

# 3 Pa. breeders seek national Holstein post

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ALTOONA — Three Pennsylvania Holstein breeders are seeking candidacy for a position on the national Holstein association's board of directors. One of three men will receive the endorsement of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association next week at PHA's annual convention. Selection will be made by a caucus on Thursday, Feb. 23.

Four national board terms will expire during 1984, including the seat presently held by Don Seipt of Easton. Those board terms will be filled by election during the national convention in June, to be held in St. Louis, Missouri.

Candidates to date being considered for the caucus' endorsement are John Cope, Grantham, Cumberland County; Kenneth Mowry, Roaring Springs, Bedford County; Gordon Wood, Mansfield, Tioga County.

John Cope is vice-president and general manager of Ashcombe's Farms, which operates milk production, processing and retail sales facilities in both York and Cumberland counties. Cope also independently owns Holsteins and farms with his son and daughter.

Ashcombe Farms' combined herds of 520 cows have a rolling herd average of 19,307 milk and 677 fat. Production last year earned the farms high herd average in the state for production in herds over 200 cows.

Cope was involved in Pennsylvania's first export shipment of cattle, and the farm has since sent individuals to over a dozen countries.

He is immediate past president of the state Holstein Association and has served 12 years on the

executive committee, with 6 years as treasurer and a term as vice-president.

Among his ag related activities are Commonwealth National Bank's Dillsburg branch advisory committees, board of overseers of the University of Pennsylvania veterinary school, county extension board, ag-speakers bureau and school dairy promotion.

Cope is also a trustee of Findley College in Ohio, and a past president of the Mechanicsburg School board and the Dillsburg Lions Club.

Kenneth Mowry is co-owner of Mowry Farms, a three-generation operation that includes his father, Clarence, and sons Steve and Ron. Of the total 500 head on the farm, about 200 make up the milking herd.

The Mowry's have developed seven of the nation's top ten indexed cows and set the first 40,000 and 50,000 pound milk production records.

The herd has been on DHIR for 30 years and won the Progressive Breeder Registry for 15 years. Numerous individuals have been exported and consigned to domestic sales programs.

Mowry has been a state Holstein director for 20 years, served on a variety of state merchandising and sales committees, and been a national delegate for 20 years. He is secretary of the 1984 convention and a member of the convention sale committee.

Mowry has served on legislative and labor committees for the Pennsylvania Farmers Association, and as a past member of the Bedford School board, worked with finance and personnel committees.

His community activities have

included serving as president and executive board member of the Washington Cove Memorial Park and the Bedford Lions Club.

Gordon Wood and his sons operate two dairy herds with a combined total of 450 head of milking animals.

The Gor-Wood home herd of 142 cows has a rolling herd average of 17,761 milk and 606 fat.

Among the farm's recent show accomplishments are the winning of the 1983 state spring show's best three female class, seven consecutive years as premier breeder

at the Northeast championship show and a Reserve All-American bull exhibited last year.

For 25 years, Wood has operated an auction service specializing in cattle and machinery, and recently with his youngest son purchased a local restaurant business.

He's a past state Holstein director and served on the committees that purchased the PHA's farm and built additional barn facilities, and has been a national delegate for three years.

Wood has 30 years of active service with Northeast Dairy

Cooperative (NEDCO). He served 15 years as a delegate and 15 as a board member, the last five years on the executive committee and as assistant treasurer.

He has also been a director for 20 years of the Headwaters PCA and Land Bank, presently serving as vice-president and loan committee member, and been an ASCS committeemen for 15 years. During seven years as a school director, he served one year as president of the Mansfield, Richman, Sullivant joint district board.

## Seed treatment may be needed

DEKALB, IL. — For 1984, seed treatment may be an essential part of crop protection against seed-attacking insects. Wherever cover crops were grown last year and use of a soil insecticide to control rootworms is not planned, the protection of a planter box seed treatment should be considered. It just might avoid a profit-robbing thin and spotty stand or, perhaps, the cost of replanting.

Most hybrid corn and sorghum seed marketed by established producers is fungicide-treated before it is bagged. This provides a protective film around the seed to help ward off diseases after planting. Captan is the most commonly used fungicide for corn and sorghum seed.

Soil inhabiting insects are another hazard to planted seed. Seed corn maggots, seed corn beetles, wireworms, and thief ants are the more common problem insects. An insecticide applied to seed just before it is planted can provide a great deal of stand

assurance at low cost. Diazinon and lindane seed treatments are the most common University-recommended materials.

Diazinon planter box seed treatments are registered in most states to help protect corn against stand reduction by seed corn maggots and seed corn beetles and to protect soybeans against seed corn maggots. Losses to these insects will be most pronounced if cool weather slows seed germination. Cost of material will vary from about 40 cents to 75 cents per acre, depending on application and seed planting rates.

Lindane can be used on corn, sorghum, soybean, sunflower, and several other crop seeds in several states to protect against feeding by seed corn beetles, seed corn maggots, and wireworms during germination. The product also helps deter thief ants, kafir ants, and false wireworms. Cost of material depends on seeding rate and varies from about 50 cents to

75 cents per acre for corn, 5 cents to 25 cents for sorghum, and runs about one dollar per acre for soybeans.

Generally it is not considered necessary to use a planter box insecticide if an organo-phosphate is being applied over the row or in the furrow at planting. With this exception, the cost of added stand protection afforded by a planter box seed treatment is very low, considering the total investment in planting a crop.

High quality seed treatment materials come in dry powder form and should contain a graphite additive, which improves seed flow and benefits moving planter parts. If planting during high humidity, check planting mechanisms periodically to guard against seed treatment buildup. There is no adverse effect on seed germination and plant growth when these insecticides are used as directed on the label.

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