

York County DHIA Completes 65th Year

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YORK — York County's Dairy Herd Improvement Association has wrapped up its 65th year of providing production records to dairymen. That occasion was noted recently at the annual DHIA meeting and awards presentations, held at Wisheaven Hall.

Multiple awards winner for the year was the Smyser's Richlawn Farm, East Berlin Road, York, the family operation of Richard and sons Robert and Rodney Smyser. Richlawn's 77 Holsteins completed the test year with the county's high herd average of 792 pounds of fat, 22,518 milk and 696 protein.

Two individuals in the Smyser herd won the family awards for high 305-day milk and fat, and high lifetime record. Richlawn Performer Idol Amy, sired by Paclamar Triune Complete, took the county's 305-day record with a 7 year and 8 month lactation of 33,597 milk and 1,174 fat. Top lifetime production honors went to their Richlawn Leader Star Dawn, for total milk to date of 253,030 pounds. Dawn is sired by Penstate Ivanhoe Star, and projected to complete her current 14 year and 6 month lactation at 21,000 milk.

Lynn Wolfe, Abbottstown R1, topped the county's herd production list for 1986 in both milk and protein. Wolf's herd of 71 registered Holsteins finished the test year with an average of 22,655 milk, 726 protein and 762 fat.

Recognition for high lifetime production for the second consecutive year went to the Earl Furhman family's Oil Creek Apollo Vicki. Now 17 years old, the Hilltop Apollo Ivanhoe daughter completed her 12th lactation at the Furhman's Hanover farm for a lifetime production of 10,986 fat, and milk total of 251,975.

A new category of awards this year focused on quality, with recognition for low Somatic Cell Counts. Topping the list was Edwin Calhoun, Glen Rock, with an SCC average of 92,000. Second place went to Paul King, Delta, with an average SCC count of 121,000; third, J. Donnell Taylor, Delta, 131,000; fourth, Beshore Farms, 142,000; and fifth, David and Chris Druck, Airville, 155,000.

Two herds were honored for

outstanding fat production increases. Hopewell Center Farm, New Park, operated by the James Warner family, recorded the largest increase in the over-550-pounds fat category. The Warner's herd average on 32 head increased by 137 pounds of fat, and competed the 1986 test year with a total of 717 fat, 19,552 milk and 638 protein.

Elvin Dieter, Dover, had the largest herd increase in the 400 to 550 pounds fat category. Dieter's 63 head of Holsteins jumped an average of 87 pounds of butterfat, finishing with 549 fat, 15,616 milk, and 493 protein.

Herds increasing by 50 or more pounds of fat were Four-Co Farm, Doug and John Cope; Galen Hess; Peter Leise, Bupplynn 2; Ramsey Cooper; Albert Dehoff and Sons; Shelbud Holsteins, Bud Holmes; T. Edwin Johnson; Charles Herr and Son; Beshore Farms; and Rineway Holsteins, Larry and Adrian Rinehart.

Accepting ribbons for herd averages topping the 700-pound-fat mark were Smyser's Richlawn Farm, 792 fat; Beshore Farms, 788 fat; Lynn Wolf, 762 fat; H.S. and R.E. Fetrow, 761 fat; Paul King, 741 fat; Rineway Dairy Farm, 727 fat; Sinking Springs Farm, 726 fat; Hopewell Center Farm, 717 fat, and Shelbud Holsteins, 712 fat.

Recognition for protein averages over 600-pounds went to: Lynn Wolf, 726 pounds protein; Beshore Farms, 704 protein; Smyser's Richlawn Farm, 696 protein; H.S. and R.E. Fetrow, 693 protein; Rineway Dairy Farm, 653 protein; Hopewell Center Farm, 638 protein; Wayne Mummert, 624 protein; Shelbud Holsteins, 622 protein; Sinking Springs Farm, 619 protein; Paul King, 617 protein; Daryl Barr, 615 protein; Melvin and Barb Marks, 607 protein; and Leonard Greek, 605 protein.

Four directors won seats on the county DHIA board, three of them for full three-year terms, and one a partial-term replacement. Elected to full terms are Patti Hushon, Delta, Dale Clymer, York and Jim Innerst, Red Lion. Doug Cope, Dillsburg, will fill the unexpired term of former director George Shoe, who has moved from the county. Retiring as directors were Edwin Calhoun and Dale Doll,



Top York County DHIA herd production awards for 1986 were split by the Wolf and Smyser families. Left are Lynn and Gerry Wolf, recipients of the high herd milk and protein awards. Robert and Lisa Smyser, center, and Rodney and Joyce Smyser were honored for high herd in fat, high 305-day milk and fat record, and high lifetime milk production award.

Glen Rock, and Troy Zirkel, Manchester.

In his state director's report, Martin Grey noted a 10,000-head overall increase for 1986 in the enrollment of cattle on Pennsylvania's DHIA program, in spite of a loss of 10,000 head sold through the Dairy Termination Program. Total enrollment for the state DHIA is 349,000 head in 6500 herds.

According to Grey, the state DHIA board is "catching up" with some cases of cattle records manipulation. One state hearing currently underway is for a member cited for some 19 violations of DHIA rules. In another case, a member has already been suspended from the DHIA testing program for three years due to rules violations.

The York DHIA board is recommending a county fee increase of 10 cents per cow, to grant testers salary raises. No increases in state fees are anticipated for the 1987 test year.



Carolyn and Edwin Calhoun, center, received a newly-instituted DHIA award, honoring them for the low year average in Somatic Cell Count. Tim Warner, left, accepted awards for Hopewell Center Farm's high increase in fat. Accepting the high lifetime fat production plaque was Dale Fuhrman for the Earl Furhman family.

Brandt Herd Reaps Top Award At Lebanon County DHIA

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PRESCOTT — David Brandt, Annville, garnered the award for high herd in milk, fat and protein at Lebanon County Dairy Herd Improvement Association's 57th annual meeting on Tuesday.

The Annville dairymen's herd bested the other 147 herds on test in the county with an average of

22,123 pounds of milk, 778 pounds of fat and 698 pounds of protein on 71 Holsteins.

Roy Weaver's herd of 54 Holsteins achieved the second high production in all three categories. His cows averaged 21,240 pounds of milk, 764 pounds of fat and 658 pounds of protein for the year.

The third high herd for fat award

went to Hoover Farms of Lebanon. Their 132 Holsteins averaged 749 pounds of fat. "Heidi," an 11-year-old Holstein, owned by Hoover Farms produced the top record in the county for the year, 33,138 pounds of milk, 1,182 pounds of fat and 928 pounds of protein.

David Eugene Reiff received the lowest somatic cell count award. His herd averaged a SCC of 95,000 per month.

The greatest increase in rolling herd average for protein and fat went to Sven Bomberger. His herd registered an increase of 90 pounds protein and 99 pounds fat. Lester Martin added an additional 2,581 pounds of milk to his herd average for the greatest increase in rolling herd average for milk award.

Herds recognized for production over 700 pounds of fat were: David Brandt, 778; Roy Weaver, 764; Hoover Farms, 749; Willow Maple Farm, 747; Donald Hoffer, 740; Irvin Brubacher, 737; Arthur Krall and Son, 726; Marvin Meyer and Sons, 722; Roy Nolt, 721; Lloyd Burkholder Jr., 721; Gary Lentz, 719; M. Luther Bennetch, 718; Dale Hostetter and Sons, 716; Raymond and Marlin Getz, 714; Arnold Acres, 714; Vincent Wagner, 709; Kenneth Mase, 708; Leon Burkholder, 706; and Kenneth Seller, 705.

These herds plus Eugene Gringrich, Willis Good, David Weaver, Wernerway Farms and



Robert Kindig (right) presents Sven Bomberger with the award for greatest herd average increase in fat and protein.

Jay and Carol Hershey were honored for protein production over 600 pounds.

Elected as directors were: Jay Hershey, Donald Hoffer, Sam Bucher, Clyde Deck, Vince Wagner, Malcolm Sonnen and Roy Weaver.

The past year was a year of change for the Lebanon County DHIA program, according to Kenneth Winebark, county

agricultural agent. The total number of herds on test dropped from 152 in 1985 to 148 this past year. In spite of the loss of four herds, the total number of cows on test increased to a record 9,982. An extra testing circuit was added to accommodate the increase.

Winebark reported that Lebanon County ranks sixth in the Pennsylvania for milk production. The

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David Brandt (left) received the award for high herd in milk, fat and protein at Tuesday's Lebanon County DHIA annual meeting. Reid Hoover accepted Hoover Farms' award for high individual cow.