

# Oakleigh Farms Reap Franklin DHIA Awards

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**CHAMBERSBURG** — Oakleigh Farms, Ed and John Brake, Mercersburg, picked up a trio of awards Nov. 14, at the Franklin County DHIA Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet. Oakleigh Farms' 115.8 cows bested the county averages with 20,944 pounds of milk and 792 pounds of fat. They ranked second in the county for protein with 674 pounds. Finally, they received one of the eight plaques presented for cows completing 200,000 pounds of milk in their lifetime. Their cow, Oakleigh Farm Apollo Helen made 207,276 pounds of milk in 10 lactations.

R.V. and S.V. Hollenshead, Mercersburg, perennial winners, had high county herd for protein with 95.8 cows producing 22,626 pounds of milk and 715 pounds of protein. They were also the second high herd in the county for fat with 789 pounds.

Thomas Horst, Chambersburg, picked up the award for the most improved herd. Horst notched an increase of 114 pounds of butterfat over his 1985 average. Dennis Bricker had the herd with the lowest somatic cell count average for the second consecutive year. Bricker's SUC average is 112,000.

Herds receiving special rosettes for averages over 700 pounds of fat and over 600 pounds of protein were: Oakleigh Farms, 792 fat, 674 protein; R.V. and S.V. Hollenshead, 789 fat, 715 protein; Richard Harshman and Son, 788 fat, 671 protein; Long Lane Holsteins, 762 fat, 637 protein; Jaye and J.C. Young, 757 fat, 642 protein; Edwin R. Eby, 749 fat, 609 protein; Howard and Steve Mellott, 739 fat, 656 protein; Alvin Meyers, 736 fat, 621 protein; Frank S. Heberlig, 714 fat, 637 protein; and John A. Witmer, 713 fat, 626 protein.

Those receiving plaques for cows completing lifetime production over 200,000 pounds of milk were: Jay and J.C. Young, Fred and Dale Rice, Culbertson Greens Farm, Alvin Meyers, Kenneth Mellott, Burk-Lea Farm, Roy Sollenberger and Oakleigh Farms.

The awards were presented by Franklin County DHIA Board President Ed Brake and Franklin County Extension Dairy Specialist Philip Wagner. Wagner noted that two milestones were reached by the county during the 1986 test year. For the first time, the county-wide rolling herd average surpassed the 16,500 pounds of milk mark and also eclipsed 600 pounds of fat. This is an increase of 700 pounds of milk over last year's county rolling herd average.

In comparing this year's composite picture of herds testing with those testing in 1982, Wagner revealed that in 1982 only 11 per-

cent of the herds on test were at the 18,000 pound mark or above. This year over 28 percent of the herds on test averaged over 18,000 pounds of milk.

State DHIA Director Wilbur Burkholder addressed the 200 plus crowd concerning the Association's national certification and financial status. Burkholder noted that while the Dairy Herd Termination Program is scheduled to remove 9,000 cows in Pennsylvania, DHIA actually had a 10,000 cow increase this year. The program now tests 350,000 cows monthly in 6,100 herds state-wide.

Keeping on target with their National Certification Program scores, Pennsylvania now averages 30.75 days between test days, with a goal within reach of 30.4 days. Burkholder credited the DHIA supervisors for an average turn around time of 4.48 days.

Burkholder explained that while the new main frame computer for DHIA is operational, some work is still being done by the University at this time. This work is being done at a loss and has reduced DHIA's balance to \$750,000. Burkholder predicted an increase in testing fees by 1988 to help regain these losses.

Finally, Burkholder announced that the Pennsylvania State DHIA



Award winners at the Franklin County DHIA Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet held recently at Kauffman's Community Center. Pictured here are, from left, Ed and John Brake, high county herd average; Thomas Horst, most improved herd; and Dennis Bricker, low herd for SCC.

Board will be hosting the National DHIA Convention in Philadelphia this coming March. He extended an open invitation to all DHIA members to attend.

Newly elected County DHIA Board members for 1987 were: Block I, Fred Rice; Block II, Kenneth E. Myers; Block III, Glenn Pugh for a two year term

and Robert Mumma for a one year term; Block IV, Lester Martin; Block V, Robert L. Grove; Block VI, Raymond Shoemaker; and Block VII, Jaye Young.

## Hall Family Garners Lycoming County DHIA Honors For 11th Time

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**HEPBURNVILLE** — For the 11th time in the past 13 years Eugene and Donna Hall, Muncy, achieved the Lycoming County DHIA award for the highest herd average in Lycoming County. The Halls' 70 Holsteins averaged 20,790 pounds of milk and 809 pounds of fat in the past testing year. The award was presented at the 61st annual meeting of the association, held Nov. 13, at Hepburn Firehall, Hepburnville.

The highest producing cows in the county were: milk, "Prima" owned by Lester Poust, Muncy, who totalled 29,176 pounds of milk; and for fat, "G-72" owned by Marshall Brothers, Herd No. 1, Roaring Branch, producing 1,426 pounds of fat.

Mars-View Farm, also owned by Marshall Brothers, won the award for the greatest herd increase in fat in the county. Their 78 Holsteins averaged 655 pounds of fat, an increase of 115 pounds over the previous year. The herd averaged 17,621 pounds of milk per cow.

A plaque for the herd with the

highest protein level went to Eugene Hall, Muncy, whose herd achieved an average of 709 pounds of protein per cow. For the first time a plaque was presented to the herd in the county with the lowest somatic cell count. Mont Will Farms, Montoursville, owned by Robert and Donald Hepburn was the recipient of the award with an average somatic cell count of 103,000 for the past 12 months.

Other herds averaging 600 pounds of fat or better were as follows: Don and Scott Lepley, Cogan Station; Bar-Vista Farm, Montgomery; Dale F. Cooley, Allenwood; Charles F. Ulmer Jr., Cogan Station; Marvin L. Waltz, Jersey Shore; Willard Brelsford, Williamsport; and Schon-Crest Farms, Williamsport.

Also, Vollman Dairy Farm, Trout Run; Franklin J. Finck, Montgomery; Sandward Farm, Allenwood; Fred and Scott Lovell, Linden; Lester M. Poust, Muncy;

Milton Fuoss Jr., Montgomery; Benjamin McCarty, Hughesville; Kenneth O. Bastion, Cogan Station; John Snyder, Muncy; Mont Will Farms, Montoursville; Eldon Yvonne Metzger, Linden.

And Ritter-Ridge Farm, Muncy; Steppe Bros., Nisbet; Mars-View Farm, Roaring Branch; Samuel and Larry Fry, Muncy; Linden-Hills Farm, Linden; Burton Staman, Montgomery; Aaron Ritter, Muncy; John Bower Jr., Montgomery; Earl Hensler, Linden; Rodger and Owen Swartz, Muncy; David Albert, Trout Run; Stephen R. Waltz, Cogan Station.

FFA and 4-H members with cattle on test also received ribbons for production achievement. Those

receiving recognition were Beth and Brian Cooley, Allenwood; Kristine Kulp, Unityville; and Dean Showers Jr., Allenwood.

In an election held during the meeting Paul Bower, Hughesville, and Russell Beach, Montoursville, were elected directors for the upcoming term.

In 1986 Lycoming County had 65 whole-year herds that completed records, as did 10 owner-sampler herds. One dairy herd produced over 800 pounds of fat, 10 dairy herds were in the 700 to 799 bracket and 21 in the 600 to 699 bracket. County averages in 1986 were 16,527 pounds of milk and 594 pounds of butterfat.



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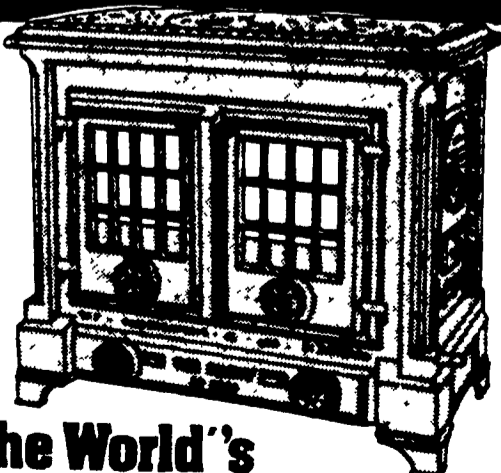
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