he is a past chairman of the county's Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

Despite unfavorable economic conditions for farmers at present, Leppo is optimistic about the future of agriculture. He encouraged his son, Brian, to follow in his footsteps; and they formed a partnership in 1981. A daughter, Terry Leppo, was Maryland state dairy princess in 1975.

Carl L. Orndorff was honored for his 60 years of service to the state's ornamental horticulture industry. He has been president and general manager for many years of Kalmia Farms 1

the Tridelphia reservoir in western Howard county. The operation is now being closed down for what was to have been an expansion of the reservoir by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

Orndorff, is a past treasurer of both the Maryland Nurserymen's Association and the Mid-Atlantic Nurserymen's Trade Show. He is now president of the latter organization.

The Montgomery County resident is a former board member dependent of the Eastern region of the International Plant Propagators Society. The Society awarded him a Certificate of Merit at its annual meeting in Boston in 1980. Orndorff is scheduled to present a paper at the organization's annual meeting next month Dec. 13-17 at Grand Rapids, Mich. The presentation is titled "Constructing and Maintaining Disease-Free Propagation Structures." He will be general chairman for the group's 1983 annual meeting in Baltimore. The event will be held in early December next year.

Cattle on feed up 14 percent

on feed on Nov. 1 in the seven major feeding states totaled 8,120 head, up 14 percent from a year ago and the highest count for the date since 1978. It also marks the highest inventory for any month since January 1980.

The sharpest increases were found in Colorado with 1 million head, up 34 percent. Next was Nebraska with 1.82 million, up 18 percent, and Arizona had 351,000 head, up 16 percent from last year's figures.

Eisewhere, Kansas had 1.37 million head, up 18 percent; California had 642,000 head, up 4 percent; Iowa with 1.06 million head, up 5 percent; and Texas with

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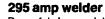
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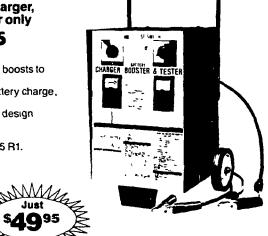


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