

Dairymen, Inc. meets in Atlanta

BALTIMORE — Over 3,400 dairy farmers from 17 eastern and southeastern states converged on Atlanta, Dec. 14-15, for Dairymen, Inc.'s Sixteenth Annual Meeting.

An estimated 320 local dairy farmer-members of the Middle Atlantic Division of Dairymen,

Inc. attended the 16th annual meeting, according to division manager John Collins. The delegation is headed by Fred Butler of Inwood, president of the division board of directors. He and other Middle Atlantic dairymen directors were elected by fellow dairymen members in their areas,

which include Md., Pa., W.Va., and Va.

Dairymen, Inc., headquartered in Louisville, Ky., is a regional milk and dairy products marketing cooperative owned by 7,700 member dairy farmers who sold more than 69 million gallons of milk through their organization

during fiscal year 1984.

"The Road Ahead", the theme of the meeting, looks at the cooperative from the perspective of "Where We Are," "Where We Are Going" and "How We Are Going To Get There." This year there have been many changes and challenges in the dairy industry, especially in the Southeast. Drought, economic conditions, government surpluses and the dairy diversion program have all contributed to the bumpy road the Southeast dairy industry has had to travel. Dairy farmers must work together cooperatively to overcome those challenges and pave a smooth road for the future of the total dairy industry in the Southeast.

Bob and Ruthie Gruber of Kearneysville, W.Va., were named Middle Atlantic Division outstanding young dairymen for 1984, this fall. Along with the other ten couples representing the producer

divisions of Dairymen, the Grubers spoke at the annual Young Dairymen Banquet, December 13.

The general session was held Dec. 14 and 15. During the two business sessions, members heard reports about the cooperative's activities and accomplishments for the past year.

Some topics covered during management reports include marketing, operations and government programs. Dr. Tom Haggai, nationally-known radio commentator, lecturer and commentator, closed the session with an inspirational speech, "Your Road Ahead." This 16th annual meeting marks the second time Haggai has addressed the cooperative membership. He was the guest speaker at Dairymen's 13th annual meeting in 1981.

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USDA protects twelve new plant varieties

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has issued certificates of protection for 12 new varieties of corn, red fescue, pea, perennial ryegrass and soybeans.

Kenneth H. Evans, an official with USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, said developers of the new varieties will have the exclusive right to reproduce their products in the United States for 18 years. Certificates of protection are granted after a review of the breeders' records and claims that each new variety is novel, uniform and stable.

The corn varieties protected are LH143, developed by Holden's Foundation Seeds, Inc., Williamsburg, Iowa; and G35 and B47, developed by Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., Johnston,

Iowa.

The red fescue being protected is Moncorde, developed by Mommesteeg International B.V., Vligmen, The Netherlands.

The new protected pea variety is Frontier, developed by Wisconsin Crop Improvement Association, Madison, Wis.

The perennial ryegrass variety being protected is Lorina, developed by Saatzucht Steinach, ub. Straubing, West Germany.

The newly protected soybean

varieties include Hartz 6383, Hartz 5370, Hartz 7126 and Hartz 5252, all developed by Jacob Hartz Seed Co., Inc., Stuttgart, Ark. Asgrow Seed Company, Kalamazoo, Mich., also developed two new varieties of soybeans, A4997 and A3966.

The plant variety protection program is administered by the Agricultural Marketing Service and provides protection to developers of new and distinctive seed-reproduced plants ranging from farm crops to flowers.



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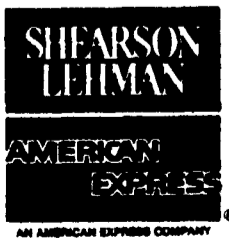
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