Wayne County DHIA sets records

BELMONT — The fifty-seventh annual meeting of the Wayne County Dairy Herd Improvement Association was held Nov. 14 at the Belmont Fire Hall with 150 persons attending.

The association completed the

testing year Oct. 1, with an average production of 14,946 pounds of milk and 540 pounds of butterfat per cow. The milk production level is an all-time high for the county, with both milk and butterfat levels slightly below

state DHIA averages.

There was an average number of 4,971 cows enrolled for the full year. This is slightly below last year's record number of 5013.

James Slocum, Susquehanna, was recognized for having the

highest producing herd in both milk and butterfat, which was 22,280 pounds of milk and 817 pounds of butterfat per cow. This is the highest production level in both milk and butterfat ever achieved by any Wayne County DHIA herd.

Slocum also received the "high cow in butterfat" award for a cow by the name of "Carla" who in a 305 day lactation produced 24,746 pounds of milk and 1,411 pounds of butterfat.

The "high cow in milk award" went to Bruce Stanton, Starrucca, who owns a cow by the name of "Marsha" who in 305 days produced 28,689 pounds of milk and 941 pounds of butterfat.

Lifetime award

Charles Dennis Jr., Honesdale received the "high lifetime award". He owns a cow, "Ruth", who in her lifetime has a production record of 222,056 pounds of milk and 8,808 pounds of butterfat.

The "high quality milk award", which is based on the lowest average somatic cell count, was presented to Stanley Stinavage, Thompson.

700 lbs. fat

Dairymen who received special recognition for having butterfat production levels in excess of 700 pounds were: Kevin Burleigh, Pleasant Mount, 760 pounds; Bruce Stanton, Starrucca, 723 pounds; Robert Fries, Aldenville, 722 pounds: James Woodmansee, Lake Como, 719 pounds; and Golden Willow Holsteins, Paul Kennedy, St. Rt., Honesdale, 709 pounds.

600 lbs. fat

Herds with butterfat records in the 600 pound category were: Kinghill Farm, David Soden, Starrucca, 686 pounds; Rowe Bros., RD#2, Honesdale, 681 pounds; Robert Sheard, Milanville, 677 pounds; Robert Fielding, RD#5, Lake Ariel, 668 pounds; John Worobey, Thompson, 663 pounds; Donald and William Bryant, St. Rt., Honesdale, 659 pounds; Paul Kennedy, St. Rt., Honesdale, 650 pounds; Frank Marks, RD#1, Damascus, 643 pounds; Emil Swingle, RD#5, Lake Ariel, 639 pounds; Glover Brothers, Starrucca, 638 pounds; W.E. Newcomer & Son, RD#1, Newfoundland, 631 pounds; Lester Bates, RD#1, Honesdale, 629 pounds; Dale Hocker, Milanville, 620 pounds; E. W. Lepro, RD#2, Thompson, 619 pounds; Frederick Nordenhold, RD#1, Beach Lake, 616 pounds; Clearfield Farms, RD#2, Honesdale, 612 pounds; Alton Olver, RD#3, Honesdale, 603 pounds; Paparella Bros., RD#4, Honesdale, 602 pounds; and Dean Giles, RD#1, Honesdale, 600 pounds.

New directors

The following directors were elected for three year terms: David Soden, D. Ellis Dix, and Gary Rickard. Additional directors are Llewellyn Courtright, Charles Dennis, Paul Kennedy, Theodore Kostige, Frank Marks, Alton Olver, Grant Teeple, Marlyn Shaffer, and James Slocum.

The speaker for the annual meeting program was Thomas B. Jurchak, County Extension Director, Lackawanna County. He discussed current milk marketing issues and outlined the various provisions of the proposed compromise dairy legislation.

D.H.I.A. Supervisors employed at the association are: Steve Kammer, Honesdale: Wagner, Hollisterville; Joseph Schriefer, Pleasant Mount; Douglas Phillips, Starrucca, and A. Linford Sampson, Equinunk.



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