

DHIA supervisors receive honors at annual conference

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STATE COLLEGE —
Highlighting the 60th annual State Dairy Herd Improvement Association Supervisors Conference held at the Elks Club in State College, was the recognition of the association's outstanding supervisors.

Honored during the conference banquet last Friday, July 20, were county supervisors who provided outstanding service to DHIA members during the past year. Among the top of these supervisors was Harold Probst, Lancaster County.

Named the Superior Supervisor, Probst was first honored at ceremonies during the State Farm Show in January. Selected by the DHIA staff as the "best in the state," Probst was honored a second time during the Friday night banquet. He received an engraved plaque.

A DHIA supervisor for 26 years, Probst has worked with 125 dairymen and has completed 54,000 cow performance records. He has made only 34 errors in his 26 years, and has maintained an average mailing time of 1.9 days.

Recognized as the 1984 Distinguished Supervisors were Gary Davies, Susquehanna County; Harvey Fettig, Juniata County; and William Motzing, Crawford County. These men were also selected by the staff and represent the three administration regions of the state DHIA.

Karen Halteman, Montgomery County, received the 1984 Putnam Award, based on the least errors made over a one-year period. Miss Halteman, a supervisor for two

years, committed only one error last year. The average number of errors per supervisor is four.

The 1984 Hollinger Award went to Tom Garrett, Lancaster County. Garrett, vice president of the state association, received the plaque awarded to the supervisor who provides the neatest production data. The recipient is selected by the DHIA laboratory technicians who process the data.

Honored for 20 Years Consecutive Service was Gerald Pratt, Bradford County. Five Years Consecutive Service awards went to Raymond Yaggie, Berks County; Darrell Brumbaugh, Blair County; Barbara Gary, Bradford County; Ruth Ann Moyer, Bucks County; Joe Schreiffer, Wayne County; Steve Kammer, Wayne County; and Marianne Walter, York County.

Also recognized for consecutive service awards were the following:

Five Years - Ralph Weiler, Huntington County; Mary Bender, Lancaster County; Strel Harvey, Wyoming County; Janet Hentz, Adams County; Barbara Gary, Bradford County; and Patti Sue Johnson, Lancaster County.

Ten Years - Terry McAfee, Northumberland County; Vere E. Balmer, York County; and Martha Ohl, Erie County.

Fifteen Years - Jay Mylin, Lancaster County.

Twenty Years - Harvey Fettig, Juniata County; Leonard Miller, Somerset County; Raymond Yaggie, Berks County; and Donald Lutz, Berks County.

Twenty-five Years - Moses Martin, Lancaster County; John O'Toole, Perry County; John



Distinguished DHIA supervisors are, from left, Harvey Fettig, Juniata County; William Motzing, Crawford County; and Harold Probst, Lancaster County, also named Superior Supervisor. Missing from photo is Gary Davies, Susquehanna County.

Arnold, Lebanon; and Robert Jones Jr., Mercer County.

Thirty Years - Jay Risser, Lancaster; and Eugene Pope, Somerset County.

Thirty-five Years - R. Walter Stydinger, Perry County; and Harry Fritz, Franklin County.

Forty Years - Gerald Miller, Chester County.

The banquet was part of a two-day conference directed by the state DHIA. Topics such as quality certification, sire identification and verification tests were discussed.

According to Ray Pruss, DHIA administrative assistant, a highlight of the two-day meeting was a group discussion on improving services for dairymen. The DHIA, Pruss said, hopes to develop a more uniform program among the county members, including a more uniform training program for county supervisors.

"Every dairyman should get the same service across the state," he said.



Gerald Pratt, Bradford County, is honored for 20 years consecutive service to the DHIA.



Karen Halteman, left, Montgomery County, receives the 1984 Putnam Award, while Tom Gerrett, Lancaster County, receives the 1984 Hollinger Award.



Recognized for five years consecutive service are DHIA supervisors from left, Raymond Yaggie, Berks County; Barbara Gary, Bradford County; Darrell Brumbaugh, Blair County; Ruth Ann Moyer, Bucks County; Steve Kammer, Wayne County; and Marianne Walter, York County.

New ag post created

UNIVERSITY PARK — Penn State's College of Agriculture has strengthened its commitment to student services by creating a new position to direct student activities and to assist departments in the College with their undergraduate

programs.

James S. McCoy, assistant professor of agricultural and extension education and coordinator of recruitment and commonwealth campus relations, has been named Director of Undergraduate Student Affairs.

Announcing the appointment, Gene M. Love, associate dean for resident education in the College, commented, "This new position is central to the goals and objectives formally adopted by the College to insure a personalized approach to student services. Jim's continuing contact with students has been tremendously important to our commitment to recruitment, retention, education and placement."

As director of undergraduate student affairs, McCoy will work with the Agricultural Student Council and student clubs, monitor and coordinate the College intern and placement programs, direct undergraduate recruitment and retention activities with a special emphasis on minority programs. He also will help prospective students and their partners set educational goals.

McCoy received his Ph.D. from Penn State in 1983, has been a member of the Office of Resident Education staff since 1982 and taught vocational agriculture in Virginia for six years before

beginning advanced studies at Penn State in 1979.

In 1982, McCoy received the Andrew V. Kozak Fellowship for his contributions to public education. The Penn State Future Farmers of America honored him with a distinguished service award in 1980, and he was named an Outstanding Young Man of America by the National Jaycees in 1981.

This year, McCoy is serving on several University committees concerning student recruitment and retention, including the task force on minority recruitment and the advisory committee on new student programs for transfer students. He is the chairman of the subcommittee on pre-enrollment activities, and is also a member of the state advisory board for the national Ag in the Classroom program.

