

The Masts' Bendy Brook Holsteins

New herd tops Berks County DHIA for 1984

High herds for 1984

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LEESPORT — Many notable herds in Berks County were topped this past year as a young dairyman and his herd of 46 Holsteins led the Berks County DHIA roster for highest production in the county. Nevin Mast, R1, Oley, and his

Bendy Brook Holsteins tallied in 22,120 pounds milk in 1984 to take top honors at the Berks County DHIA Awards Banquet held last Friday, Dec. 7, at the 4-H Community Center, Leesport.

Mast and his wife, Audrey, have been dairying since 1976, and he attributes his rise to the top to "better quality feeds." "We were trying to make ends meet. We weren't trying to win an award," Mast stated.

"Everybody makes a big deal out of this. I was just doing what I enjoy doing," Mast continued.

Mast's Bendy Brook Holsteins showed up on several of the other high cow lists for the past year. His cow, Cindy, at six years and six months, produced 29,685 pounds milk and 1019 pounds fat with 934 pounds protein to place Bendy Brook eighth on the high cows for milk production roll and 11th on the high protein production roll. Bendy Brook also placed fifth on the low somatic cell count list with a respectable count of 179,000 for the year.

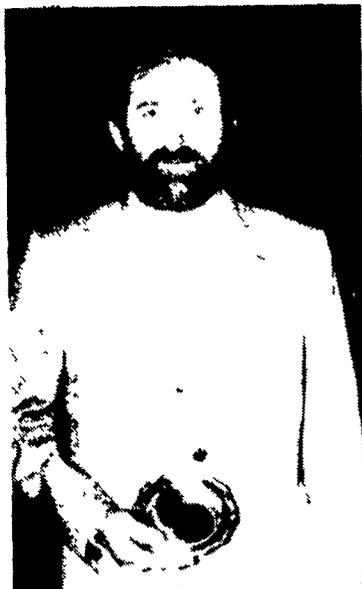
The only herd to produce over 700 pounds of protein, Mast's herd took first place in protein production with 710 pounds.

The well known herd of Charles and Tim Kissling, R1, Robesonia, placed first in butterfat production with 841 pounds of fat from 21,310 pounds milk. The milk production of their 65 Holsteins placed second



High herds in Berks County DHIA for 1984 include Nevin Mast, left, and his Bendy Brook Holsteins with a first in milk production; Charles and Tim Kissling and wife Teresa, first in fat production.

Guernseys



Carol Hollenbach's Guernseys dominated that breed's awards in the Berks DHIA program for 1984.

Brown Swiss



Dean and Brenda Daubert receive high honors in Brown Swiss breed in Berks DHIA. Their cow pumped out 22,730 lbs. of milk, 1,026 lbs. of fat and 821 lbs. of protein.

only to those of Bendy Brook Farm, who placed second to Kisslings in fat production with 818 pounds fat. These two herds were the only herds in the county to exceed the 800 pounds of fat production.

There were eight herds over 20,000 pounds of milk and 14 herds who pumped out over 700 pounds of fat in addition to the two high herds in the county. Berks County DHIA, in its 56th year of testing, boasted 200 whole year herds and 25 owner-sampler dairies.

"Our goal is to have a total involvement program," stated Kenneth Schlegel, association president. He cited several examples of changes in the duties of the directors so that everyone is equally represented and every director is actively involved in changing policy and participating towards the goal of making Berks County DHIA official, efficient, and fair for everyone.

He cited several problems still in the county and cautioned members to comply before records are turned unofficial.

Referring to the biggest problem, Schlegel added, "you've got to have your cows visibly identified."

Christmas bonuses and incentive payments were awarded to the ten supervisors in the county. Raymond Yaggie, Lyon Station, an 18 year veteran tester, and Joanne Moser, Hamburg, a tester for five years, topped the list in the incentive program. Each received a check for \$210.00 for the least mistakes in the past year. Carol Hartman, Strausstown, a tester for six years, received a payment of

Jersey honors



Helene Dreisbach and daughter, Carol, with high Jersey honors at Berks County DHIA banquet.

High lifetime milk



High lifetime milk production honors in Berks DHIA go to F.M. Browns Sons, with Charles Brown, co-manager of dairy herd, accepting award. Helene Dreisbach accepts award for family's Jersey that topped high lifetime fat production.

Berks DHIA directors



Newly-elected directors of Berks DHIA include, from the left, back row, Dean Hartman, Mark Keiffer, Forrest Stricker, Terry Kunkel and David Bitler; front row, Larry Grumbine, Richard Hoppes and Carl Rabenold.

\$135.00 as third place in the incentive awards. Robert Keppley, Newmanstown, with DHIA for 28 years, received \$115.00 for his small amount of mistakes.

High milk, fat, and protein awards were given for the high herds in each breed. Dean and Brenda Daubert, R2, Bernville, and their 86 Brown Swiss took all the honors in their breed. Their 1984 herd average is 14,959 milk, 642 fat, and 559 protein.

The Carl Hollenbach herd, R1,

Bernville, took the Guernsey honors with a herd average of 11,664 milk, 528 fat, and 412 protein on 66 cows.

The Jersey breed was dominated by the Robert Dreisbach family, R3, Hamburg, with an average of 12,423 milk, 607 fat and 477 protein on 73 cows. The high lifetime butterfat honors in the county was also won by one of their Jerseys. "Dixie", an all-time favorite of

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