

## Atlantic honors Lancaster dairy farmers

LANCASTER — Southern Lancaster area dairymen were honored for having the high producing herds this past year at the 21st annual District 5 Meeting for Atlantic Breeders Cooperative members held recently at Solanco Fairgrounds.

Receiving Certificates of Merit for having top Dairy Herd Improvement Association averages were Kenneth L. Beiler, Marlin R. Beiler, Leroy S. Weaver, Lester Wiker, Robert Gochenaur Jr., Kreider & Nickle, Parke H. Rank, J. Wade Groff, Gusto Crest Farm, J. Robert Kindig, Calvin D. Beiler, Clifford & Joyce Blank, Harry H. Ranck Jr., Edgefield Farms, C

Nevin Hershey, Singing Maple Farms, Thomas C. Lapp, Jay L. Ranck, Walter Pownall, John U. Glick. 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 Director James Kreider of Quarryville informed members of the retirement of David Yoder after 41 years of service to Atlantic and the AI Industry. He also announced the

appointment of Harry Roth as the new General Manager. The emphasis of this new management will still be the same - Membership Programs.

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.



Receiving certificates for top production from Atlantic were: (left to right) Keith Beiler, of the Calvin Beiler Farm; Kenneth Beiler; Leroy S. Weaver; Thomas Z. Lapp, and Marlin R. Beiler.

## Lancaster Dairy Days

### on March 4, 5

LANCASTER — The Annual Lancaster County Dairy Days will be held March 4 and 5 at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center. Each day of the two-day event features a different program. Refreshments will be served and exhibits will be on display at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be served, and meal tickets may be purchased until 11:00

Monday's program will start with a 9:30 slide presentation on Fat Test Variations. Dennis Murphy, Penn State Agr. Engineer, will focus on Farm Hazards as he discusses hay and silo fires, manure and silo gases, dusts, farmer's lung, etc. Hoof Care and Hoof Problems will be the topic of Richard Bartholomew from New Bolton Center, as he will talk about the different kinds of foot problems, how to prevent them and how to treat them.

Tom Jurchak's topic of Your Milk Check will let him emphasize the issues that affect milk prices, discuss trends, and bring us more up to date on RCMA (Regional Cooperative Marketing Association) and the proposed over-order pricing of Class 1 milk. U. S. Farm Policy at a Crossroads is the topic of William McSweeney,

Penn State Farm Management Specialist.

Tuesday's program will begin with a 9:30 a.m. slide presentation. Trooper Joseph Althoff of the Lancaster Barracks will talk about Farm Security, emphasizing arson, theft, vandalism, etc. County Agent Glenn Shirk will help guide dairymen in making Culling and Replacement Decisions.

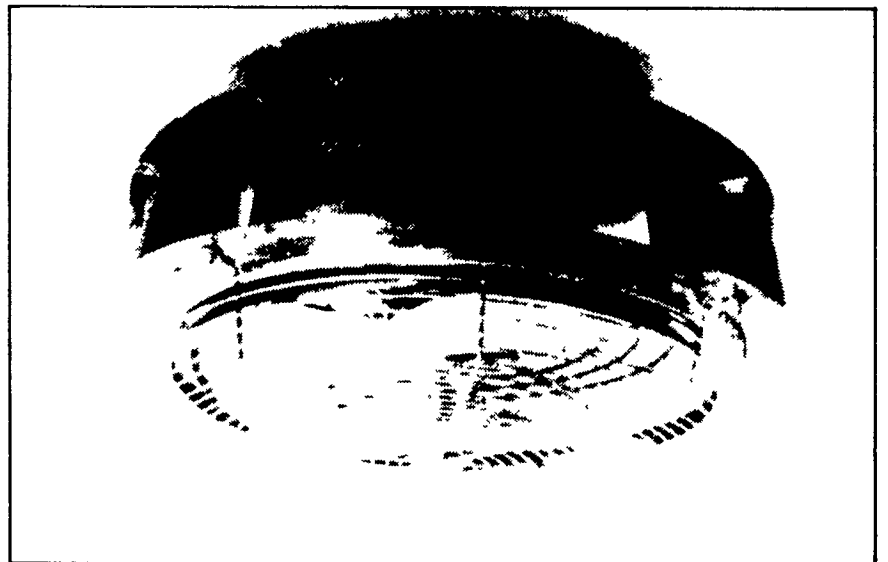
Many new developments are coming on the scene, and others are not far away - such things as growth hormones, isoacids, improved efficiency of protein carbohydrate and fiber utilization, controlled lighting, etc. These will be discussed by Brian Perkins, Pennfield Corporation, in his topic of New Technology for Boosting Production and Efficiency. He'll also be helping us better understand relationship between Body Condition and Cow Performance.

Water Quality Problems are a growing concern of many farmers. Karen Mancl, Penn State Agr. Engineer, will discuss various problems and alternative courses of action. The slide presentation on Fat Test Variations will be shown after lunch on Tuesday.



Atlantic honored the following dairymen for the high-producing herds: (from left to right) Ron Leaman, of Gusto Crest Farm; Robert and Scott Gochenaur; Harry Ranck Jr.; Parke Ranck; James Kreider and George Nickle, of Kreider-Nickle Farms.

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