

Dukas addresses Northwest DHIA

FRANKLIN — A new quality certification program was discussed Tuesday, at the Northwest District DHIA meeting held at the Bonanza Steak Pit in Franklin.

Phil Dukas, general manager of the Penn State milk testing lab, said that every state will be required to qualify for the new program. All states would follow the same DHIA rules and testing

program and under the quality certification program, supervisors would be required to take an exam in order to test herds for the following year. The program would guarantee a minimum of services to each dairyman on test, said Dukas.

The DHIA chief also stated in the future a new back-up system may be incorporated at the milk testing lab at Penn state. The memory

unit failed during the holiday season leaving 400 dairy herds with incomplete records and another 600 herds were affected due to the delay. Dukas said they also will need a new computer analyst and another fieldman.

Ray Pruss, DHIA administrative assistant, explained the value of a short course for area supervisors. Directors will decide if the five day short course should be mandatory at the National DHIA Convention coming up March 14 through 17 in Rochester, New York.

The Northwest District Meeting expressed their thoughts that supervisors would be capable of better testing with training from the short course.

Some of the subjects covered by the short course and rules and regulations, handling meters, reporting date on the barn sheets, sample packing, somatic cell count

and protein testing. Individual counties would absorb the workshop costs.

Dukas summarized the revision in rules and said the rules are now in effect and supervisors should report offenders to their local clubs.

The following officers were selected for 1983: state director, Stanley Brubaker, Potter county; president, Dan Vogh, Erie County; vice president, James Glover, Erie County; secretary, Catheryn Moose, Mercer County.

Soybean, grain meeting Wednesday

SHIPPENSBURG — The Cooperative Extension Services of Franklin and Cumberland counties will be conducting a joint meeting on Wednesday for the soybean and small-grain farmers of both counties. This educational meeting will start at 10 a.m. and conclude at 2:30 p.m. in the Bonanza Restaurant, Shippensburg.

The main feature will be a discussion on "Bayleton for Mildew Control in Wheat", by Tony Herndon, Mobay Chemical

Company. John Yocum, director of the Penn State Research Station at Landisville, will update growers on the latest techniques in soybean production. Elwood Hatley, Penn State agronomist, will discuss small grain and grain sorghum (milo) culture - new varieties weed control, harvesting techniques, etc.

The session will qualify as an update-training meeting for recertification of licensed Pennsylvania pesticide applicators. (Many of these current licenses expire Sept. 30.) County Agent John Shearer urges all small grains, soybean, and grain-sorghum growers to attend.

Holstein Hall of Fame

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forerunner of today's Atlantic Breeders Cooperative, headquartered in Lancaster. In 1944, his peers elected him to the cooperative's board and he served as president through 1960.

From 1944 through 1971, the AI leader served on the cooperative's sire selection committee, which brought the influence of such sire greats as Lucifer and Ivanhoe to the Holstein breeding industry.

In 1975, the Pennsylvania Association of Artificial Breeders Cooperatives, which he had headed as president for five years, honored him as an A.I. Pioneer in the state. He also represented the state on the board of the National Association of Animal Breeders from 1960 through 1964 and served as vice-president.

For his farm and industry contributions, Groff was selected a Master Farmer, and in 1956 was appointed by President Eisenhower to the state ASC committee, which he headed as chairperson from 1958 to 1960.

Groff also served as a past president of the Lancaster County Cooperative Extension Service and

is a former member of the Lancaster County Planning Commission.

Both Hall of Fame honorees were presented with duplicates of their portraits that will be hung in the Hall of Fame gallery at the Holstein Association's State College offices.

The Hall of Fame presentations, which brought standing ovations from the audience of several hundred, climaxed the annual banquet in the grand ballroom of the Hilton. Earlier in the program, a presentation went to the association from state Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell, also a Holstein member. Secretary Hallowell presented the group with a framed plaque bearing a pen used by Governor Dick Thornburgh in signing the proclamation last year declaring milk the official state drink.

Presentations of appreciation to convention co-chairman Kay and Dave Slusser, and Polish ethnic folk dance entertainment by the Alliance College Kujawiaki rounded out the final convention event.

Cattlemen

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on to receive his B.S. in Agricultural Education from Penn State in 1960 and received his Master's Degree in 1971.

From his post as Supervisor for the State Correctional Institution at Rockview to his start in the beef business in 1972 and to the present, Espy has always been an adamant advocate and promoter of beef "in his home, business, community, and any other place that someone will listen."

He is known to be extremely energetic and has served the beef industry with his time and resources in the Pa. Cattlemen's Association, Pa. Beef Council,

National Cattleman's Council, Pa. Beef Council Development Task Force, Pa. Farmers Association, Huntingdon County Agricultural Forum, Penn State College of Agriculture Advisory Board, as a member of Secretary's Hallowell's Animal Industry's Advisory Board, as well as serving as President and Vice President of the Tyrone Rotary Club, past President of the Juniata Valley School District, member of Tyrone Masonic Lodge #494, Valley of Altoona Consistory, Jaffa Temple of Altoona, and as a member of the National Federation of Independent Businesses.



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