

# Hidden View Farm Repeats As Top Berks DHIA Herd

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**LEESPORT** — Berks County DHIA closed out its 58th year last week with the annual awards presentations and banquet at the Berks County 4-H Center, Leesport. The 219 herds on test in the county boasted an average of 16,600 pounds of milk on 13,235 cows.

Usually at the top of the list and always in the top five herds leading the county is the Hidden View Farm of Charles and Tim Kissling families, Robesonia R1. Their registered Holstein herd of 68 cows averaged 22,182 pounds of milk, 832 pounds of fat and 693 pounds protein to again lead the list in all three categories.

Second place in milk and protein production in the county was the 58 Holsteins of Forrest Stricker, Wernersville R1. His cows averaged 21,731 pounds of milk, 670 pounds of protein and 760 of pounds fat to give him third place for fat production.

Second place for fat production in the county went to the 100 cow herd of David Schrack, Womelsdorf. His cows averaged 773 pounds fat with 20,121 pounds of milk and 634 pounds of protein.

The individual cow awards featured the high lifetime milk and fat production award to the Lee cow of Heindel Farm, Womelsdorf R1. She produced 235,511 pounds milk with 9,818 pounds of fat.

The high Ayrshire in the county for 1986 also belonged to Heindel Farm. "Dawn" produced 22,070 pounds of milk, 898 pounds of fat, and 676 pounds of protein to lead the county in all three categories.

The Brown Swiss herd of Dean and Brenda Daubert, Bernville,

R1, took home the high Brown Swiss honors. Their cows, Sugar, producing 25,909 pounds of milk with 818 pounds of protein, lead those divisions while Emily topped the fat list with 897 pounds.

High Guernsey for milk and fat belonged to Carl Hollenbach, Bernville R1. She produced 18,772 pounds of milk and 742 pounds of fat. Jerry Krone, Oley, R1, owned the highest Guernsey for protein production with 597 pounds.

The highest producing Holstein in milk production hails from the Vista Grande Farm, Fleetwood, R4, herd of David and Phoebe Bitler. Bethany produced 34,845 pounds of milk. The highest producing Holstein in fat production went to Flute, owned by Plushanski Farms. She produced 1,596 pounds fat. Plushanski Farms also owns the highest protein producer with 1,076 pounds.

Highest producing Jersey in milk and protein production went to "Joy" in the Irish Creek Jersey herd of David Phillips, Mohrsville, R1. She produced 17,176 pounds of milk with 648 pounds protein. The Dreisbach's Longmeadows Farm herd owns the highest fat producer with 889 pounds.

Sam Yoder, Shoemakersville, owns the highest producing milking shorthorns with the Roncher cow producing 15,630 pounds of milk, the Alfair cow producing 571 pounds of fat and the Jill cow producing 490 pounds of protein.

Low somatic Cell count awards were also given. Presented by Clyde Myers, Berks County extension agent, the awards personalized the care given to high producers and high quality milk. Myers stated there were 24 herds in the county with counts under

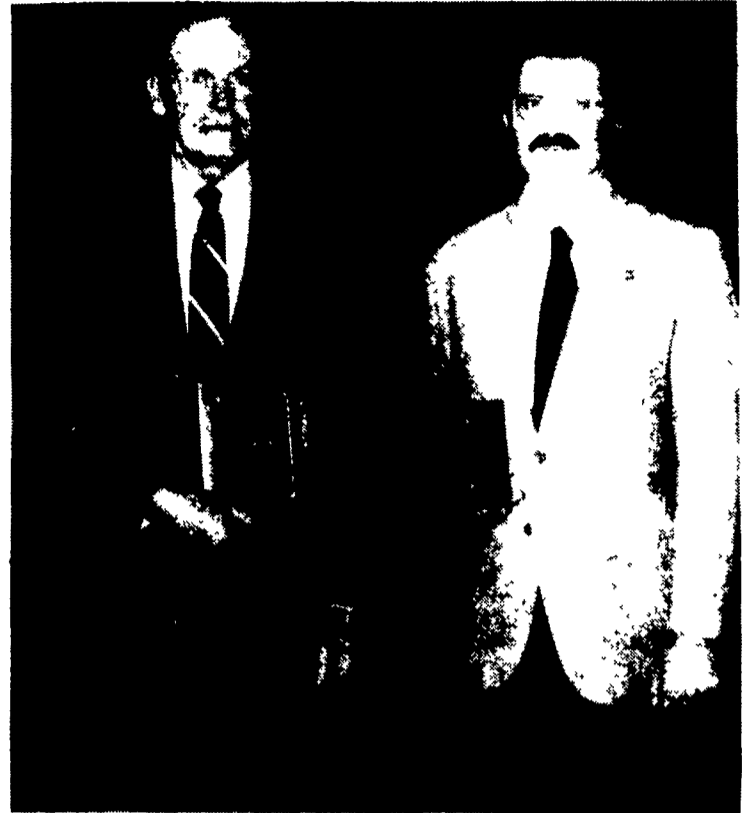
200,000 with four of these herds milking over 100 cows. He also noted that the production average for these low count herds was 17,600 pounds of milk, noting that low somatic cell count herds produce more milk.

The lowest herd in the county went to Harold Schuler, Fleetwood. With a low somatic cell count of 91,000, Schuler's 38 Holsteins pumped-out 19,128 pounds of milk, 667 pounds of fat and 603 pounds of protein to put him in 36th place in production in the county. Second lowest cell count award went to the mixed herd of Harold Dietrich Sr., Hamburg, R1, maintaining a count of 126,000.

The award for the most improved herd for milk, fat and protein production went to the Muddy Creek herd of John Bicksler, Bethel R2. His cows produced 15,855 pounds of milk, 557 pounds of fat and 471 pounds of protein, for an increase of 5,140 pounds milk, 157 pounds fat and 131 pounds protein.

Awards were also given to supervisors for years of service and the least mistakes in their reports on each herd in their district. JoAnn Moser, Hamburg, received the highest bonus of \$200 for the least mistakes made in 1986. Robert Keppley, Newmanstown, received a longevity bonus for 30 years of service.

The association elected new directors, for the 1986-1987 year. They are: circuit 1, Tim Kleinsmith; circuit 3, Leonard Stoltzfus; circuit 4, Helene Dreisbach; circuit 5, Darrel Harnish; circuit 6, Donald Duncan; circuit 7, Harold Dietrich Sr.; circuit 9, David Gross, and circuit 10, Forrest Strickler. The new owner-sampler herd director is Christine Grube.



Harold Schuler, left, and Harold Dietrich Sr., topped the county for the lowest somatic cell count herds. Schuler's herd maintained an average of 91,000 for the year.



Forrest Stricker, Mrs. Tim Kissling and David Schrack took home the high herd awards.

## Maryland Youths Win Hort Show Honors

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Maryland's youth delegation continued a tradition of excellence in competitive events during this year's fifth-second annual meeting of the National Junior Horticultural Association, held Oct. 31-Nov. 3 in the Marriott Hotel at Raleigh, N.C.

The Maryland 4-H horticulture judging team finished second among 17 similar teams, and a Maryland FFA delegation placed fifth among 10 state teams in its category.

Maryland 4-H teams have finished fifth or better in national youth horticulture judging competition every year since 1970. They have won six national championships since 1972, including last year.

Danny Sheehan, 15, of Mattawoman (Charles County) led the way for this year's Maryland 4-H judging team by placing fourth in a field of 65 individual 4-H contestants. He had been high individual in judging both flowers and ornamental plants during senior 4-H horticulture judging competition this year at the Maryland State Fair.

Tom Gibney, 15, of Colora (Cecil County) was sixth in the national contest. He had been runnerup in senior 4-H horticulture judging competition this year at the Maryland State Fair and first in horticultural pest identification.

Mary Beth Janicki, 15, of Pikesville (Baltimore County) placed ninth in the national contest. She was high overall individual in senior 4-H horticulture judging competition this year at the Maryland State Fair.

Mark Secrist, 18, of Cordova (Talbot County) was the fourth

member of the Maryland team.

For the third year in a row, Maryland was represented in the FFA category of the NJHA contest by a team from Brunswick high school (Frederick County). Members of the all-girls team were Chris Axline, Kelli Pry and Kellie Harding.

Miss Axline was fifth among 36 individual FFA contestants in the national contest, and Miss Pry finished ninth.

In the consecutive years of national competition the Brunswick FFA horticulture judging teams have consistently placed either fourth or fifth. Their FFA advisor is Karen Arrington, a vocational agriculture teacher at the school.

Three Maryland youth participated in the honors division of the NJHA horticulture judging competition. This category is open to persons who have placed fifth in previous national contests or were members of national championship teams.

Julia Ford, 17, of Winfield Heights (Carroll County) placed fourth in the honors division, and Christie Schneider, 17, of Pleasant Valley (Carroll County) was fifth. Stephen L. Sprout, 20, of Rising Sun (Cecil County) also participated in the contest.

Harry C. Hearn, Jr., of North Laurel (Howard County) was third in the junior open NJHA judging category for individuals in the age range of 15 to 18. He placed second in the same event last year.

George S. Marvin of LaPlata (Charles County) coached the Maryland 4-H horticulture judging team, as he has done every year since 1978.



High individual cow awards in each breed went to: back row, Carl Hollenbach, David Bitler, Jerry Krone and George Seidel. Front row, Dean and Brenda Daubert and David Phillips.



The new directors included: back row - Don Duncan, Leonard Stoltzfus, Darrell Harnish, Forrest Stricker, Harold Dietrich, front row: Christine Grube, Tim Kleinsmith, and David Gross.