Pennmarva Young Cooperator Winners Named

came to the top here last week, as more than 40 young dairy producers took part in Pennmarva Dairy Federation's 16th annual Young Cooperator Convention at the Sheraton.

Following three days of personal interviews, farm tours and fellowship, the four participating cooperatives announced winners in their individual contests during Friday's wrap-up luncheon.

Named Young Cooperators for their respective cooperatives are:

GETTYSBURG - The cream Desmond and Deborah Kayea, New Holland, for Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative; Tracy and Janet Stiles, Clearbrook, Virginia, for Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Association Inc.; Glenn and Deborah Shirley, Westminster, Deborah Shirley, Maryland, for Middle Atlantic Division, Dairymen, Inc.; and Jeff and Judy England, Mt. Airy, Maryland, for Capitol Milk Producers Cooperative, Inc.

Desmond and Deborah Kayea milk a herd of 37 Ayrshires on their 65-acre farm near New Holland. The Double-D herd has a production average of 12,800 milk and 558 fat. Crops include corn, alfalfa and rye, primarily for feeding of the milking herd and about 30 head of replacement animals.

Runners-up in the Inter-State competition were William and Susan Schnebly, Clear Spring, Maryland. Their 125 Guernsey cattle and 250-acres at Crown Stone farm are operated in partnership with his brother. Production average on the 65 head of milking animals is at 14,087 milk and 667 fat. The cropping program includes corn, alfalfa, barley, wheat and mixed hay.

Other Inter-State finalists were Nevin and Audrey Mast, Oley, third place; Glen and Cathy Over, Williamsburg, fourth, and Carl Kreider, Quarryville, fifth.

Maryland and Virginia's winners, Tracy and Janet Stiles, own a quarter of the family's dairy and farming partnership. Their Clearbrook, Virginia, operation milks 210 head of purebred Jerseys, with a herd production average of 13,532, and crops 505 acres of ground. The Stiles have one son.



Glenn and Debbie Shirley, left, were named the 1986 Young Dairymen winner for the Middle Atlantic Division of Dairymen, Inc. Alternate winners are Alan and Kendra Meyers.



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Interstate Milk Producers newest Young Cooperator couple is Desmond and Deborah Kaye, left, with William and Susan Schnebly named first runners-up.

First runner-up Steve and Holstein and Brown Swiss herd, Barbara Wilson farm 160 acres near Port Royal. Their herd of 37 registered Holsteins has an average of 19,315 milk.

Named third and fourth place winners in the Maryland and Virginia contest were Mark and Gretchen Naugle, Carlisle, and Ralph, Jr., and Teresa Shank, Hagerstown, Maryland.

Young Dairymen winners Glenn and Debbie Shirley are part of their family farm operaton near Westminster, Maryland. Included in the Shirley farm are a herd of 63 milking Holsteins, replacement young stock, and 396 acres of cropground.

Runners-up for Dairymen's Middle Atlantic Division were Alan and Kendra Myers, of Greencastle. The couple farm with his parents, maintaining a 185-head registered

and 210 acres cropped. They have one daughter.

Capitol Milk Producers' winners, Jeff and Judy England, farm near Mt. Airy, Maryland. The couple farm with his uncle, maintaining a rolling herd average of 15,500 pounds of milk, with 3.6 percent test and 570 pounds of fat on 150 Holsteins. Englands' crop about 600 acres of corn, alfalfa, barley and soybeans.

Winners and alternates will represent their cooperatives through the next year at various local, state and national co-op and dairying events. The Young Cooperator program provides young members with continuing education about cooperatives and the dairy industry, and aids in surfacing and training cooperative leadership for the future.



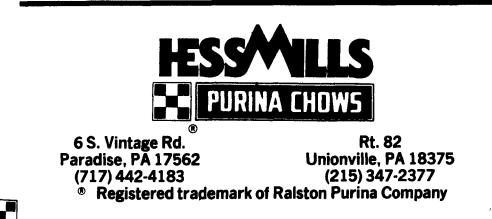
Tracy and Janet Stiles, left, will represent Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Association as the 1986 Young Cooperator couple. Others, from left, are Steve and Barbara Wilson, first runners-up; Mark and Gretchen Naugle, second; and Ralph, Jr., and Teresa Shank, third.

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