Fielding Has Top Milk, Fat Records In Wayne DHIA

1988

The Wayne County Dairy Herd Improvement Association completed its 62nd year of milk testing on October 8, 1988 with 104 whole year herds. In addition, five owner sampler herds completed the testing year. During 1988 5364 cows were on test in the county producing on the average 15,419

pounds of milk and 556 pounds of butterfat per cow.

The top herd in milk and butterfat production was Gary Fielding, Lake Ariel, with a record of 20,999 pounds of milk, 838 pounds of butterfat and 635 pounds of protein per cow. Jack and Ella Chyle, Coldsprings, had the top herd in protein production with 20,676 pounds of milk, 711 pounds of butterfat and 662 pounds of protein.

Other dairymen with herds in excess of 700 pounds of butterfat per cow were Kevin Burleigh, Pleasant Mount, 745, and Rowe Brothers, F.E. 2 Honesdale, 710. Additional dairy herds with protein production records in excess

of 600 pounds were Kevin Burleigh, 642; Highland Farm (William Bryant), Star Route, Honesdale, 617; E.W. Lepro, Orson, 616; Bruce Avery, Star Route, Honesdale, 614; Charles P. Dennis, R.D. 2 Honesdale, 602.

The cow with the highest butterfat lactation record in the association for the year was "April" owned by Gary Fielding. She produced in 305 days 23,862 pounds of milk and 1098 pounds of fat. "Michele" a cow owned by Alton Olver. R.D. 3 Honesdale, had the top lactation milk record, for in 305 days she produced 28,520 pounds of milk and 777 pounds of butterfat. The current record holder for the highest lifetime total in milk production is "Satifac" owned by Rowe Brothers. In 11 lactations she has shelled out 222,213 pounds of milk and 7782 pounds of butterfat. "Wilma" in 10 lactations, owned by Kevin Burleigh, Pleasant Mount holds the top lifetime record in butterfat with 210,399 pounds of milk and 8319 pounds of butterfat.

The high quality milk award has been earned by James Slocum, R. D. 3 Susquehanna. This award is presented to the herd owner with the lowest average somatic cell count for the testing year, which in this case was 78,000. Other herds with somatic cell counts of 150,000 and below were Carl Conbeer and Son, Beach Lake; Alton Olver, R.D. #3 Honesdale; William Taninies, R.D. 4 Honesdale; Randy Howell,

R.D., Waymart; David Noble, R.D. 4 Honesdale; Michael Nebzydoski, Pleasant Mount and Charles P. Dennis, R.D. 2 Honesdale.

Ronald J. Mayeski, #3, Lake Ariel has been recognized for having the largest increase in milk production over the previous year.

The Wayne County Dairy Herd Improvement Association held its annual meeting November 15 at the J and J Lounge. David Soden, president of the group presided. Awards were presented and Dr. William Heald, extension dairy specialist, Penn State University, spoke on new developments in the Pennsylvania DHIA program. New directors elected for three year terms were William Bryant, Charles Dennis, Marlyn Shaffer and Henry Antoniolli. Other directors are Ellis Dix, Michael Nebzydoski, John Pawloski, Gary Rickard, James Slocum, David Soden, and Grant Teeple. Mrs. Marilyn Johnson, R.D. 1 Honesdale, serves as secretary-treasurer.

Dairy herd improvement supervisors employed by the association are Stephen Kammer, R.D. 2 Hawley; Linda Wagner, Hamlin; Patricia Hess, Starrucca; and Stephen Williams, Starrucca.

Information on the programs offered by the Wayne County Dairy Herd Improvement Association can be secured by contacting any of the DHIA supervisors or the Wayne County Extension Office, Courthouse, Honesdale.

PA's Milk Production Up

HARRISBURG (Dauphin) — Milk production in Pennsylvania during November totaled 834 million pounds, an increase of 1 percent over November 1987 production, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service.

The number of milk cows in the Commonwealth during the month averaged 716,000 head, down 3,000 from October and 5,000 fewer than November a year ago.

Milk production per cow averaged 1,165 pounds in November, down 15 pounds from the preceding month but 20 pounds more per cow than November 1987.

In the 21 states surveyed, milk production totaled 9.97 billion

pounds during November, 2 percent more than a year earlier. Milk cows in those states averaged 8.57 million head, 1 percent less.

Production per cow averaged 1,142 pounds, 37 pounds less than the preceding month but 35 pounds more than November 1987.

During the July-September period, the 21 selected states produced 85.1 percent of U.S. production. If producers in the 29 states not surveyed on Dec. 1 followed the trend shown by the reporting states, U.S. milk production would total about 11.5 billion pounds during November.



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