

## Clair Woode Named Director Of Marketing

Clair Woode was named Director of Marketing and Development in COBA's Ohio division, effective April 1, 1988. He is currently serving as Ohio Sales Manager for the cooperative.

He began his A.I. career as a COBA technician in Meigs County in 1962. In 1967 he was transferred to Pickaway County and in 1969 was promoted to route sales representative servicing direct herds in western Ohio.

Woode was appointed district manager in southwestern Ohio in 1974 and sales manager in western Ohio in 1977. He became Ohio Sales Manager in January 1983.

A dedicated COBA employee, Woods received the cooperative's 25 year service award. He is a member of Ohio Purebred Dairy Cattle Association, the National Agri-Marketing Association and a



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MEADVILLE — One of the highlights of the 20th Annual Crawford County Corn and Forage Day was the recognition and awarding of plaques to five (5) County farmers who participated in the Pennsylvania Five Acre Corn Club or the Alfalfa Growers' Program.

Earl, Robert and Paul Infield of

lifetime member of Dairy Shrine. He also serves on the National Association of Animal Breeder's (NAAB's) inseminator training committee.

Woode and his wife Sue currently reside in Dayton, Ohio. They have one daughter and a granddaughter.

## Corn And Forage Event Recognizes Farmers

Townville produced 163.4 bushels of ear corn per acre with Pioneer 3737 variety. Infields had a corn population of 23,127 plants per acre that averaged 22.5% grain moisture at harvest.

Lowell Muir, Titusville, had a corn yield of 141.6 bushels of ear corn per acre with Funk's 4032 variety. Muir had a corn plant population of 24,806 plants per acre testing 26.5% grain moisture at harvest.

This year's average cost of producing an acre of corn for those who participated in the Pennsylvania Five Acre Corn Club was \$236.80 or \$1.55 per bushel. The state average production cost was \$218.34 per acre or \$1.59 per bushel.

John and Joseph Urbanick, Conneautville, topped the County Alfalfa Growers' Program with a yield of 6.53 tons of alfalfa per acre in three (3) cuttings. This was a one-year-old stand of Oneida alfalfa. Urbanicks also received recognition at the Pennsylvania Alfalfa Awards' Program on February 4, 1988, held at the State College Elk's Club. Urbanicks were third highest in alfalfa yield for the Western Region.

Honorable mention for good alfalfa production was given to two local growers: first, Ralph Tau, Saegertown, who produced 4.08 tons per acre of new seeding of Drummer and Commandor Alfalfa; and second, Janet and Jeff Peters, Meadville, who produced 2.55 tons of alfalfa with two (2) cuttings of Centurion Alfalfa with their new seeding.

Many local farmers took advantage of the Free Health Screening Services offered by the Meadville Medical Center, which was available all day long. The people were pleased to have this service available.

Stanley Right, Weights and Measure Supervisor of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, kept busy checking the farmers' moisture meters so they will be ready for the 1988 harvest season when they check their wheat, oats, soybeans and corn for moisture content.

A total of 4 credits in update pesticide training was awarded to those growers that attended Private Ag Consultant Russell Yoho's program on Farm Chemical Safety and reading and understanding the pesticide label. Also, Robert Hartzler, Penn State Extension Agronomist, discussed herbicides — how when and what to use to control weeds on their farms.

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William Fleet, Eastern Regional Area Agronomist with Pioneer Hi-Breds showed slides on how the corn plant grows and at what stages the plant is under stress. Fleet also pointed out the corrective measurement at different stages of growth to maximize yield.

William Griffith, Eastern Director of the Potash and Phosphate Institute, discussed that maybe the greatest yield is not the most profitable one. Due to the higher production costs, farmers today must find the production level that maximizes the best economic return for that particular farm or field.

A total of 28 industry people in the feed, seed, chemical, fertilizer and equipment business helped sponsor this educational program along with the Crawford County Extension Office. County Agent Joseph Beard was master of ceremonies for the program and was pleased with the day's attendance for this annual educational event.

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