

Crawford DHIA

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terfat and 555 lbs. of protein reflecting an increase of 3,958 lbs. of milk and 143 lbs. of butterfat. John Brenner, of Spartansburg, was the recipient for greatest gain in butterfat with an increase of 179 lbs. of butterfat and 3,727 lbs. of milk, with a herd average of 16,878 of milk, 676 lbs. of fat and 555 lbs. of protein. Paul Kubich, of Wayne Feeds and Platt's Mill presented the plaques and added that "this is especially satisfying as John is one of our customers and I have worked closely with him."

Tom & Libby Wilson, R3 Saegertown, were presented an award for their efforts in obtaining the lowest somatic cell count, averaging 103,083 for the twelve-month span.

Certificates of Commendation were given for the highest production cows in milk, fat and protein in each breed. The Ayrshire milk and fat honors went to Wagnercrest for their registered Ayrshire, Dot with 17,757 lbs. of milk and 668 lbs. of butterfat. High protein honors went to Kenneth and Judy Mook, with 529 lbs.

Mike Zulovich with Brown Swiss Bessie garnered all three highs with 20,229 lbs. milk, 733 lbs. of fat and 672 lbs. of protein.

Zulovich also had the high for Guernsey protein with 530 lbs. Dolly Run Farm, Paul & John Kunz, received milk and fat honors with two different registered Guernseys. Ritzy produced 16,553 lbs. of milk and Jodie had a 4.9 test with 725 lbs. fat.

A Jersey cow owned by Spruce Row Farms of Meadville with a record of 16,877 lbs. milk, 940 lbs. of butterfat and 700 lbs. protein took all three highs.

The high for mixed breed went to Alan & Rhona Custead for milk and fat with 19,116 lbs. milk and 654 lbs. of butterfat. Protein went to Bob & Earl Infield with 709 lbs.

Mike Zulovich swept the Red & White category, in addition to Brown Swiss, with 20,171 lbs. milk, 655 lbs. fat and 526 lbs. protein.

In the Holstein breed, Wagnercrest Farm with 4-year-old registered Bell received milk and fat honors for 33,524 lbs. milk, 1,328 butterfat. Queens Manor's Leadfield Telestar Linda took the protein award with 966 lbs. along with 30,133 lbs. milk and 1,248 lbs. of butterfat.

It was reported by County Agent Joe Beard that a total of 142 herds completed the 1983 testing year with 6,781 cattle. The county average was 15,231 lbs. milk, and 556 lbs. fat with herd size averaging 50 cows. Since testing began in Crawford County in 1925, production per cow has doubled.

Although the highlight of the afternoon was the award presentations, other business was conducted. Mrs. Doneva Hyde, DHIA president, was master of ceremonies in which new directors were elected. State DHIA director Gray was present to tell of recent meetings. Also, the Dairy Princess Committee had a part in the agenda with Alternate Princess Diane Schutz on hand to report on her activities. As a special treat, Lisa Marshall, of Mid-East UDIA, spoke on the organization and presented a short film of milk commercials that are presently being shown on prime time TV nationwide. These were shown to allow farmers in the Mid-East region to realize their milk check advertising dollars are doing an

effective job. Everyone enjoyed the ordinary people pictured (like themselves) who never have "ordinary days".

The featured speaker of the day was William Heald, Penn State Dairy Extension Specialist, who discussed computers in DHIA on and off the farm. He stressed that there will be vast changes in DHIA in the near future with computers slicing the time needed to analyze samples. In fact, devices will soon be tested that can do much of this on the farm when the supervisor is

present. Also stresses was that since surplus is a fact, the "best must get better" and DHIA can help farmers survive. "Nationally DHI customers have three times more cows and average 5000 pounds milk per cow-higher volume, better operators, therefore better managers", summarized Heald.

Many of the nearly 200 present left the annual meeting with one of the door prizes donated by local businesses.

Inter-State distributes investment tax credits to members

SOUTHAMPTON — During January, Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative distributed \$108,146 in investment tax credits to its members, according to Treasurer Evan L. Fineman.

Fineman said that all members were mailed in Internal Revenue Form 1099 which listed their portion of the investment tax credit.

"This is the third year that Inter-State has distributed investment tax credits to its members. Because we are a cooperative, we can distribute unused portions of the tax credit to our patrons,"

Fineman said. Fineman explained that the investment tax credits are applied directly against the income tax liability."

The credit was distributed on the basis of patronage during Inter-State's 1983 fiscal year, August 1, 1982 through July 31, 1983.

Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative represents more than 3,100 dairy farmer families in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. During fiscal 1983, the Cooperative marketed more than 2.51 billion pounds of milk.

Schuylkill vegetable meeting

POTTSVILLE — The Schuylkill County Winter Vegetable Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Dusselink Motor Inn, Rt. 61, Pottsville.

Speakers for the meeting will be Cyril Smith, Professor of Plant Nutrition; Pete Ferretti, Extension Vegetable Specialist; Robert Tetrault, Extension Entomologist; Michael Orzolek, Extension Vegetable Specialist; and Alan MacNab, Extension

Plant Pathologist. The topics discussed will include the three-year project with lime and fertilizer increasing efficiency in vegetable production.

All vegetable growers are invited to attend the meeting sponsored by the Schuylkill County Extension Service. For additional information, contact George P. Perry, Jr., County Agent - Horticulture, P.O. Box 250, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972 or telephone (717) 385-3431 by February 9, 1984.



Paul Kubich, of Wayne Feed and Platt's Mill, presents award for butterfat gain to John Brenner, of Crawford County.

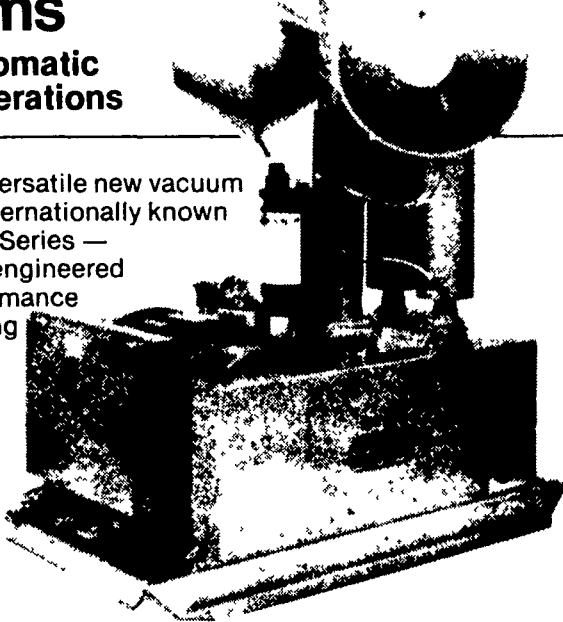
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