Wayne County Holstein Club Presents Awards

HONESDALE -County Dairy Herd Improvement Association completed 60 years of service to the Wayne County dairy industry with the conclusion of the most recent testing year on Oct. 1, 1986. The association finished the year with an annual production of 557 pounds of fat and 15,585 pounds of milk per cow — an all time high milk production level.

There were an average of 5,600 cows on test for the full year — the highest number of cows on test in the history of Wayne County DHIA.

Kevin Burleigh, Pleasant Mount, had the highest herd in fat with 847 pounds per cow. One other herd exceeding the 800 pound fat level was James Slocum, Susquehanna, 818 pounds of fat.

Herds exceeding the 700 pound fat level were: Charles P. Dennis Jr., Honesdale, 724; Jack and Ella Chyle, Pleasant Mount, 721 fat; Paul Kennedy, Honesdale, 713 fat; Golden Willow Holsteins, Honesdale, 706 fat and King Hill Farm, Starrucca, 706 fat.

The high herd in milk was Paul Kennedy, Star Route, Honesdale with 21,437 pound of milk.

The highest fat production was produced by "Valerie," a cow

owned by Kevin Burleigh, Pleasant Mount with 1,269 pounds

The highest milk production was produced by "Salt" owned by Jack and Ella Chyle, Pleasant Mount with 28,935 pounds of milk.

The high lifetime production record in fat has been earned by "Tess" owned by Randy L. Howell. In her lifetime she produced 198,472 pounds of milk and 7,318 pounds of fat.

The high lifetime production record in milk has been earned by "Satifac" owned by Rowe Brothers. In her lifetime she produced 199,872 pounds of milk and 7,023 pounds of fat.

The high quality milk award has been granted to Henry W. Antoniolli, Honesdale. His average yearly somatic cell count was the lowest in the county - 106,000. Other herds recognized for achieving records below 200,000 were: Carl Conbeer and Son, 118,000; James Slocum, 126,000; Paparella Brothers, 140,000; King Hill Farm, 142,000; Edward and Elaine Knehr, 145,000; John Lewis, 146,000; Michael Nebzydoski, 158,000; Little Leah Farm, 159,000; Francis D'Agati, 168,000; Alton C.

Olver, 173,000; Stoney Way Farm, 175,000; Randy L. Howell, 181,000; Carl A. Robinson, 187,000; Ronald Peck, 188,000; Peter Lazorack, 190,000; Ken and Elaine Soden, 191,000; and Summer Hope Farms,

Recognition was given to those herds who made increases in milk production over 1,000 pounds per year. They were: James Slocum, Kevin LaTourette, Summer Hope Farms, John Wetmore, Lester Bates, Paul Kennedy, Harrison and Sons, Robert Flynn, Charles P. Dennis Jr., George Banicky, Creamton Dairy, Allan Schnakenberg, James Yatsonsky, Karl Eisenhauer and Sons, William Taninies, Dean Giles, William Riefler, George Uhl, Don and Walter Blum, Don B. and William R. Bryant, Carl Kuester, Joseph Millen and Son, Stoney Way Farm, Carl O. LaTourette, Ken and Elaine Soden.

Also, John A. Pawloski, Grant Teeple and Son, Alton C. Olver, Frank Marks, Rowe Brothers, Theresa and Robert Diehl, Chris Lantzsch, Golden Willow Holsteins, Robert Kieff, Carl A. Robinson and Robert Munger.

DHIA supervisors employed by

the association are: Joseph Schriefer, Pleasant Mount, Steve Kammer, Hawley, Linda Wagner, Moscow, A. Linford Sampson, Equinunk and Patricia Hess, Starrucca.

Dairymen who serve as directors for the organization are: Bill Bryant, Honesdale, Llewellyn Equinunk.

Courtright, Lake Ariel, Charles Dennis, Honesdale, Ellis Dix, Pleasant Mount, Paul Kennedy, Honesdale, Michael Nebzydoski, Pleasant Mount, Gary Rickard, Honesdale, Marlyn Shaffer, Lake Ariel, James Slocum, Susquehanna, David Soden, Starrucca and Grant Teeple,

Berger Named 1986 Ag Communicator

LANCASTER - Karl Berger, associate editor of the Delmarva Farmer newspaper, was named Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative's 1986 Agricultural Communicator.

Berger was recognized for his "exemplary services to the dairy cooperative community" at Inter-State's 69th annual meeting. Robert B. McSparran, president, presented the award during the Young Cooperator Breakfast program Nov. 21.

An agricultural journalist for six years, Berger joined the Delmarva Farmer in 1980 as a staff reporter. He was promoted to associate editor and is now responsible for dairy and livestock reporting.

A 1979 graduate of Penn State University, Berger received bachelor's degrees in both English and plant science. This combination in majors, he said, prepared him to pursue a career in agricultural journalism.

Berger's interest in farm writing and reporting stemmed from days spent working on his uncle's farm in Lebanon County. Although he did not grow up on a farm, Berger said there is a "long history of farming in my family.

"Even though I'm not in farming, this is my way of carrying on a family tradition," he said of his agricultural journalism career.

Through his dairy reporting, Berger said he has come to appreciate the complexities of modern dairy farming. He said he enjoys his job, namely because of the people he works with.

"Farmers in business today are not in it for economic reasons but because they enjoy the way of life," he said, adding that his attitude carries over into his work.

Berger's belief that farmers are "still the best people in the world" is reflected in a column he writes for Delmarva Farmer. "Two-Cents Worth" takes a humorous, light-hearted look at farming today.

When not reporting on dairy interviewing a shows or cooperative representative, Berger enjoys gardening, Celtics basketball and freelance writing.

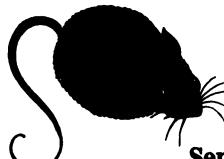
He and his wife, Maribeth Visco, reside in Frederick, Md.



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