

Carl Snyder tops Schuylkill DHIA roster

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DETURKSVILLE — Carl A. Farms, R1, Pitman, stood at the top of the Schuylkill County DHIA roster at the recent awards banquet.

Owned by Carl Snyder, the 64 registered Holsteins pumped out a 1983 herd average of 21,009 pounds of milk and 821 pounds of butterfat, besting the 38 herds in the association. This herd average for milk and butterfat, along with the four other herds who exceeded 700 pounds of fat, helped put Schuylkill County first in the state in butterfat, second in protein, and fifth in milk production.

"We have some good dairymen

in the county," Wayne Kurtz, secretary-treasurer of the association admitted. They're all doing a good job."

This was the first time Carl Snyder reached the top of the association. His black and whites also took the top honors in the individual cow production awards. "Dori" with 33,529 pounds milk and 1,602 pounds fat earned her owner the highest award in both milk and fat production. Carl A. Farms bovines also placed third and fourth in milk production and fourth in fat production in the individual cow awards.

This marked the first year that the 1,811 cows enrolled on DHIA in the county topped the 16,000 pound

county average for milk. The 1983 county average is 16,242 pounds milk with 610 pounds fat.

The top five herds received ribbons for 700 pounds plus of butterfat. In addition to Carl A. Farms, they included Paul and Ken Wagner, R1, Tamaqua with 58 Holsteins averaging 20,587 milk and 752 fat; Brian Ruch, R1, Andreas, with 27 Holsteins averaging 18,381 milk and 715 fat; Miller and Rex, Inc., R1, Andreas, with 34 Holsteins averaging 18,376 milk and 711 fat; and Heisler Brothers, R1, Tamaqua, with 68 Holsteins averaging 18,759 milk and 703 fat.

There were also six herds recognized for over 600 pounds of protein. They included Carl A.

Farms with 685 pounds; Bruce Leatherman, R1, Tamaqua, with 660 pounds; Paul and Ken Wagner, with 657 pounds; Heisler Brothers with 614 pounds; Melvin Stoltfus, R1, Hegins, with 613 pounds; and Snyder Brothers, R1, Pitman, with 601 pounds.

The annual meeting and awards banquet was held at the Red Lion Inn, Deturksville, on Wednesday,

Jan 18. Officials were pleased with the turnout in spite of the bad weather. New directors were elected with Franklin Troxell, R1, Andreas, being re-elected, and John Leatherman, R1, Tamaqua, and James Hepler, Pitman, elected to new terms.

After the elections and awards, Larry Specht, Penn State, explained the genetic base changes.

Wheat loan rate set

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has issued county loan and purchase rates for 1984-crop wheat based on the national average rate of \$3.30 per bushel for No. 1 grade wheat announced last August.

Some adjustment of state and county rates reflect factors such as prices received by farmers, transportation costs and production and consumption trends, according to C. Hoke Leggett, associate administrator of USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

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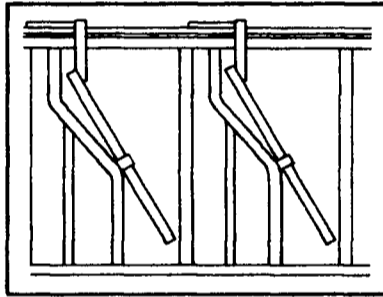
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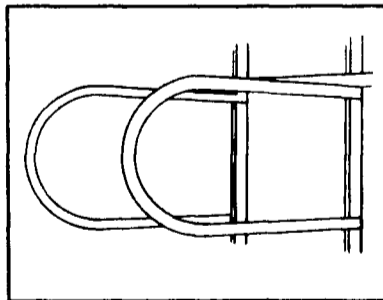
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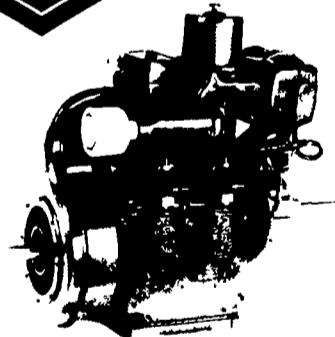
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