

## Atlantic breeders honored for top herds

LANCASTER — Northern Lancaster area diarmen were honored for having the high producing herds this past year at the 21st annual District #4, Area #1, Meeting for Atlantic Breeders Cooperative members held recently at Blue Ball Fire Hall.

Receiving Certificates of Merit

for having top Dairy Herd Improvement Association averages were Delmar & Susan Weaver, Leroy M. Stoltzfus, Marvin Witmer, Ellis R. Rodney, E. Denlinger, Sol S. Stoltzufs, Kerry & Deborah Boyd, Clyde W. Martin, Nathan E. Stoltzfus, Gerald Martin, Meadow Vista Farms (Gerald Risser).

All herds were at least 10 percent above the state average for milk or butterfat production last year, while at least two-thirds of the cows in these herds are progeny of Atlantic sires. Awards were presented by Dave Zimmerman, Atlantic's Field Supervisor for this area.

District #4 Director Clyde W. Martin of East Earl, informed members of the retirement of David Yoder after 41 years of service to Atlantic and the AI Industry. They also announced the appointment of Harry Roth as the new General Manager. He went on to explain, however, that the emphasis of this new management would still be the same - Membership Programs.

Martin also told the group that despite the slow farm economy and fewer cows to breed, Atlantic did show a profit in 1984. In conclusion, he looked to the future of ABC and the dairy industry, citing that as cow numbers and production change, and as the dairy industry changes, there will be changes in the AI Industry.

Following a new film showing Atlantic's facilities and service programs and a discussion of current popular sires, management representative Gary Heckman of Lancaster, pointed out that the Cooperative is dedicated to giving members the service they want by emphasizing quality technician and direct-herd service in the entire member area.

Members present voted for District representatives for the coming year. Election results will be announced in the next issue of the Cooperative's newsletter, since more than one meeting is held in most of Atlantic's 16 districts.



Atlantic honored, from left, Gerald Martin, Gerald Risser (Meadow Vista Farm), Delmar Weaver, and Clyde W. Martin, for high-producing herds sired by Atlantic bulls.



From left are: Kerry Boyd, with son Gerald, Marvin Witmer, Nathan Stoltzfus, and Rodney Denlinger. All received certificates for high production from Atlantic Breeders Cooperative.

## Ag loan policies reviewed by new farm loan group

WASHINGTON — The Farm Credit Coordinating Group held its first meeting recently and discussed ways the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation could better coordinate their efforts in communities where a bank has failed, Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block said.

He said these actions will allow for timely loan processing for farmers served previously by a liquidated lending institution.

Formed last week as part of an Administration package to deal with credit problems in agriculture, the group consists of federal credit policy officials and regulators of lending institutions.

Block, who chairs the unit, said the meeting in his office "brought us up to date on our respective activities and capabilities and we discussed ways to coordinate efforts in dealing with the farm

credit problem."

"We also reviewed the guidelines of the bank regulating agencies as they relate to examination and supervision," Block said. "We now are considering the best way to get an accurate understanding of those guidelines to our people in the field."

Members of the group are William M. Isaac, chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; C. Todd Conover, comptroller of the Currency; Thomas J. Healey, assistant secretary of the Treasury for domestic finance; Donald E. Wilkinson, governor of the Farm Credit Administration, and Frank W. Naylor, Jr., under secretary of agriculture for small community and rural development.

Preston Martin, vice chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, is an observer.

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