

Lancaster County Production Up

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tors voted to increase fees by 5 cents per cow.

One reason for the increase comes from sample transportation costs, which have gone up from 1.4 cents to 2.5 cents. Previously samples were collected in sample bags, packed in potassium dichromate, and shipped UPS or parcel post. Now samples are collected in vials and trucked weekly to State College via a refrigerated truck.

According to Jay Mylin, county manager for the past five years, 1,068 herds are on test, down by 13 as compared to last September. Although 57 herds began testing, 70 herds went off testing due to herd sell-out or ending DHIA membership.

While the membership numbers have decreased, production in milk, butterfat and protein is up.

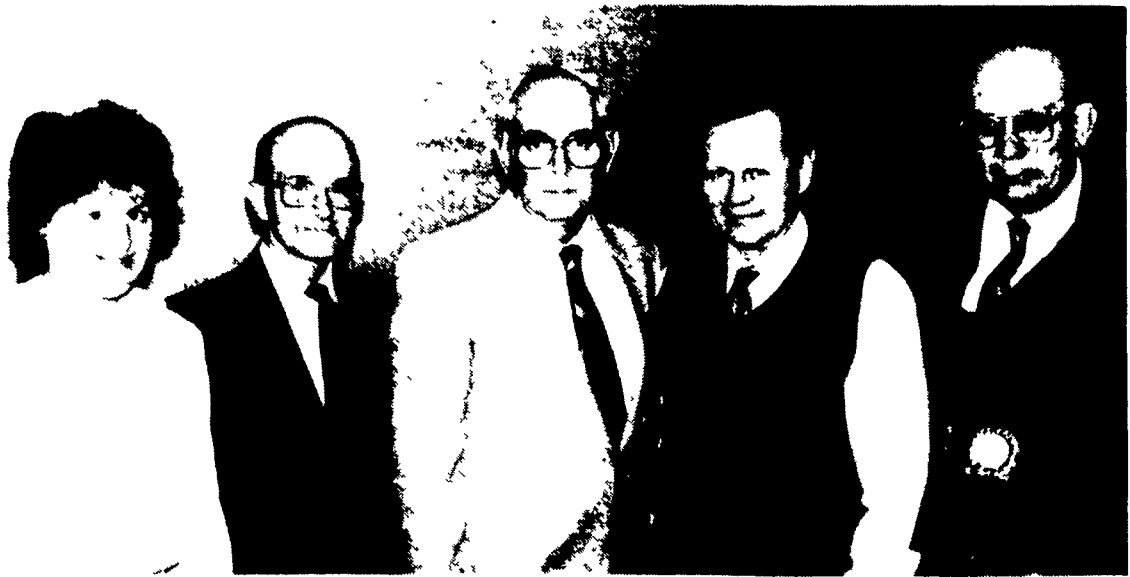
"It is encouraging to see the progress you are making," stated



Red Rose DHIA supervisor Lee Landis was recognized for his 20 years of service to the Lancaster DHIA.



Kerry Boyd and his wife Deborah (not pictured) were honored by the Red Rose DHIA for maintaining a low somatic cell count. The Boyds were also the top milk production herd in the Brown Swiss.



The members of Lancaster County DHIA honored the organization's outstanding supervisors with Red Rose Performance Awards. Receiving them were, from left, Patti Johnson, Wilbur Houser, Maurice Welk, and Jay Risser. Harold Lindecamp, right, was congratulated for his 35 years of service.



John Howard, left, Mark McCorkel, center, and Harold Shelly were honored for having the county's top milking herds. Shelly milks Ayrshires, McCorkel milks Jersey, and Howard milks Holsteins. Howard's herd also was recognized for being tops in the county in protein and fat.

Glenn Shirk, county extension dairy agent. "More than 130 dairy herds produced 700 pounds or more of butterfat and 12 herds reached 800 pounds or more. This tremendous improvement is due to your efficiency and productivity."

In other county business, the re-elected directors are: Dale Stoner, David Dum, and Clifford Blank, while John S. Zimmerman, was elected to represent Circuit 12 and Nevin Hershey to Circuit 17.

State DHIA status

Work is continuing on reorganization of the Pennsylvania DHIA, said Norman Hershey, state director. The aim of reorganization is to create ways to cut expenses and increase income.

Hershey, who replaced Ellis Denlinger, reaffirmed DHIA's approval of farmer-owned meters so long as they are properly calibrated.

The annual county directors' meeting has been switched from September to March. Next year's meeting will be held on March 1 and 2 at State College. The district meetings, normally held in the spring, will no be conducted in the fall.

Moving the directors' meeting to spring allows the state organization to "conduct the audit for our statement to the full delegate body," according to Robert Kindig, state DHIA director.

Kindig also mentioned that the move to record oxytocin usage was "the first effort in getting DHIA out of policing duties. We are a service organization, not a policing agency."

The county organization honored its outstanding members during the meeting.

Lancaster County herds producing 800 pounds of butterfat



Lancaster DHIA honored supervisors Moses Martin for 30 years of service and dedication.

or more:

John Howard, Willow Street, 878 pounds;

Henry U. Stoltzfus, Honey Brook, 864 pounds.

Ammon E. Reiff, Lititz, 862 pounds.

John S. Zimmerman, East Earl,

853 pounds.

Weaver Homestead Farm, New Holland, 839 pounds.

Aaron R. Zeiset, Leola, 830 pounds.

Lapp Valley Farm, New Holland, 829 pounds.

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