

Adams County DHIA Improves By Nearly 1,000 Pounds

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BIGLERVILLE — "Improvement" was the catch-word at the 58th Adams County Annual DHIA Banquet held recently at the Biglerville Firehall. County Extension Director Tom Piper highlighted that the county's herd average has improved by 913 pounds of milk and 14 pounds of fat over the county's 1985 average. There were 55 whole year herds on test in Adams County in 1986.

Most improved herd in the county in all three categories belongs to Melvin and Carolyn Durbarow, Gettysburg. The Durbarow's 64 Holsteins improved their average by 3,272 pounds of milk, 131 pound of butterfat, and 107 pounds of protein in 1986.

Kling-Ayr Farm, Charles and Martha Klinger, New Oxford, was second in all three categories for improvement, but came out on top of the list as the high herd in the county. Their herd averaged 21,336 pounds of milk, 753 pounds of butterfat, and 678 pounds of protein on 35 cows.

The high lactation cows for milk and fat both came out of the Ray Dutterer herd, Littlestown. "Helen", a registered Holstein had the top milk record at 8-7 with 32,774 pounds of milk. A Holstein, cow number 115, in the Dutterer herd made the county's top fat record at 5-9 of 1,119 pounds.

High lifetime cow for milk went to Lagging Stream Farm for "Cupid" who produced 226,984 pounds of milk in 11 lactations. Top lifetime fat producer was "Angela" who made 8,231 pounds of fat for Brown Valley Holsteins in nine lactations.

Robert Hoffman, York Springs, received the trophy for the county's lowest somatic cell count. Featured speaker for the evening was Robert Damm, director of marketing and field services for Pennsylvania DHIA. Damm's presentation emphasized that improvements being made in DHIA must be made to compliment changes in the future that DHIA will have to make to remain a relevant service to dairymen.

Damm stated, "There is no reason for DHIA to exist except as a service to dairymen. It is the business of DHIA to make your business more profitable. Ultimately, you are the end user of the records and data received from those records, and also the initial producer of these records."

To facilitate improvements needed to keep pace with industry changes, Damm stressed that the membership must recognize that they own and control Pennsylvania DHIA. However, he noted, ownership and control does not necessitate doing the day to day operations of the program. For this, there is the hired staff.

Damm touched on several current issues including the fact that DHIA should be completely on their new main frame computer by the first of the year. There is also a new SCC machine on line. Damm stressed that changes in SCC in a herd is one of the most reliable indicators of the economic level at which that herd is operating.

Finally, he encouraged dairymen to return their supervisor evaluation sheets as soon as possible to DHIA, stating, "What happens in the barn really is very important to us."



Award winners at the 58th Adams County Annual DHIA Banquet included, left, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Klinger, Kling-Ayr Farm, for high herd in the county with 21,336 pounds of milk, 753 pounds of fat and 678 pounds of protein. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Durbarow were recognized as having the most improved herd average in the county, increasing their 1985 average by 3,272 pounds of milk, 131 pounds of fat, and 107 pounds of protein.

New members elected to the Adams County DHIA Board included: Dan Leer, Jeff King, and Alan Zepp. Officers for 1987 will

be: Timothy Brown, president; Doyle Waybright, vice-president; and Marcia Brown, secretary-treasurer. Other Board members

include: Gerald Stoner, Russell Redding, David Kehr and Wayne Roadgers.

Clear Spring Dairymen Tabbed Inter-State Director

SOUTHAMPTON — Donald L. Spickler has been named a director of Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative, according to Robert B. McSparran, president.

Spickler, Clear Spring, Md., was elected by Inter-State's District 25 members. He replaces L. Elmer Vickers, Kearneysville, W. Va., who served as a director for 11 years.

Spickler, 48, has been an Inter-

State member for 22 years. He and his family own and operate Cedar Brook Farm Inc., where they milk 100 Holsteins and farm 600 acres.

Active in various agricultural organizations, Spickler is a member of the Washington County Farm Bureau, the county, state and national associations of soil conservation districts, the Fairview Grange and the Maryland Ag Week Inc.

In addition, Spickler is active in

community organizations, including the Washington County Planning and Zoning Commission, the Chesapeake Bay Program, the Wilson Ruritan Club, the Elks Club, the Hagerstown/Washington County Chamber of Commerce and the Governor's Commission for Appalachia, as well as others.

A graduate of the Hagerstown Junior College, Spickler received an associate degree in business administration.

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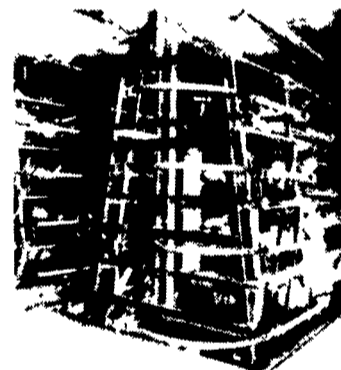
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