

Learn, Compton Share Indiana DHIA Awards

INDIANA — The Indiana County Dairy Herd Improvement Association finished its 60th year on Oct. 14 with 47 whole year herds. In addition, seven owner-sampler herds completed the testing year.

Recently at Hosses Steak and Seafood Restaurant in Indiana the organization held their annual luncheon to recognize the county's top producers.

The top award winner in the milk production category was the Walter J. Learn family of Commodore R.D. 1. This family was able to capture this position by having a herd average of 20,581 pounds of milk.

Jim and Bill Compton of Clarksburg were at the top of the list in the fat competition. This father, son team had a total of 719 pounds of fat.

The Jerry Nesbit family of Marchand owns the herd that stood at the top of the protein category. A total of 651 pounds of protein was the average for this 113 cow Holstein herd.

Receiving an award for the lowest somatic cell count in the county was another father son combination, Dale and Rodney Bloom. This family from the Seward area was at the top of the low somatic list with a yearly average of 91,000.

The 1986 most improved awards went to Jerry Nesbit of Marchand.

This family operation captured the most improved herd for milk with 19,955 pounds of milk, the improvement of 4,276 pounds, the most improved herd for fat with 686 pound, an increase of 121 pounds, and the most improved herd for protein with 651 pounds.

In the individual cow performance competition Dr. F.G. Edwards stood at the top in the Holstein milk, fat and protein categories. "Mocha", produced a total of 31,843 pounds of milk, 1,333 pounds of fat, and 999 pounds of protein.

Alvin and Robert Beattys' "Jenny," had 16,400 pounds of milk and 813 pounds of fat. These figures were enough to top the Guernsey breed in the county. This twosome also had the high cow for pounds of protein, "Polly" had a total of 568 pounds of protein.

"Allison," owned by William C. McMillen of Marion Center was the top Jersey producer for the 1986 production year. The figures that gained her this title are 16,600 pounds of milk, 803 pounds of fat and 627 pounds of protein.

Carl and Patsy Novak dominated the goat production category with 2,537 pounds of milk, 86 pounds of fat and 69 pounds of protein.

Speakers for the annual event included state directors for the Dairy Herd Improvement



The award winners at the annual Indiana County Dairy Herd Improvement awards luncheon include back row left, Bill Compton and Ronald Learn. Front row left, Tom Wallace presenting Jody Nesbit with the high herd for protein award, Rodney Bloom, low herd somatic cell count.

Association Bill Jackson, Fayette County, and Bill Ideal from Cambria County. Both gentlemen spoke of the state organization of the association.

Dean Amick, of the Central Testing Lab presented a presen-

tation on the milk sample. Amick used a filmstrip, "Whirlwind Tour of the Lab." By viewing this the producers were able to see the many different techniques and instruments used to process the sample in order for them to receive

accurate records.

The association also re-elected Charles Lockhart and Rodney Bloom as their directors for the upcoming year.



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