



Lancaster Farming

VOL. 32 No. 40

Lancaster Farming, Saturday, August 8, 1987

Five Sections

\$8.50 Per Year

Kit-Way Has High Averages In Adams Co.

BY
GINGER SECRIST MYERS
Adams Co. Correspondent

HANOVER — Wayne and Susan Reeder, Kit-Way Holsteins, have the high herd averages for milk, fat, and protein in Adams County. Their 68 Registered Holsteins averaged 20,589 pounds of milk, 765 pounds of butterfat, and 665 pounds of protein on their June test. Yet, according to Wayne, being first on the list or being tenth isn't what motivates this ambitious couple to spend most of their working hours in their dairy barn. Rather, they rank pride in their work and the opportunity to work together daily as a team as their prime rewards.

Wayne and Susan moved to Adams County three years ago from Frederick County, Maryland. They purchased an established herd north of Gettysburg that Wayne recalls, "needed some good care very badly." They rented the dairying facilities and started with a herd that was rolling at just short of 14,000 pounds of milk in November 1984.

They also brought with them from Maryland 23 of Wayne's cows that he had bred while working for 17 years for Marlin Hoff as a herdsman. Wayne credits his experiences with Hoff's herd as an invaluable learning opportunity. It was his success in managing herds

(Turn to Page A39)

Urban and rural cultures met at the Farm-City Day on Penn Square, Reading Thursday. As a chicken supplied by Berks County 4-H'ers provides entertainment for young and old Reading residents.

Nutritionists Declare Cottonseed The Ideal Feed

BY PAT PURCELL

LANCASTER — Whole cotton seed may replace conventional feeds for the high-producing dairy herds, according to nutrition experts speaking to dairy farmers and feed mill representatives at the PACMA Dairy Nutrition and

Herd Health Conference, held Tuesday at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center.

"We are feeding higher producing cows which need a quality feed, high in fiber, protein and energy and also nutrient dense. Conventional feeds of the past do

not accomplish that. The whole cottonseed has all those things," said Dr. James Ferguson of the University of Pennsylvania at New Bolton Center.

The cottonseed, used for more than twenty years in some western states, in its whole form is somewhat of a newcomer to the northeast. What did find its way to the east was in the form of meal. Today with advancements in storage capabilities, transportation and marketing, area farmers have access to a constant and dependable source of what some nutritionists claim to be the ideal feedstuff for the high producing herds.

According to Glenn Shirk, Lan-

(Turn to Page A23)

County Agents Receive National Honors

LANCASTER — Jay Irwin, county extension director and Arnold Lueck, retired county agent will be awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents at ceremonies next week in Fargo, North Dakota.

This honor is presented only once to an agricultural agent and the last time the award was brought to Lancaster County was more than twenty years ago, when it was presented to Max Smith.

Irwin is being cited specifically for his work in coordinating the efforts of hundreds of national and county agents and others during the avian flu disaster which devastated the county in 1983-84. The NACAA recognizes the hours Irwin devoted to the specific needs of the families which were affected by the crisis which saw nearly 16



Wayne and Susan Reeder are dairying on a minimum investment. They rent their dairy facilities and buy in all their feedstuffs. They credit their constant cow care with their success in surpassing the 21,000 mark on their rolling herd average, the highest in Adams County.

million birds put to sleep. Irwin counseled families and established stress management meetings through out the county.

"It was a national tragedy and an enormous project. We had 500 people working on the project. It was a disease which we had no cure for. I was just helping with

Lancaster Holstein Field Day

BY PAT PURCELL

ShellMar Acres and the Lancaster County Holstein Club hosted nearly 250 people Thursday evening for the 1987 Field day in a carnival-like celebration which marked the Lancaster County Holstein Club Field Day of 1987.

What was once known as a simple gathering for breeders took on a carnival-like atmosphere and became a night of fun and fellowship for the breeders and their

what I could do in a small way," said Irwin.

This is not the first national award for Irwin. In 1985 he received the United States Department of Agriculture's Distinguished Service Award for his work during the avian flu crisis. He

(Turn to Page A25)

and families which was the goal of this year's chairman, Lowell Brubaker.

"In the past the event has been held to draw breeders together, but we wanted an event which the entire family could enjoy, so we have tried to have something which would interest everyone," said Brubaker.

While the judging was taking place there games and prizes for



Urban and rural cultures met at the Farm-City Day on Penn Square, Reading Thursday. As a chicken supplied by Berks County 4-H'ers provides entertainment for young and old Reading residents.

Purcell, Good Join LF Staff

Raised on a 50-head dairy farm in Oxford, Pennsylvania, Pat Purcell comes to Lancaster Farming with an understanding of the dairy industry. Pat also raised Black Angus and hogs, before her parents sold the dairy farm in 1969 to enter the mushroom farming industry.

While pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in English/Journalism by attending evening classes at the University of Delaware, Pat was the Sports Editor for the Chester

County Press in Oxford, Pa. for nearly three years. In 1984 Pat left the weekly paper and took a break from classes to start her own weekly, The Rambler, out of Honey Brook, along with two partners.

Pat returned to the University of Delaware to complete her degree in the fall of 1984 and spent the next three years as the accounting manager for the real estate firm of Patterson-Schwartz & Associates, Inc. in Wilmington, Delaware.

(Turn to Page A35)



Pat Purcell



Lou Ann Good