Annual Bedford DHIA banquet

Hicks and Orner dominate Clearfield DHIA

CLEARFIELD --- Two herds tied for highest fat production at year end in the Clearfield County DHIA. The herds of Glenn Hicks, DuBois, and A.L. Orner Sons, Rockton, both produced 756 lbs. of butterfat at the conclusion of the testing year Sept. 30.

But in milk production, the Hicks herd of registered and grade Holsteins outproduced all the others with 20,934 lbs. of milk. The herd also produced the most protein in the county with 680 lbs.

The A.L. Orner Sons Holstein herd produced 20,269 lbs. of milk. Other top milk and fat production records were achieved by John Sankey, Clearfield; R. Wriglesworth and Son, Grampian; Duane Peters, Woodland; and Fairman Farms, DuBois.

Glenn Hicks and A.L. Orner Sons also had cows with high individual production records. In the Holstein category, "Shelly," had the high fat record in the county with 963 lbs, and "Faith" had a top record of 25,415 lbs. of milk. Both cows are part of the Hicks herd.

From the Orner Guernsey herd,

"Dougo" had the high Guernsey fat record of 921 lbs., while "Buffy" had a record 19,148 pounds of milk for the Guernsey breed.

In lifetime production records, two cows topped 200,000 pounds. "Nancy," part of the Orner Sons herd, produced 222,675 lbs. milk and 8352 lbs. of butterfat in 13 lactations. "Sombe," of Pond Rose Farm, Falls Creek, had 204,116 lbs. of milk in 10 lactations.

Top lifetime butterfat producers were "Jean," of the Orner Sons Holstein herd, with 8379 pounds in 9 lactations, and "Phylis," an Orner Sons Guernsey, with 8216 pounds from 11 lactations.

The Clearfield County DHIA averaged 1,404 cows for the year with an average of 14,493 lbs. of milk and 553 lbs. of butterfat. Thirty-four herds completed the 58th year of DHIA work in the county.

Officers of the Clearfield DHIA are: Frank Orner, president; Dan Gearhart, vice president; Joe Harkleroad, secretary; and Myrtle Way, treasurer.

BEDFORD - The Bedford County DHIA annual banquet was held on Nov. 15 with 130 DHIA members attending. Production award winners were presented plaques sponsored by local agribusinesses.

Byron Over had the highest herd for butterfat and for milk. He received plaques from Curryville Agway for a 783 pound fat average and from J. Lester Snowberger for 20,845 pounds milk.

The cow with the highest butterfat record came from the herd of Clarence and Ken Mowry. Burchfield, Inc. sponsored the plaque for the record 1161 lbs. at 4.1 percent test. The Mowrys also earned a plaque from Hartley Bank for the cow with the highest milk record, 29,621 lbs. from a 5year, ll-month cow.

The award for best production progress, sponsored by Forshey's Inc., went to Herbert Ritchey for a 2,494 lb. increase over 1983.

James Eshelman and Denton Clark earned plaques from Paul Ford and Son for the lowest somatic cell counts in the county.

Junior awards were also presented during the evening banquet. The high 3-year-old cow award, sponsored by Harclerodes

Dairymen Speciality Company, went to Scott Mohr, whose cow produced 14,217 pounds of milk. Mohr also won the high aged cow award, with 25,158 lbs. of milk, which was presented by Bedford Agway. Mohr's cows were both NBC-FFA projects.

The high 4-year-old cow award, from New Enternrise Bank went

to Eric Corle for his Holstein's 19,568 lbs. of milk and 757 lbs. of fat. Jim Eshelman and John Fair presented the awards.

The DHIA banquet was concluded with a slide presentation about dairy farming in South America by Willis Ritchey from Atlantic Breeders, Lancaster.



Bryon Over, left, received plaques for the highest herd averages for milk and fat in the county, and Ken Mowry, right. earned the awards for the highest individual cows for milk and butterfat at the annual Bedford County DHIA banquet.

Oat status changed

WASHINGTON, D.C. reviewed by CCC for - Producers may no oats is Minneapolis. longer repay loans without penalty on farmer-owned reserve oats, according to Everett Rank, administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Stabilization and

Conservation Service. USDA officials made the decision following a review by the Commodity Credit Corporation of its average market prices Nov. 1, as reported by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, Rank said. The prices were adjusted to reflect the market price received by farmers, he said.

The national average adjusted price of \$1.62 per bushel for oats on Nov. 1 was 3 cents below the reserve release level. Rank said storage payments for reserve oats will resume in all states.

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