

# Melwood Farm Tops Chester County DHIA For 7th Year

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**GUTHRIESVILLE** — Melwood Farm's dairy herd topped Chester County's list of butterfat production for the seventh year with 973 pounds. The Holstein herd owned by Melvin Stoltzfus, Cochranville, had a 24,000 pound rolling herd average.

Recognition was given the owners of the seven herds producing more than 750 pounds fat at the D.H.I.A. Annual Meeting and Banquet in Guthriesville last Thursday.

Alvin Stoltzfus's Dunwood Farm herd was second highest in fat with 848 pounds for the past testing year. The Russellville herd increased its fat production by 76 pounds over the previous year.

Ardrossan Farms' Ayrshire herd also raised its fat, from 807 to 838 pounds. The Ardrossan herd, owned by Mrs. Hope Montgomery Scott of Villanova, has a rolling average of 20,000, it is the first Ayrshire herd in the county to top the 20,000 mark.

The H and R Mason herd, Nottingham, owned by Howard, Robert, Allan and Steve Mason, produced 790 pounds of butterfat.

Once again the Jonas B. Stoltzfus

herd of Honey Brook topped 750 with 788 pounds fat.

New additions to the list were Ken and Marilyn Umble, Atglen, with 780, and Richard Breckbill's Breck-a-De Farm herd, Oxford, with 759.

Four new DHIA directors were elected at the business meeting following dinner at the East Brandywine Township Fire Hall. Joel Brown, Richard Hostetter and David Walton were elected to three-year terms. Dennis Bush will serve one year.

Dairy Princess Donna Bickel urged members and guests to actively promote milk consumption.

Cooperative Extension Service Dairy Agent David L. Swartz reported on the anticipated enforcement of the Right to Know Law by the Bureau of Labor and Industry.

Ben Kauffman, Cochranville, entertained the group with his impersonation of Honest Abe telling "The Abe Lincoln Story".



Representatives of the Chester County herds honored for herd averages over 750 pounds of fat include: from left, Melvin Stoltzfus, Melwood Farm, Cochranville; Alvin Stoltzfus, Dunwood Farm, Russellville; Ken Umble, Ken and Marilyn Umble, Atglen; Ed Breckbill, Breck-A-De Farm, Oxford; Steve Mason, H and R Mason, Nottingham; and Sue Kulp, Ardrossan Farms, Villanova. They received the awards at the recent Chester County DHIA banquet.

## Crawford County Hosts Legislative Tour

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**MEADVILLE** — The Crawford County Farmers Association recently hosted their annual legislative tour.

Jack Post, former Farmers Association president, said Crawford County is one of the few counties that plans a day with the legislators. The purpose of the tour is to permit the legislators to see real farmers and get a understanding of what farmers do.

Roy Wilt, Robbie Robbins, Jim Merry, Connie Maine, Ivan Rose and Dave Glenn were the officials on the tour.

The Vosburgh Farm, a beef operation near Titusville was the first stop. Operated by the brother team of Richard and Russ Vosburgh and Russ's son, Curt, Vosburgh Farm recently started raising feeder calves.

Prior to the change they ran a cow calf operation.

This year they sold one of their farms which was comprised of 250 acres. They now have over 400 acres near one main farm. They have been utilizing ASCS practices and now plant rye grass between their corn rows to prevent soil erosion on sloped fields.

Vosburghs keep costs under control by maintaining their own machinery and purchasing good secondhand equipment when possible.

Roger Simpcox welcomed the group to his Holstein dairy farm for the group's second stop of the tour. In just ten years since his graduation from high school, he has built an addition to his barn and purchased 70 acres this past year.

He now has the capabilities of milking his entire herd of 25 cows prior to milking and expedite the process. When he began to farm, he had only a former heifer barn.

The final stop on the tour was a full-time maple syrup central evaporator. This is one of the largest such mapling operations in the state and it is owned by Troy Firth of Spartansburg.

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