

Lebanon DHIA honors dairymen

PRESCOTT — Dairy Herd Improvement Association members in Lebanon County ranked 8th in the state in milk production per cow, 11th in total fat, and 12th in total protein. With a county average of 16,151 pounds of milk per cow, 601 pounds of fat, and 522 pounds of protein, Lebanon DHIA dairymen topped the state average in all these categories.

Ken Winebark, Lebanon County Extension Agent, disclosed these figures in a progress report given at the annual DHIA Banquet held recently at the Prescott Firehall. There are 145 DHI herds in Lebanon County, with more than 9000 cows.

Winebark commended the dairymen for their efforts in what proved to be a very challenging year. Furthermore, he reiterated the fact that those dairymen who do the best job of management and record-keeping will be a step ahead in the future. Winebark said that "he has confidence in Lebanon County's high caliber dairymen, and that they will become more efficient producers. They will provide the top quality dairy products that today's markets provide."

Dairymen who achieved out-

standing production records for the year were awarded ribbons and plaques.

Willow Maple Farm, the father and son partnership of Harold and Donald Bollinger, Newmanstown, repeated again as Lebanon County's most productive herd. Bollingers' 44 registered Holsteins produced a rolling herd average of 21,086 pounds of milk, 766 pounds of fat, and 674 pounds of protein. These outstanding figures secured Willow Maple the top honors for the milk, fat, and protein categories.

County DHIA director and banquet chairman, Gary Lentz presented numerous awards. High individual cow for milk and protein was Toni, with 30,215 lbs. milk and 898 lbs. protein. Toni comes from Tim Tyson's Conewago View Farm.

High individual cow for fat was Phyliss, with 1,115 lbs. fat. She is from the Fort Zellers Farm herd of Eugene Hoffman.

The herd with the lowest SCC count was that of James S. Martin, who won the award for the second year. The greatest increase in herd average was achieved by the Fort Zeller Farm with 1,714 lbs. milk and 65 lbs. fat.

The following herds received awards for producing over 600 pounds of protein: Willow Maple Farm, Fort Zeller Farm, Roy H. Weaver, Marvin Meyer and Sons, Conewago View Farms, Elvin Martin, David Brandt, Roy E. Nolt, Gary Lentz, Arnold Acres, Walter K. Heisey, Irvin Z. Brubaker, Glen R. Martin, and Jay and Carol Hershey.

Milkfat ribbons were presented to those herds achieving over 700 pounds: Willow Maple Farm, Fort Zeller Farm, Roy H. Weaver, Marvin Meyer and Sons, Dale Hostetter and Sons, Raymond and Marlin Getz, Robert Martin, Conewago View Farms, Elvin Martin, David Brandt, and Roy E. Nolt.

Harvey T. Bomgardner, Mike Arnold, Robert Lentz, Ken Sellers,

Marlin Getz, and Vince Wagner were elected to serve as directors for the Lebanon County DHIA.

Richard Hoppes, state DHIA director, told members that a five-year plan developed by the DHIA task force is being implemented. DHIA has ordered its own main-frame computer, which will speed-up processing. Four new fieldmen will be hired. Furthermore, Pa. DHIA is field-testing computerized milk meters, and the results look very positive. The DHIA supervisors may soon be using handheld computers, and dairymen will benefit from a link-up with the Agri Data Base System. All of the changes will come at no extra cost to the dairymen until at least 1986.

County Agent Winebark commented that "the DHIA program is gearing itself for more of a

management-specific operation and that the modern DHIA program will offer Lebanon County's dairymen more opportunities than ever before."

One of the highlights of the evening were awards presented to supervisor Jack Arnold, Shaeferstown, for his unprecedented 25 years of dedicated service to Lebanon County DHIA and to his wife, Betsy, for her encouragement and support throughout those years.

President of Lebanon DHIA, Ken Mase, presided over the meeting and introduced the entertainment. Everyone enjoyed an excellent slide presentation, "On the Road in Western Europe," presented by former Lebanon County Agent, Newton Bair, on his recent trip to Europe.

Stillwagen wins vo-ag teacher award

ALLENTOWN — Frederic H. Stillwagen, vo-ag teacher in the Lehigh County Vo-Tech School at

Schnecksville, is one of six regional winners of the 1984 "NVATA Outstanding Teacher of

Vocational Agriculture Award."

Stillwagen is winner from Region VI, which includes the New England states and New York, Pa., New Jersey, W. Va., Va., Md. and Del.

This marks the first time a regional winner has come from Pennsylvania.

The awards are sponsored by Sperry New Holland in cooperation with the National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association (NVATA). The NVATA is a national professional organization representing vocational educators in agriculture/agribusiness throughout the United States.

Vocational agriculture teachers currently serve more than 850,000 students in secondary, post-secondary and adult education programs in approximately 9,000 communities. In-school students seek vocational education in agriculture for entry into the agriculture/agribusiness industry. Other students are youth and adults already in the world of work who need vocational and technical education in agriculture to improve their job performance.

The Outstanding Teacher of Vocational Agriculture Award recognizes NVATA members who are at the pinnacle of their profession—those conducting the highest quality vocational education programs in agriculture. The award recognizes leadership in civic, community, agriculture/agribusiness and professional activities.

Sperry New Holland will provide each regional award winner air transportation and hotel lodging, to attend the NVATA National Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, Nov. 30-Dec. 4. Award winners will each receive an attractive plaque during the convention to commemorate the award.

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