

Inter-State District 5 honors 25-year members

LAMPETER — Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative can expect to lose about 1 percent of its current milk production to the whole-herd buyout program, Robert Dever, assistant general manager of Inter-State, told dairymen this week.

Addressing members of Inter-State District 5 at their annual meeting in Lampeter Tuesday, Dever said: "We won't even notice that loss of milk."

Sign-up for the buyout program in other areas has been somewhat higher and "will have some effect on the marketing here," he said. However, just how much is not yet clear.

What is apparent, he said, is that the short run future of the dairy business is dismal at best. "The next couple years are not going to be good down on the farm," Dever said.

Surplus production and lower milk prices continue to hound the industry. "The question of supply and demand must be settled," he stressed.

On the up side of the dairy picture, Dever noted that promotion efforts have been working and consumption of dairy products has increased dramatically. In 1984 dairy consumption rose 3.2 percent

and jumped even higher, 3.6 percent, in 1985, he reported.

Because of the increased consumption, Dever said, "The long run is probably a very bright future."

In Inter-State related business, Dever told members their stop charge will be increased \$1 to meet higher fuel costs. The more recent downward trend in gasoline and diesel fuel costs, he said, should more than offset that \$1 increase. And, he continued, "If and when we build a surplus, that money will be returned to you."

In addition, new officers were elected for the Witmer, Millersville and West Lampeter locals. In Witmer, those elected were: John J. Landis, president; Mervin Bare, vice president; Robert Esbenshade, secretary/treasurer; Harvey Heller, John J. Landis, delegates; and Elmer S. Fisher, David B. King, alternate delegates.

New officers in the Millersville local are Elvin Hess, president; David Garber, vice president; Joe Hess, secretary; Glenn Burkholder and Nelson Hershey, delegates; and Jim Breneman and Christ Hess, alternate delegates. Larry Harnish was elected to the Hauling Committee.

In the West Lampeter local, Moses Beiler was elected president; Roger Mills, vice

president; Glenn Book, secretary/treasurer; J. Martin Harnish and John Howard,

delegates; and John M. Harnish and James High, alternate delegates.



Inter-State Milk Producer's Cooperative honored three District 5 farms this week for 25 years of membership in the co-op. They were, from left, Clayton and Dorothy Charles, R2 Lancaster; Paul and Ann Harnish, Washington Boro; and Arthur and David Charles, R2 Lancaster. David Charles was not available for the photo.

Bedford Holstein Club names top junior members

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LOYSBURG — The Bedford County Holstein Club met recently at Northern Bedford High School for its annual banquet.

The announcement of the distinguished junior members by county agent John Fair was the highlight of the evening.

Julie Bechtel, 14, was named the outstanding member in the junior division. She is a member of the Southern Cove 4-H Dairy Club.

Senior division winner was Sara Ann Baker, 16, a member of the Friendly Moo Moos 4-H Dairy Club.

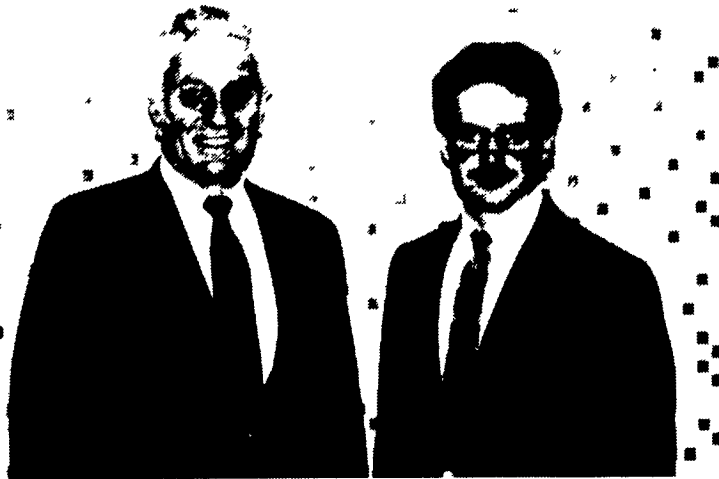
Luke Bowser of New Enterprise also received recognition and a round of applause for being named Pennsylvania State Distinguished Junior Holstein Member at the state convention.

Jeff Harding, director of sales for the state association, brought everyone up to date on the association's activities. He reminded everyone that the State Spring Show and Sale is just around the corner. There are 115 calves and 100 bred heifers and young cows consigned to the sale.

A report on the first Bedford County sale indicated that the sale average was \$1,537. The association is planning another sale this year.

Ken Mowry reported that the Bedford County dairy princess that reminded everyone to drink milk. Shawnee Youthers presented a skit

to several prominent Holstein breeders in Maryland and encouraged everyone to attend.



Luke Bowser, right, is congratulated by Obie Snider for being named Pennsylvania's outstanding junior Holstein member.



Julie Bechtel, left, and Sara Ann Baker were named outstanding junior Holstein members.

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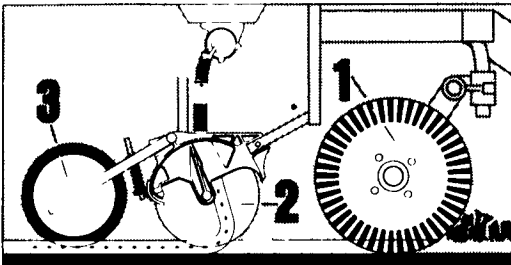
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