

## Valley Wide tops Centre DHIA for third year

PLEASANT GAP — Centre County dairymen met to honor outstanding dairy families for the 1984 DHIA year on Dec. 11 at the Logan Grange Hall, Pleasant Gap.

Speaker at the annual DHIA awards dinner was Dr. Manfred Kroger, Professor of Food Science, Penn State. He addressed the topic of "Communicating Science to the Public" and showed what advertising can do for the dairyman.

DHIA award winners included Valley Wide Farm, Spring Mills, which achieved the county's outstanding milk and fat averages. For the third year in a row the Valley Wide registered Holstein herd of Raymond and Richard Courser topped the county record. This year the herd produced 20,979 lbs. of milk, 801 lbs. of fat, and 666 lbs. protein in the 1984 testing year.

High protein herd in the county was that of Richard Trinca, Rebersburg, with 676 lbs. of protein, 20,413 lbs. milk, and 775 lbs. fat.

The third highest milk herd was that of Paul Hartle, Bellefonte, with 20,363 lbs. milk and 775 lbs. fat. Stringers Sand Ridge herd produced 760 lbs. of butterfat and 19,374 lbs. milk for the fourth highest butterfat average.

Top cow for milk in Centre County came from the Trinca herd. A record of 32,378 lbs. milk and 928 lbs. fat was produced by #10.

The top cow for fat was Topez, from Fairbrook Farms, Pa. Furnace. She produced 1259 lbs. fat at 4.7 percent test with 26,757 lbs. milk.

For the protein record, #168, of the Richard and James Graham herd, Port Matilda, gave 982 lbs. protein, with 32,149 lbs. milk and 1179 lbs. fat.

The top lifetime cow was also from the Graham herd. A record 250,447 lbs. milk and 8958 lbs. fat was given by #75.

The most improved herd for fat was the Penn State Ayrshire herd, while the herd of G. Kenneth Nolan, Hublersburg, earned the

award for the most improved herd for milk.

The lowest somatic cell count in

the county was maintained by Elizabeth Dupuis, Bellefonte. Her herd count was 78,000. Eighteen

herds in Centre County were under 200,000 SCC for the year.

Election of directors also took

place at the awards dinner. Elected were: Sheldon Corl, Melvin Dutrow, Thomas Boldin, and Jesse Burkholder.

## Mushroom production up 13 percent in Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania, the leading state in mushroom production, harvested a record 279.7 million pounds of mushrooms during the 1983-84 crop year, up 13 percent from the 1982-83 season. Fresh sales totaled 154.7 million pounds, up 20 percent and processing sales at 125.0 million pounds were up 7 percent.

Value of fresh market mushroom sales for the 1983-84 season were \$126.8 million compared with \$103.1 million during the 1982-83 season. The value of mushroom sales used for processing was \$78.4 million, compared with \$69.5 million for the previous season. Pennsylvania produced nearly 50 percent of the nation's 1983-84 crop compared with 50 percent the previous season.

Pennsylvania producers used 74.3 million square feet of bed and tray area to grow the 1983-84 crop, 8 percent more than used during the 1982-83 season. Intentions are to utilize 78.2 million square feet of bed and tray area for the 1984-85 crop year, 5 percent more than was used for the previous season.

Mushroom production in the United States reached a new record high 562 million pounds during the 1983-84 marketing season. This is 14 percent higher than 1982-83, and 9 percent above the 1981-82 crop.

The value of the 1983-84 crop was a record high \$486 million, up 13 percent from the 1982-83 season. Growers received an average of 86.6 cents per pound compared with 87.9 cents the previous season. Volume of fresh market sales

increased to 388 million pounds during the 1983-84 marketing year, up 15 percent from 1982-83. Fresh sales accounted for 69 percent of the U.S. production, the same as in 1982-83. The average price received by growers for mushrooms sold for fresh market averaged 96.5 cents per pound, a

decrease of 3.5 cents from the previous season. Processor usage totaled 174 million pounds, 13 percent higher than the prior season. Grower prices received for processing mushrooms averaged 64.6 cents per pound, an increase of 3.8 cents per pound from 1982-83.

Growers used approximately 138

million square feet of bed and tray area to produce the 1983-84 crop, 2 percent more than the previous season. An estimated 146 million square feet of production area is intended for use during the 1984-85 season, up 5 percent from the area used during the 1983-84 season.

## Wenger reappointed Senate committee chair

HARRISBURG — Sen. Noah Wenger, R-36, has been reappointed as chairman of the powerful Senate Labor and Industry Committee for the 1985-1986 legislative session.

The appointment, made by Senate President Pro Tempore Robert Jubelirer, R-30, was "a natural because of the senator's significant accomplishments as chairman during the previous session," Jubelirer stated. Wenger has chaired the eleven-member committee for the past two years.

Under Wenger's chairmanship, the committee has dealt with such landmark issues as the unemployment compensation fund bailout and the newly-passed "right-to-know" act.

"It is truly an honor to have been reappointed committee chairman," Wenger noted, "and I am looking forward to continuing the work that must be done in order to improve Pennsylvania's business climate and turn our economy around."

Wenger continued by speculating that the committee's agenda for the next session could

possibly include such issues as comparable worth and worker's compensation reform.

"Unquestionably," Wenger stated, "the work we have ahead of us will be difficult but I am confident that through the cooperation of the members, we will be able to enact fair and responsible legislation aimed at benefiting the economic outlook for the Commonwealth."

In addition to his committee chairmanship, Wenger also was chosen to serve as vice-chairman of the Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee. That

appointment will mark the second session the senator has served in that capacity.

Other committee assignments for the Lancaster County senator included memberships on the Appropriations, State Government and Local Government committees.

"Overall," Wenger concluded, "I believe my committee assignments will enable me to do much to help the residents of the 36th Senatorial District and I am looking forward to the start of the new session."

## Sauerkraut Dinner Planned Jan. 1

The Red Rose Alliance will host an "all you can eat" pork & sauerkraut dinner Jan. 1 at the Churchtown Fire Hall, Route 23, Churchtown. The dinner will be served from 1 p.m. until it's all gone. Take outs are available but please bring your own containers.

Cakes or other donations are welcome. Volunteers are needed to work the day of the dinner and should call Mrs. Clifford Diem, Jr.,

East Earl, R1 (717) 354-0219, or Mrs. Ivan Zeiset, Narvon R3 (215) 445-4265.

The Red Rose Alliance formed in June of 1981 to oppose the placement of a hazardous waste disposal site at the Narvon Mine in Lancaster County, and to educate the public of the available alternatives other than the use of landfills.

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