

Dairy Cooperatives Honor Outstanding Young Farmers

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winner receive an expense-paid trip to the National Milk Producers Federation's annual meeting. Here they have an opportunity to attend the national young cooperators program.

The third through fifth place winners receive expense-paid trips to the American Institute of Cooperative's annual National Institute where they will interact with young farmers from various agricultural backgrounds.

Atlantic Dairy Cooperative

David W. and Phoebe R. Bitler of Fleetwood in Berks County captured the "Outstanding Young Cooperator" for Atlantic Dairy Cooperative. The Bitlers operate the Vista Grande Farm, a 349-acre farm with 173 head of registered Holsteins. Their average annual production is 20,274 pounds with 721 pounds of butterfat on 88 cows.



Dave and Phoebe Bitler, owners of the Vista Grande Farm in Fleetwood, were named Atlantic Dairy Cooperative's "Outstanding Young Cooperators" for 1988. They farm 349 acres and carry a 20,274-pound of milk and a 721-pound butterfat herd average on 88 registered Holsteins.

In second place were Laurence and Valerie Johnson of Forest Hill, Maryland. The Johnsons farm in partnership with Larry's family and are responsible for the 80-cow milking herd. Average annual production at Merry-Lar Farm is 14,400 pounds of milk and 547 pounds of butterfat.

In third place were Francis L. and Joyce Uhland, Jr. of Mt. Joy, previously from Lititz where they operated a 155-acre, 63 head Holstein farm. The Fra-Joy Dairy posted an average annual production of 15,633 pounds of milk and 595 pounds of butterfat on 38 cows.

In fourth place were Michael A. and Linda J. Behrer of Spruce Creek. The Behrers operate a 765-acre, 185 head Holstein farm, the Willow Behrer Farm. They are the sole owners of the farm and employ four full-time and three part-time employees. Average annual production is 17,872 pounds of milk and 642 pounds of fat on 160 cows.



Michael and Linda Behrer of Spruce Creek captured fourth place in ADC's Young Cooperators contest.

Philip M. and Cheri L. Pettit of Woodstown, New Jersey took fifth place. The Pettits operate a 637-acre farm with 450-head of registered Holsteins. The Pettit farm, Clovervale Dairy Farm Inc. is organized as a small family-held corporation of which Philip and Cheri own 40 percent of the shares. Average annual production is 19,252 pounds of milk and 716 pounds of butterfat on 255 cows.

Maryland and Virginia

D. Richard and Karen Arrington, III, of Mt. Airy, Maryland cap-

1989 Wheat Program Provisions

YORK — York County ASC Committee Chairperson, Geary Huntsberger today announced a required 10 percent acreage reduction and other provisions of the 1989 wheat program.

Other provisions of the 1989 wheat program include:

— A price support loan and purchase rate of \$2.06 per bushel, a 20 percent reduction from the basic loan and purchase rate of \$2.57 the 1988 loan rate was \$2.21/bu.

— The established target price is \$4.10 per bushel, the statutory minimum, and down three percent from the 1988 target price of 4.23 per bushel.

— A paid land diversion will not be implemented.

— No marketing loan or related program provisions will be implemented.

— Producers will be required to maintain in acreage conservation reserve an area equal to 11.11 percent of program payment acreage.



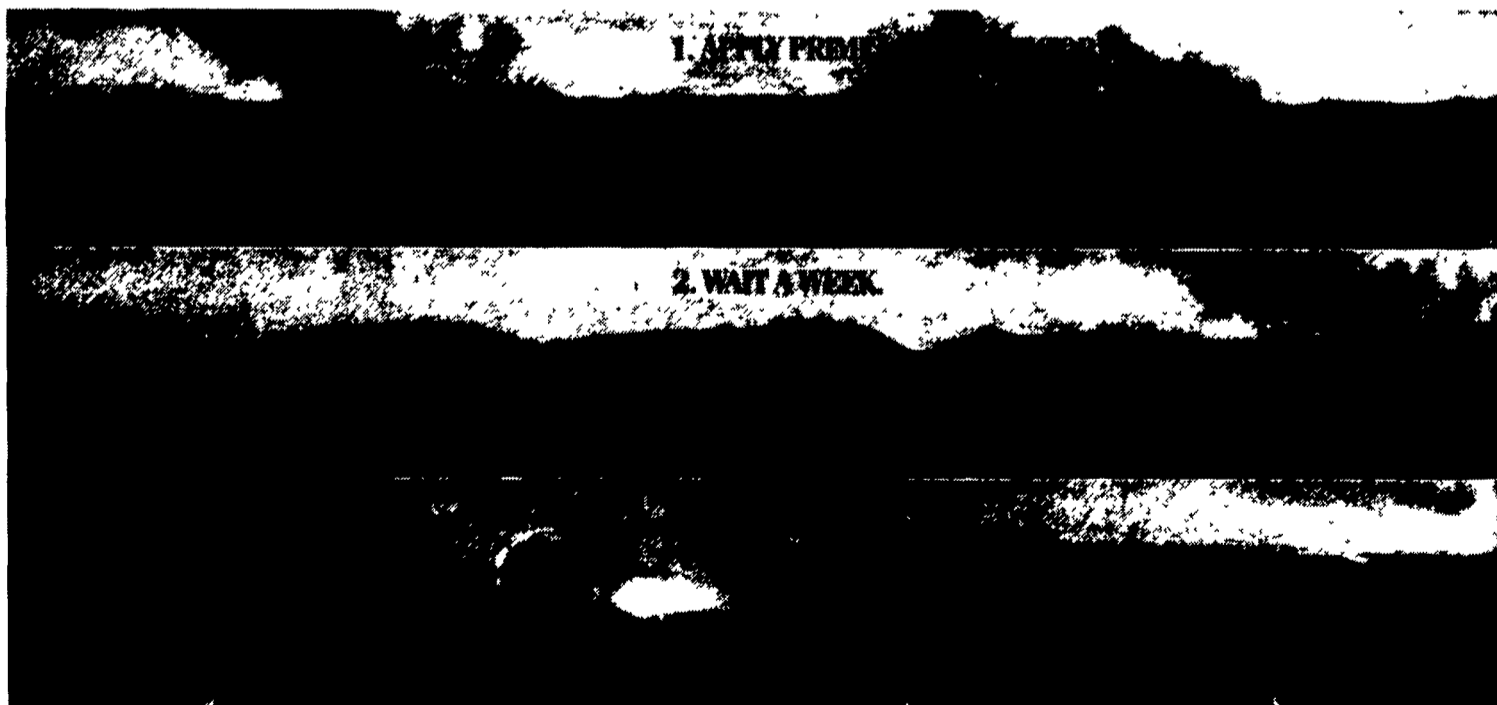
Kevin and Robin Martin of Oxford in Chester County were named the "Outstanding Young Cooperators" for 1988 for the Mid-Atlantic Division of Dairymen Inc.



Larry and Valerie Johnson of Forest Hill, Maryland captured second place as Atlantic Dairy Cooperative's "Outstanding Young Cooperators" for 1988.

the "Outstanding Young Cooperator" award. This Chester County couple farm 70 acres and have 90-head of registered and grade Holsteins and milk 50 cows.

Contestants were judged on their knowledge of dairy farming and dairy issues and on their ability to communicate effectively through speaking.



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