

Three couples honored at Pennmarva Co-op convention

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ARLINGTON, Va. — Three Pennsylvania dairy farm couples were chosen top winners at the 15th Pennmarva Young Cooperator Convention, June 21 at the Rosslyn Westpark Hotel.

Their selection was the highlight of a three-day session featuring cooperative education programs, visits to Congressman and Senators and judging in interviews, farming accomplishments and agricultural and community leadership.

Winners from the three participating dairy cooperatives are: Doug and Pam Kilgore, Airville, York County, for Dairymen, Inc.; Clifford and Joyce Blank, Kinzer, Lancaster County, for Interstate Milk Producers Association; and Douglas and Barbara McCulloh, Mercersburg, Franklin County, for Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Association.

The three couples, along with runners-up, will represent their respective cooperatives at various local, state, and national dairy activities over the next year.

Young Dairymen winners Doug and Pam Kilgore have been farming since 1978. Their operation is

in partnership with his father and an uncle. Milking herd at Kildary Farms includes 95 registered Holsteins and Brown Swiss, with 500 owned and 100 rented crop acres. The couple has two daughters, Rebecca and Rachel. Among their various activities are the Young Dairymen chapter, Young Farmers association and serving as leaders in their church's youth program.

Runners-up for 1985 Young Dairymen honor are Myron and Teresa Pomraning, of Delta.

Clifford and Joyce Blank, Interstate's young cooperators, milk a herd of 73 registered Holsteins on their leased Kinzer farm, with a herd average of 17,245 milk and 648 fat. Feed is all purchased. Both are actively involved in their Sandy Hill Mennonite Church, where Cliff plays on the softball team and belongs to a Bible study group.

First runners-up for Interstate are Littlestown dairy farmers David and Barbara Kehr. Second are Phillip and Joy Shertzer, Lancaster; third, John and Gail Frederick, New Hope; and fourth, Robert and Betty Peifer, Kirkwood.

Douglas and Barbara McCulloh.
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Young cooperator couples for Interstate Milk Producers are, from left, winners Clifford and Joyce Blank, first runners-up David and Barbara Kehr, second, Phillip and Joy Shertzer, third, John and Gail Frederick and fifth, Robert and Betty Peifer.



Young Dairymen winners in the Dairymen, Inc., contest were Pam and Doug Kilgore, right, with Teresa and Myron Pomraning the runners-up.



Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers young cooperators are, from left, Bruce and Ann Schrader, second runners-up, winning couple Douglas and Barbara McCulloh, Charles and Barbara Fisher, first runners-up, and Michael and Deborah Troutman, third runners-up.

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