

For 2nd consecutive year

Richlawn Farms tops York DHIA

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YORK — Smyser's Richlawn Farms was the big winner Tuesday evening as York County dairy producers recognized top herd and individual production accomplishments at the annual DHIA meeting, hosted at Avalong Farms Restaurant.

The Smyser family's 1982 rolling herd average topped the York DHIA listings in both milk and butterfat output, with lactation

averages of 21,908 milk and 785 fat on a 67-head herd of registered Holsteins. Included in the Smyser operation at East Berlin Road, York, are Richard Smyser and his sons Robert and Rodney. Richlawn Farms' win was a repeat from last year, when they also headed the county production listing.

High 305-day lactation winner came as no surprise, going to Northcroft Ella Elevation, owned by the George Knight family of Airville. Ella's 305-day credits

totaled 44,024 milk, with 1,906 pounds of butterfat. The Knight family copped a second honor, with a herd fat production improvement of 103 pounds to finish with 19,314 milk, 713 fat, on 90 head.

Lifetime awards split between two herds, Stewartridge and Sinking Springs. Jordan-view Star Dust took high lifetime milk recognition for David Stewart's Stewartridge Farm, Delta, with lactations totaling 221,943 pounds.

Sinking Springs Meg Carol totaled butterfat production of 9,142 pounds to earn a lifetime fat honor for Sinking Springs Farms of York.

Honors for the highest herd average improvement between 400 and 500 pounds fat went to Ralph Innerst's R & M Farms at R3 York.

Eight other county herds earned ribbons for boosting rolling herd averages over 50 pounds of fat over the past year. In the over-500 fat level, those winners were Lynn Wolf, Abbottstown, with a 86-pound fat increase; Ellis Crowl, R2 Airville, for a 76-pound increase; Horace Heindel, R9, York 75-pound increase; Ray Doll's Walnut Hill Farm, Spring Grove, a 69-pound increase; Rick Cook, R1 Wellsville, 69-pound increase; Palmer McWilliams, Jr., R2 Seven Valleys, 62-pound increase, and Jeff Wolgemuth, the J.E. Baker Co. farm, York, a 55-pound increase.

In the 400 to 500-pound category, the J.E. Baker Co. farm managed by LeRoy Hertzler showed a 58-pound increase.

Youth awards went to two members of the Junior Holstein club for outstanding lactations on project animals.

Lesley King R2, Delta, won the 2-year-old category with a heifer record of 19,106 milk, 3.4 percent 650 fat.

Chris Wolf of Abbottstown took the honors in three other classes. One of her 3-year-old's records of 23,838, 3.0 percent, 711 fat topped other contenders in the milk category, and Chris's second 3-year-old animal's lactation of 23,172, 3.6 percent, 828 fat earned her a win in the fat category for the age classification. A third entry in the 5-year-old class of 22,916, 4.0 percent 928, won the production honors in that division.

Three new directors won seats on the county's board of directors, each to serve a three-year term. They are Dan Hushon, R3 Delta, Phil Laughman, R2 Thomasville, and Bob Reheard, R2 Airville.

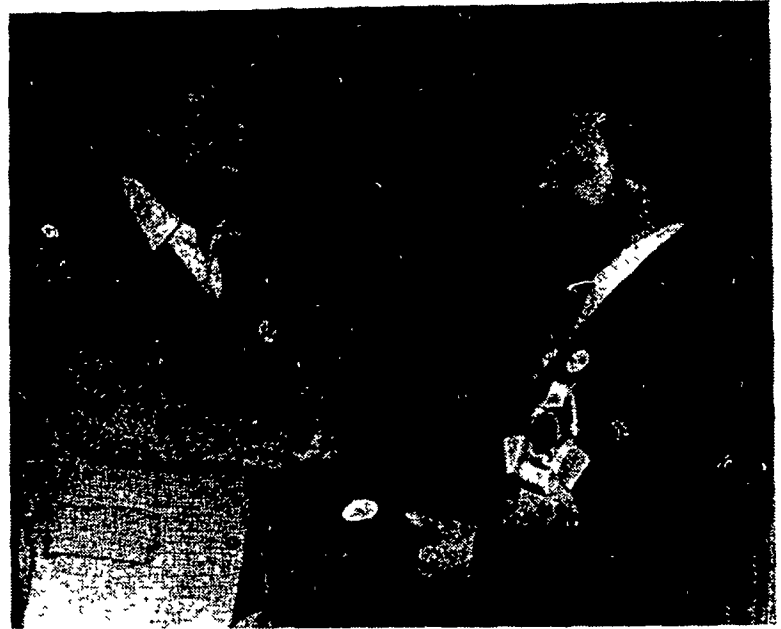
According to the brief DHIA overview presented by president Marty Grey, 549 more cows were tested in 1982, with a total of 7,280 on test across the county. Average production was 15,135 milk, an increase of 300 pounds over the previous year, while fat climbed three pounds to a 553-pound level.

Several rule changes are scheduled to go into effect Jan. 1, including a visible identify requirements on each cow tested in the state's DHIA program. Also new is a requirement that embryo transplant individuals as well as recipients must be stested along with other animals in a herd.

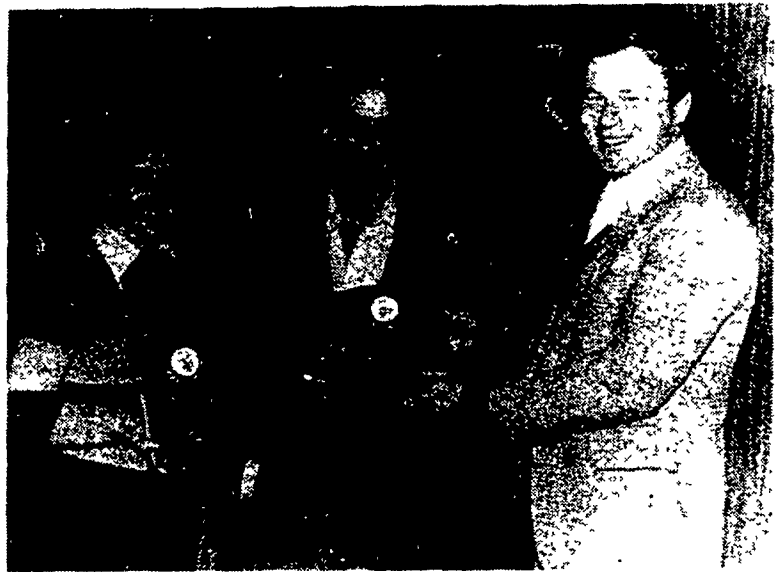
Cows suffering sickness, but fresh at least a week, will be tested with no exceptions. However, at the second test a computation backwards will be made to give credit for the first test at time of illness.

Refusal to test will now be considered a violation of the national DHIA rules. However, a test supervisor may be contacted 10 to 15 days before herd centering date, and notified of certain dates near the centering day that pose test conflicts.

While thyroidal derivatives are now approved for use under DHIA rules, no muscular injection of any



Robert Smyser, right, accepts a York DHIA plaque honoring the Smyser family's high county herd in both milk and butterfat production. Making the presentation was DHIA president Marty Grey.



Noami and George Knight, III, accept two honors for the Woodbine herd. High lactation honors went to the family's Northcroft Ella Elevation, and the Knights earned a second award for their 103 pound butterfat increase.



Junior Holstein members Chris Wolf, left, and Lesley King were winners in the junior milk and fat contest, accepting their Holstein-plate awards during the DHIA recognition program.



Ralph Innerst, left, boosted butterfat production on his R & M farms by 67 pounds, to win honors in the 400-500 fat category. DHIA president Marty Grey offers congratulations.



Highest individual lifetime butterfat record was produced by a member of the Sinking Springs herd, with farm manager Marty Grey accepting the award from York dairy agent Shannon Neuman.

type, including oxytocin, or let-down hormones, may be given any animal immediately prior to testing.

In order for York County DHIA

participants to improve herd management using their test results, a Feb. 10, 1983, workshop is scheduled. Details will be sent to York DHIA program participants as that date approaches.

Holstein brings record \$1 million

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Queen Manor farm, scored Very Good 88. According to Doeberiner, Eve is "better than her mother as far as production goes." Her records, at age 3 years and 8 months, show 33,565 pounds of milk, with 1,275 pounds of butterfat in 329 days for twice-a-day milking.

Pearson, who was not available for phone interview, was described by Coyne as "very pleased" and a "little surprised," having hoped for at least \$500,000 for Ivy. "But we never thought she'd sell that high," Coyne admitted.

Pearson, hoping to retire after this sale, lives with his wife Linda and two children on their 100-acre Greenleaf farm which he pur-

chased in 1976 following a four-year partnership.

Cormier, Ivy's new owner, runs two operations and an export business in Georgetown, Ontario, owning 25 breeding cattle.

When Cormier first realized Ivy would be for sale, about 6 months ago, he said he became interested in buying her. "We hoped we would get her but we didn't think we'd have to spend quite that much." Cormier admitted hoping that the bidding would stop at the "800,000 mark" but that "there seemed to be a lot of people bidding for her."

He said his plans for Ivy include breeding her at least once to Paclamar Bootmaker and to use her for embryo transplant work.

The sale attracted more than 2,000 people from across the United States and Canada.

