

## Inter-State plans annual meeting

SOUTHAMPTON — "Shaping the Future" is the theme of Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative's 68th annual meeting to be held Nov. 21 and 22 at the Host Farm Resort Hotel, Lancaster.

The two-day event gets underway Thursday morning at 9:45 a.m. with a meeting of Inter-State's officers and delegates. During this session, the cooperative's 500 delegates, alternates and guests will hear reports from officers and staff members of Inter-State and its wholly owned subsidiaries, Holly Milk Cooperative and QC Inc.

During the afternoon session, Secretary and General manager Paul E. Hand will present his report to the delegate body. A presentation by Joseph Westwater, chief executive officer, of the

National Dairy Promotion and Research Board, and a question and answer period will follow.

Highlighting the annual banquet Thursday night will be guest speaker the Honorable E. (Kika) de la Garza, chairman of the U.S. House Agriculture Committee. A member of the House Ag Committee since 1984, de la Garza, D-Texas, was elected chairman in January 1981.

Toastmaster for the banquet will be Enos B. Heisey, manager, Public Agriculture Relations, Agway Inc. Entertainment will be provided by the nine-member musical group "Celebration."

Friday morning's session will begin at 7 a.m. with the Young Cooperators Breakfast program and an address by guest speaker Pat Williams, general manager of

the Philadelphia 76ers basketball team. During the program, president Robert B. McSparran will present both the 1985 Outstanding Young Cooperator Award and the 1985 Agricultural Communicator Award.

The general session follows at 9 a.m. and will include action on the annual meeting resolutions, which will be presented before the entire delegate body.

A separate ladies program will run concurrently with the delegate sessions. On Thursday, a choice of either a shopping trip to Reading or a tour of Longwood Gardens will be available. Friday's program will feature a presentation by Joseph Westwater, National Dairy Board CEO, and promotional skits by the state dairy princesses.

## Thornburgh to open PFA meeting

HERSHEY — Governor Richard Thornburgh will be present to welcome the nearly 400 farmers to the 35th Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association (PFA) taking place Nov. 18-19-20 at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey.

Governor Thornburgh will greet the convention participants during the Opening Luncheon at noon, Nov. 18.

A total of 172 Voting Delegates from PFA's 54 county farmers' associations will set policies on farm issues and elect leaders for the coming year. Delegates will deliberate on 117 recommendations forwarded by PFA's State Policy Development Committee. Elections will take place for the office of PFA Vice President and for eight of PFA's 16-member Board of Directors.

PFA's Annual Report will be presented to several hundred farm leaders, including Voting Delegates, by PFA President Keith Eckel of Clarks Summit, Lackawanna County. Also during the Annual Meeting, PFA will present its Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award.

PFA's Market Outlook Conference will take place during the Annual Meeting. Marketing experts will discuss the outlooks for dairy, livestock, fruits and vegetables, grain and poultry commodities and farm credit. Marketing seminars will also be conducted on irradiation food processing, cooperative owned and operated processing plants, futures marketing and PROFITS — PFA's new market research and development program. Information conferences on the impact of federal tax reform on agriculture and a dairy herd health and nutrition program are also scheduled.

Special conferences for farm women attending the Annual Meeting will focus on "Women in Current Events," "How Healthy Are We Agriculturalists?" and "The Sandwich Generation". PFA's marketing cooperative, PACMA, will also conduct its annual meeting during the three-day event.

PFA will also honor five young farm couples who have demonstrated outstanding agricultural skills and leadership capabilities

before reaching age 30.

PFA will present the five with Outstanding Young Farm Couple awards Tuesday.

The Outstanding Young Farm Couples are:

Robert and Cynthia Bachman of Washington Boro, Lancaster County, market 4,200 head of hogs, 175 to 200 head of beef cattle and 42 acres of tobacco on a 200-acre farm. The Bachmans are active in Agriculture in The Classroom projects.

Dave and Cheryl Reinecker of York Springs, Adams County, market 1,000 head of hogs, 120 head of beef cattle, and raise corn and soybeans on a 345-acre farm with Dave's father. Dave is a member of the Adams County Farmers' Association Board of Directors and is a charter member of the Penn-Mar Cooperative of pork producers.

Mark and Martha Miller of Boswell, Somerset County, operate a 466-acre dairy farm, milking 85 head of registered and grade Holsteins for a 19,100 lbs. production average. Mark chairs Somerset County Farmers' Association's Farm Management Services committee.

David and Ellen Moser of Milton, Northumberland County, market 400 head of hogs and 25-50 head of beef cattle on a 400-acre farm. They also rate 320 acres of corn and 35 acres of hay. David is the new county president of the Northumberland County Farmers' Association.

Jeff and Roberta McConnell of Volant, Lawrence County, operate a 400-acre dairy and hog farrowing farm. They milk 70 head of registered Holsteins for a 18,200 lbs. production average and wean a yearly average of 20 pigs per sow from 25 sows. The McConnells have served on PFA's Young Farmer and Rancher Committee and the American Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Rancher Advisory Committee.

PFA will select one of these five young farm couples to compete for national honors at American Farm Bureau's annual meeting, Jan. 12-16 in Atlanta, GA.

## AFBF says textile duties would hurt farmers

PARK RIDGE, IL. — If the United States approves strict textile import legislation, American farmers would suffer major repercussions, warned the American Farm Bureau Federation. Robert Delano, AFBF president has urged the U.S. Senate not to pass restrictive legislation. Instead the farm leader wants President Reagan to resolve the problem through stronger import limits under the Multi-Fiber Arrangement (MFA).

In 1984 the top five textile exporters to the U.S. bought more than \$10 billion worth of American farm products. If the Senate approves a bill similar to the measure already passed by the House of Representatives, many textile exporting nations would face 30 percent or more reductions in what they could ship to the U.S.

We recognize that textile im-

ports have grown rapidly in recent years despite the substantial import protection the industry has received to date," said Delano. "We support the use of remedies available under existing statutes to respond to domestic problems caused by imports." The farm leader wants the Reagan Administration to negotiate the textile problem under the MFA rules.

The Multi-Fiber Arrangement is an agreement in which U.S. and 40 other countries negotiate the rules for textile and apparel trade. Preliminary consultations are beginning this fall on an extension of MFA.

LANSDALE — Lehigh Valley Farmers, Lansdale-based dairy cooperative, has collected a record 635 million pounds of milk from its members during the first eight months of the year, up 7% from a year ago.

All the milk, valued at \$82 million, was shipped to Atlantic Processing, Inc., the dairy federation of which Lehigh Valley Farmers is the largest member, accounting for two third's of API's annual milk receipts.

The production and sales in-

creases are being announced in a series of 10 district dinner meetings held throughout the LVF milkshed by President Alpheus L. Ruth and General Manager William Stout.

"We're having another banner year," Mr. Ruth said. "Even though we have fewer members because of sell-outs and farm consolidations, our pounds per day per producer are up an average of 11%. And it's especially gratifying that our bonuses and premiums

## Dairy Marketing

### Order 4 announced Oct. milk price

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Middle Atlantic Order Market Administrator Joseph D. Shine today announced an October 1985 base milk price of \$12.62 per hundredweight and an excess milk price of \$11.19. The weighted average October price was \$12.55 and the butterfat differential for the month was 16.3 cents. The base milk price was up seven cents from September but was \$1.39 below last October. The weighted average price was up six cents from September and was \$1.49 below last October.

Shine said that the October volume of producer milk pooled under the order, 531.8 million pounds, was up nearly 53.8 million pounds or 11.3 percent from last October. The average daily delivery per producer of 2,561 pounds in October was up 261 pounds or 11.3 percent from a year earlier.

A total of 6,698 producers sup-

plied Order 4 pool handlers during the month, five fewer than last October. Class I producer milk totaled 257 million pounds and accounted for 48.33 percent of total producer milk receipts in October.

The October 1984 Class I utilization was 53.78 percent. The volume of Class I producer milk was virtually unchanged from a year ago. The volume of Class II milk was up 53.8 million pounds or 24.4 percent from a year earlier. Base milk accounted for 88.49 percent of totaled October producer milk deliveries, down significantly from 94.98 percent last October. The average butterfat test of producer milk was 3.70 percent in October, up slightly from a year ago.

Order 4 pool handlers reported Class I in-area milk sales of 214.6 million pounds during October, an increase of 0.6 percent from a year earlier, after adjustment to eliminate variation due to calendar composition.

## Union City dairies excel in Erie DHIA

ERIE — Two Union City dairies produced the top milk and fat records in Erie County for the 1985 DHIA testing year ending Sept. 30.

Curtis Haven Farms had the high fat record of 774 pounds on 48 cows. Topping the county's milk production records was Frank Pollock Jr. with an average of 20,723 pounds milk on 28 cows.

Other leaders in fat production were: Pollock, 752 pounds; Paul and Matt Senita, Wattsburg, 741 pounds; David Brumagin, Union City, 707 pounds; and Henry and Cyndy Cass, Wattsburg, 704 pounds.

In milk production, ten Erie

County herds exceeded 19,000 pound records, including: Curtis Haven Farms, 19,483 pounds; Paul and Matt Senita, 19,414 pounds; David Brumagin, 19,355 pounds; Henry and Cyndy Cass, 19,268 pounds; Calvin Henry, Wattsburg, 19,129 pounds; Ralph Gilkinson, Wattsburg, 19,163 pounds; Woods Dairy, Edinboro, 19,127 pounds; Robert G. Henry, Union City, 19,316 pounds; How Rich Farms, Albion, 19,632 pounds.

The Erie County DHIA finished its 56th year on Sept. 30 with an average of 6,374 cows. The county herd average stood at 15,410 pounds milk and 556 of fat.

## Kelly leads Blair County DHIA

HOLLIDAYSBURG — Thomas W. Kelly topped the Blair County DHIA for the 1985 testing year with a herd production record of 21,348 pounds milk and 759 pounds fat.

From his herd of 70 cows Kelly also had some outstanding individuals that produced record pounds of milk, butterfat and protein.

Three Blair County herds had milk production records over 20,000 pounds for the DHIA year ending Sept. 30. In addition to Kelly were Clover Will Farms, with a 20,840 pound herd average, and Fidelity Holsteins, with a 20,618 pound production record.

Farms with fat records over 700 pounds included: Kelly, Clover Will Farms, Fidelity Holsteins, Fred Bechtel, Blackcrest Farms,

Dale W. Hoover, Marcove Farm, Charles and Mike Hoover and Richard R. Fox and Sons.

Robert Kensingler had the greatest butterfat production increase for the year. The fat average on his 55-cow herd jumped 112 pounds.

The five low somatic cell count herds were: Clover Will Farms, Charles and Mike Hoover, Dale W. Hoover, Jayray Farms, and Over Lane Farms.

County-wide the Blair County DHIA herds increased milk production per cow by 560 pounds and fat production by 7 pounds. The 6,533 cows on test in the county produced an average of 16,509 pounds milk and 604 of fat in 1985, according to the 57th annual DHIA summary.

## Lehigh Valley reports production increase

are up 33%. We paid out more than \$630 thousand so far this year to dairymen who earn these bonuses by producing milk of superior quality."

The officials reviewed the long-term guaranteed contract with Atlantic Processing, Inc. and the growing equity that LVF members have in API. This amount is currently \$9.5 million.

General Manager Stout reported on activities of Growth Committees, which have been organized to attract new members

to the cooperative. He pointed out that, despite the national milk surplus, Lehigh wants more milk locally to meet API's growing needs. This includes supplying the Beatrice Foods cheese plant, adjacent to API's Allentown headquarters.

Other subjects reviewed at the meeting were contract hauling of milk and advertising and promotion programs.

Elections of district officers were held at each meeting.

