

Fertrell Farms Garners Three Production Awards

The cow is of the bovine ilk,
One end is moo the other milk.
—Ogden Nash

BY MARTHA J. GEHRINGER
MOUNT JOY — Lancaster County Holstein breeders recognized the outstanding production of their member's cows at the club's annual banquet Thursday night.

The evening's big winner, Fertrell Farms, Bainbridge, garnered awards in three categories while Benue Z. Lapp, New Holland, received two plaques.

Meadow-Vista Very Panzy Pam won the milk award for junior 2-year-old cow with a production of 27,212 pounds of milk. Rock-A-Bye Cilamat Babes earned the milk award for 3 year olds with a production of 30,811 pounds of milk. Aged cow milk honors went to Aqua-Lan Elsie Rise Edie. She produced 35,102 pounds of milk.

Fertrell Farms owns the milky trio.

Benue Z. Lapp took home the remaining milk awards. His 2 year old, Lapp Valley Milkmaster Marrel, produced 26,830 pounds of milk for the senior 2 year old milk first place distinction.

Lapp's 4 year old, Lapp Valley

Marvex Irv posted a record of 31,725 pounds of milk for the first place honor in her age category.

Welk View Jason Taffy won the junior 2 year old fat award with 1,070 pounds of fat. She is owned by Paul Welk, Strasburg.

Tom Zartman, Ephrata, owned the high fat producing senior 2 year old. Pleasant Springs Jedson Anita produced 907 pounds of fat.

Springgarden Sexation Nicki won the 3 year old fat award. Norman Hershey, Gordonville, owns the Sexation daughter.

Jere Skiles, Narvon, owns the high fat producing 4 year old. His cow, Peque-Meadows Winston Betty, produced 1,207 pounds of fat.

A cow owned by Galen Crouse, Stevens, garnered the top prize in the age cow fat category. Len-Lyn Astronaut Ruthann produced 1,202 pounds of fat.

The following youths owned the top animal in the respective production divisions: Matt Welk, 2 year old fat; Mark Welk, 2 year old milk; Niki Wivell, 3 year old milk and fat; Beth Kauffman, 4 year old milk and fat; and Diane Hershberger, 5 years and over milk and fat.

Elected to serve as directors for three-year terms were Lowell



Paul Welk, left, Jere Skiles, Annette and Steve Kuball representing Fertrell Farms, Tom Zartman and Galen Crouse received production awards at Thursday's Lancaster County Holstein Club Banquet.

Brubaker, Manheim; Phil Crouse, Stevens; and Rick Hess, Strasburg.

In reorganization after the banquet, the following officers were elected: John Howard, president; John Brubaker, vice president; Loren Zimmerman, secretary; and Donald Risser, treasurer.

Ken Raney, director of membership services for the Pennsylvania Holstein Association, urged members to renew their state membership by Dec 1, 1986 to take advantage of the 5 percent discount. He noted there would be no changes in membership fees this year.

"One of the best ways to promote and sell is through ads," Raney said, encouraging the audience to place ads in the state magazine, Profiles.

Membership directories are presently being printed, he said, and will be available by request only.

Wilke-Barre will host the 1987

state convention on Feb. 24 to 26. Also application are available at the state office for distinguished junior member and junior milk and fat awards.

Jeff Harding, director of sales for the state association, said the new PHA barn was dedicated, opened and filled with heifers for the Brazilian shipment on Monday.



The Lancaster County Holstein Club board of directors includes from left, seated: Loren Zimmerman, secretary; John Howard, president; John Brubaker, vice president; and Donald Risser, treasurer. Other directors are, standing, from left: Roger Mills, Lowell Brubaker, Rick Hess, Phil Crouse and Harold Shellenberger.



Niki Wivell, left, Beth Kauffman and Diane Hershberger received junior production awards at the Lancaster County Holstein Banquet.

Lebanon County Holstein Club

Pesticide, Nutrient Management Urged By Conservationist

BY MARTHA J. GEHRINGER
SCHAEFFERTOWN — Farmers need to pay more attention to nutrient and pesticide management, a Myerstown area conservationist informed the Lebanon County Holstein Club.

At the club's annual meeting George Wolff explained that while

plenty of research has been done concerning what happens when too few nutrients are available to plants, no research has been done concerning the effects of too many nutrients.

This dilemma, he explained, is a major source of pollution in the Chesapeake Bay. This year Wolff

received awards from two national conservation groups for his 'extensive work on fighting pollution in the Bay.

Not all the nitrate pollution results from agriculture, he added, yet the farmers pay the price. One example of this is sulfur from coal mines leaching into water that is

consumed by cows. The sulfur laced water breaks down the cow's ability to metabolize selenium.

Farmers will need to address pesticide management in the future, he said. Some farmers dispose of empty pesticide containers in Pennsylvania's lone hazardous waste facility; next year the site will be filled, Wolff cited as one reason for future concern.

Disposal of excess mixed pesticides poses a problem for farmers. Some farmers dump the spent pesticide in streams, when no one is looking, creating possible problems for themselves in the future. He noted that in some areas

farmers are liable for the price of providing a community with clean water if the contamination of the water source can be traced to them.

Penn State is working on a building where the pesticide can be placed and eventually the facility yields clean water and sludge. While this is a possible solution, Wolff noted the building is still in the experimental stages.

Wolff explained four bill pending in the house of representatives.

One bill would create an animal health commission. The commission would be comprised of farmers to coordinate research

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Bucks County Holstein Club Elects Directors

KELLERS CHURCH — Ken Worthington, Clyde Bishop and Joe

Ford were elected to the board of directors at the recent Bucks

County Holstein Meeting held here at St. Matthew's Church.

Youth Winners for their 4-H Holstein projects include Craig Walton, calf; Gerald Dabbs, heifer; and Steve Worthington, cow.

Roy Shull, state director, reported that the Pennsylvania Holstein Association is in the black do to the increase export activity and a recent land sale.

Walter Wurster, state association treasurer and Bucks County farmer, confirmed Shull's report and noted the first Brazilian shipment is under way. By working with the Harrisburg Airport to improve landing facilities and with the recent building of a larger quarantine building for holding animals prior to export, the Association plans to become a major export site in the East, he explained.

There remains a need for increased advertisement in the Association's magazine, Profiles, he noted and urged members to advertise.



Warren Buckman, left, youth program coordinator for the Bucks County Holstein Club, congratulates project winners Craig Walton and Steve Worthington.



The Lebanon County Holstein Club elected David Vail (left), Donald Krall and Harvey Bomgardner to 3-year terms on the board of directors.