

Lancaster County Extension elects five directors

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LANCASTER — Five directors were elected to the board of the Lancaster County Extension Association at its annual meeting Thursday.

Elected to their first three-year term were: Mrs. Helen Rohrer, 1623 Book Road, Lancaster, who raises steers, broilers and layers; Lynn Royer, 2025 Oregon Pike, Lancaster, a dairyman; and Ed Zug, R2 Peach Bottom, a dairyman. Re-elected to a second term were: Mrs. Dolores Harnish, R1 Willow Street, who operates a veal farm with her husband, and Mrs. Lilli Ann Kopp, R3 Mt. Joy, a free-lance home economist.

Presenting staff highlights, County Agent Glenn Shirk said that the Extension is in an era of change and stressed that Extension personnel are striving to help countians deal with the basics of life as well as the new technology. In agriculture, that means increased attention to nutrient management and wise conservation of the environment. Shirk said the computer is being used more heavily within the of-

rice, and now information is available to all countians through Penn State's Pennpages computer service.

In reporting on the family living program, Brenda Stallman, nutrition aid supervisor, said the Expanded Foods and Nutrition Education Program focuses on housing, hunger, health and homemaking. She emphasized that the family living programs have changed to meet the demands of modern living, stressing financial planning, food preservation and other skills.

During 1985 Extension personnel held 2,121 meetings attended by 52,306 people. They also provided individual assistance to over 35,000 people and wrote 1,308 newspaper articles and did 3,225 radio broadcasts.

Dr. Thoms King, former associate director of Extension and now a program leader for International Agriculture Extension Programs with Penn State, told about the College of Agriculture's involvement in Swaziland.

King said one reason it is important to be involved in a project

abroad is to help those countries become food self-reliant. King said the United States is one of only a half dozen countries that consistently produce more than they need. He said it is vital to get other countries to produce food more reliably than in the past.

A second reason King said such projects are important is to give a global outlook, seeking new ideas and approaches to stay in the forefront.

World trade is yet another reason for the college of agriculture to be involved internationally. "We are more and more dependent on a global market. The so-called developing countries are the market of the future. Last year 38 percent of all export sales went to developing countries, which are a fruitful market," King said.

Penn State has had 16 international projects since these programs began in 1970.

Agriculture in Swaziland offered some contrasts. King said that most of the Swazis did not live in villages but in dispersed homesteads, ranging from 10 to 50 people. Acreage was allotted by



Dr. Thomas King talks about Penn State's agricultural project in Swaziland.

the 170 chieftains resulting in about 4 to 7 tillable acres per homestead.

In Swaziland wealth is measured by cattle, and King said prospective husbands must pay a "bride price" of 15 to 17 head of cattle or more if they are part of the royal family. For that reason cattle play an important role.

These cattle graze on the communal grazing lands during the day, often under the care of children, and are brought in at night. The cows are then separated from their calves and are milked in the morning. Because of poor nutrition, the cows usually calve just once every three years.

King said women are the backbone of agriculture everywhere because men are often absent. Women make decisions about the acreage and do most of

the work. Maize is an important crop in Swaziland and it was one of the areas in which the Penn State project offered some technological help. Production averaged under 20 bushels to the acre, often because of poor seeding techniques and because grasses took over the fields.

Cotton is a cash crop for the Swazis and cabbage is the most important vegetable. Sugar is the largest export crop, followed by paper pulp and pineapple.

Penn State personnel worked closely with the Ministry of Agriculture in doing cropping systems research, Extension training, information development and participant training, with 20 natives traveling to the United States for advanced education.



Newly-elected directors of the Extension board are, from left: Helen Rohrer, Lynn Royer, Dolores Harnish, Ed Zug and Lilli Ann Kopp.

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Base milk price announced

Alexandria, VA. — Middle Atlantic Order Market Administrator Joseph D. Shine today announced a January 1986 base milk price of \$12.67 per hundredweight and an excess milk price of \$11.07. The weighted average January price was \$12.53 and the butterfat differential for the month is 16.0 cents.

The base milk price was up three cents from December but was \$1.45 lower than last January. The weighted average price was unchanged from December and was \$1.52 lower than a year earlier. The gross value of January producer milk was \$69.0 million, compared to \$71.3 million a year ago.

Mr. Shine said that producer receipts totaled 551.8 million pounds during January, an increase of 42.4 million pounds from last January, and the average

daily delivery of 2,635 pounds per producer increased 194 pounds of 7.9 percent from a year earlier. Class I producer milk totaled 263.0 million pounds and was up 1.5 million pounds or 0.6 percent from last January. Class I milk accounted for 47.67 percent of total producer milk receipts during the month, compared with 51.35 percent in January 1985. Base milk accounted for 84.98 percent of total producer milk receipts in January compared with 90.84 percent last year. The average butterfat test of producer milk was 3.82 percent, up from 3.77 percent last January.

Middle Atlantic Order pool handlers reported Class I in-area milk sales of 219.4 million pounds during January, an increase of 1.0 percent from a year earlier after adjustment to eliminate variation due to calendar composition.

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