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Baxter Evaluates Term As President

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STONEBORO — With half of his two-year term now history, Pennsylvania Holstein Association president Art Baxter calls 1986 a year of both accomplishments and frustrations, and anticipates 1987 will offer renewed challenges to the nearly 6,000 members.

"It's gone awfully fast," says the amicable Baxter of his first 12 months heading up the state's largest dairy breed organizations. "A lot of things happened I didn't anticipate."

He further reflected that, just one year ago, one of his key goals was to help initiate some system of registered Holstein evaluation other than "simply indexing."

"Since then, the Breeder's Majority has been formed; that's a start on the right track," affirms this long-time breeder and showman.

The Breeder's Majority, a grassroots breeders group, commanded widespread attention when it was organized at the 1986 National Holstein convention in Milwaukee, Wis. However, the seeds for the fledgling organization

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Art Baxter



ADA-DC President Raymond Johnson (right) presents an appreciation gift to Walter Buescher, the keynote speaker for the association's 27th Annual Meeting held this week in Syracuse, New York.

ADA-DC Promotion Outlined At Meeting

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SYRACUSE, N.Y. — A leading dairy spokesman said Wednesday that we see the commitment to be successful, reorganize our resources if necessary to continue as an intensive dairy economy in this nation. Raymond Johnson, president of the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council, presented a report entitled, "Organized Progress Through Organized Promotion" at the 27th annual meeting here at the Sheraton Inn at Liverpool.

"Amid all the many elements of change in the dairy industry, one constant has remained," Johnson said. "This constant is the fully-

funded milk promotion. Generic promotion programs are now an institutional part of the dairy industry's marketing strategy. We have arranged our ADA-DC program elements not only in promotion, but we have also helped organize local, regional and national programs. And while we have had tremendous successes in all these different areas of involvement, it would be false security for me to suggest that we have arrived. We have established a pattern of progress through promotion, but many unfinished challenges linger and most certainly new opportunities that affect our pattern will reach our agenda.

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Pesticide Regs Outlined At Crops And Soils Day

BY JACK HUBLEY

LANCASTER — Normally the only line you're likely to find at a winter Extension Service meeting is the lunch line come noontime. At Lancaster County's Crops and Soils Day on Tuesday, though, the line of farmers waiting to sign up for pesticide applicator recertification was almost as popular.

Since the amendments to the Pennsylvania Pesticide Control Act began circulating among the farm community, they've been creating quite a stir. Contained in Senate Bill 1445, the changes take effect Mar. 11, and though many new regulations are on the books, there's still much that remains on the drawing board, according to Bob Anderson, a New Holland-based Extension employee who is taking charge of Lancaster County signups since the recent retirement of County Extension agent Arnold Lueck.

At Tuesday's meeting at the Farm and Home Center, Anderson outlined the major changes that

will affect farmers applying for a license or recertification to apply restricted-use pesticides.

Reviewing previous requirements, Anderson noted that times have changed since the first certification program was instituted in 1973. To be licensed to apply restricted-use pesticides, the applicant was required to take a

written test on an open-book basis in his own home. To renew the license, the farmer only needed to attend one update training session within the three-year duration of the license.

Under the new Act, however, farmers applying for their private applicators license will have to take a supervised examination at a

Department of Agriculture-approved testing site. The test will remain open-book, Anderson said.

The Act defines a certified private applicator as one who uses or supervises the use of restricted-use pesticides on agricultural crops on owned or rented property. The private applicator may also apply these pesticides on ground being farmed by another party if he receives no compensation.

While licenses have been issued free of charge in the past, the new regulations set the license fee at \$10.

Some of the most important changes in the Act deal with update training. Anderson said that license holders will need to accumulate credits in two classes of subject matter. The so-called "Core" subjects deal with items such as safety, label comprehension, equipment, regulations and environmental effects of pesticides. The "Category Specific" subjects

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First Farms For Dairy Of Distinction Come From Pennsylvania

STATE COLLEGE — The Northeast Dairy of Distinction Program that has expanded into Pennsylvania this year is reported to already have 35 farm applications sent in.

Sue Reynolds, executive secretary, told the Pennsylvania State Directors here Monday that, in addition to the ongoing New York program and the excellent start of the Pennsylvania program, she has received ap-

plications from Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia, too.

Stephen Spencer, Penn State University and advisor to the Pennsylvania group, reported that a favorable response was received to the question of a state awards program at Ag Progress Days Lancaster Farming offered an 11x14 color photograph enlargement from a slide to the Pennsylvania winners.

Schuylkill Countian Named PPPC Pork All-American

BY JACK HUBLEY

Despite rumors to the contrary, the family farm is alive and well in Pennsylvania. Just ask the Frielings. Ken Frieling, along with his brother Philip and father Herman, runs H. Frieling and Sons, Inc., a 350-sow farrow-to-finish operation near the Schuylkill County town of Hegins.

In 1981 the Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council honored the Frieling family by naming Philip their Pork All-American, the PPPC's most prestigious award. On Thursday night the family was once again in the limelight when the council named Ken Frieling its 1987 Pork All-American at PPPC's ninth annual Keystone Pork Congress held at the Penn Harris Motor Inn.

The family's involvement with hogs dates to 1969, when Philip bought his first 10 sows. Ken was still in high school at the time. The Frielings took to the hog business enthusiastically and have

been upgrading their facilities and adding sows ever since. Shortly after getting started, they moved their sows from A-frame housing to a chicken house converted to house pigs. In 1974 the Frielings built a Cargill finishing house, and two years later the family put up a new farrowing house that went from 60 to 90 crates in the years that followed. A nursery building was erected in 1978.

Although fire gutted the farrowing house two years ago, the Frielings were soon back in business with a brand new facility featuring a manure scraping system that cleans the new farrowing house daily. A new gestation barn is currently under construction.

Managing the business is truly a Frieling family affair. Although Ken does a little of every thing, he specializes in mixing feed. Philip handles vaccinations and other medications, and their father helps with the feeding and other chores.

Philip's wife Dorothy keeps the records that Ken emphasizes are crucial to the success of any hog enterprise. Also a corporation member, Ken and Philip's mother Frieda handles secretarial chores. "We're all able to do one another's jobs in case one of us has to go away," this year's All-American points out.

The Frieling's production averages 9.1 pigs weaned per sow per litter, which pencils out to about 7,000 market hogs annually. In addition, they farm 120 acres of corn and 40 acres of alfalfa. "There's something different to do everyday," Frieling sums up. "I get tired before I get bored."

Illinois Farmer Shares Views
And no one seemed bored during the morning's seminar sessions when featured speaker Art Lehman took the podium to tell farmers how he's been able to maximize profits in his Strawn, Illinois hog operation.

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Kenneth Frieling (right) was named Pork All-American for 1987 at Keystone Pork Congress on Thursday Presenting award was Penn State Extension economist Louis Moore, who served as banquet emcee