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 Chapters respectively, representing Region III.
 Spokesperson for Agriculture Contest — Milton Hoffman, of the Warrior Run Chapter.
 Honorary Young Farmer Award — John W. Schwartz, of Littlestown, territory manager for PAG Seeds.

Outstanding Young Farmer Advisor Award — William Schaeffer, of the West Snyder Chapter.
 The largest convention registration was achieved by the West Snyder Chapter at the two-day gathering in Harrisburg.
 The Manheim Chapter in Lancaster County showed the greatest



Community service award co-winners at Pa. Young Farmer Convention are Russell and Phyllis Hummel, left, and Donald and Carol Sanders, of the Mifflinburg and Selinsgrove Chapters respectively.

membership increase during the past year with a gain of 17.

And, the Ephrata Chapter was honored for having the largest membership among chapters throughout the state.

In other major business, the Young Farmers elected officers to direct their statewide organization during the coming year.

Tom Zartman, of the Ephrata Chapter in Lancaster County, took over the presidency, succeeding Leroy Geesaman, of the Northern Lebanon Chapter, who has served for the past year.

President-elect of the PA. YF is Jay Grove, of the Shippensburg Chapter, who served as treasurer for the past year.

Replacing him as treasurer is Ronald O'Neil, of the Kutztown Chapter in Berks County.

Reelected were Vernon Leininger, of the Ephrata Chapter, as secretary; and Larry Hay, of the Berlin Chapter, as Public Relations Director.

Regional vice-presidents include Eric Coolidge, Wellsboro Chapter, Region I, Karl Herr, Solanco Chapter, Region II, Robert Garrett, Mifflinburg Chapter, Region III; Glenn Snyder, Gettysburg Chapter, Region IV, Roger Platt, Berlin YF, Region V, and Ron Fidler, Blue Mountain Chapter, Region VII.

Continuing as co-editors of the Young Farmer magazine will be Terry Martin and Donald Mooney.

In the competition for the Outstanding Young Farmers, other regional winners were:

Under 30 — Region II, Clair and Mim Miller, Elizabethtown Chapter; Region III, Rick and Kathy Bailer, Selinsgrove



Representative of newest YF Chapter in Pa., Phillip Carr, of Clearfield Area, left, is congratulated by Leroy Geesaman, retiring state president.

Chapter, Region IV, Robert and Barb Keefer, Shippensburg Chapter, Region VII, Jeffrey Werner, Northern Lebanon Chapter.

Over 30 — Region II, Nelson and Alma Wenger, Manheim Chapter, Region III, Ronald and Jeanette Reich, Selinsgrove Chapter, Region IV, Larry and Doris Wilkinson, Gettysburg Chapter; Region VII, Lester and Edna Faye Burkholder, Kutztown Chapter.

Regional winners in the community service competition also included Galen and Lilli Ann Kopp, Elizabethtown Chapter, Region II, Donald and Bertha Thrush, Shippensburg Chapter, Region IV, Raymond and Doris Glasser,

Marion Center Chapter, Region V. A new chapter receiving its charter at the convention was the Clearfield Area Young Farmers.

Next year's Winter Convention will be held in Somerset County.

In addition to the various business and award sessions at the convention on Wednesday and Thursday, the program included a number of educational programs on such topics as computers, farm medicine, finances and marketing and farm electricity.

The Ladies Program also featured several speakers and workshops on a variety of subjects, ranging from candlewicking to Colonial cooking.



Gavel of the Pa. Young Farmers is passed by Leroy Geesaman, right, retiring president; to Tom Zartman, new president.



Spokesperson for Agriculture winning speaker is Milton Hoffman, of Warrior Run Chapter.



John Schwartz, of PAG Seeds, with Honorary Young Farmer Award.

Diversion signups

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dairymen, or 12.4 percent, had signed a contract with ASCS. Prior to the sign-up period government officials had estimated that between 25 to 75 percent of the dairymen would sign contracts.

The participating dairymen have indicated in their contracts intentions to reduce milk production by a total of 9.3 billion pounds during the 15 months that the program runs. This represents 55 percent of the estimated production during the 15 month program, according to ASCS officials.

The estimated reduction for 1984 is 7.4 billion pounds of milk, with an estimated range of reduction of 6.2 to 8.2 billion pounds of milk depending on the three percent tolerance above or below the actual contracted percentage.

Contracts indicated reduction of 337,000 more cull cows than would normally be culled from herds.

Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, Richard Lyng said, producers indicated intentions to send 23 percent of the cull cows by Jan. 31st. Lyng also stated that the payments to producers will total an estimated \$930 million.

A breakdown of the figures for the nation and states in this region are:

—USA, 37,530 of the nation's 303,580 dairymen have contracted to divert 74,544,670 cwt of milk.

—Pennsylvania, 1227 of the state's 21,000 dairymen have contracted to divert 2,031,803 cwt of milk.

—New York, 1490 of the state's 18,000 dairymen have contracted to divert 2,936,675 cwt of milk.

—Maryland, 191 of the state's 2300 dairymen have contracted to divert 424,848 cwt of milk.

—Delaware, 21 of the state's 250 dairymen have contracted to divert 42,102 cwt of milk.

Across the country dairymen contracted to reduce production by

an average of 22.88 percent of their bases.

In Pennsylvania, Lancaster County has 96 dairymen contracted to reduce, Berks County has 33, Chester County has 31, York has 21 and Lebanon County has 19.

David Roth, president of the Pa. Dairymen's Association, said in a telephone conversation, Pennsylvania has a lot of registered Holstein breeders. Because this program does not allow for the sale of breeding stock, it is more suited for commercial and grade herds.

"I think there was also a lot of concern about what would happen after the 15 month program, because dairymen in this area are on a base-excite plan," Roth said.

There was such a short time to decide if you were going to participate. Maybe if we had another month more would have signed up.

Dairy economists are predicting the low level of participation in the program will result in a lowering of the milk support price at the end of the program.