

Linz Farms Named Top Herd In Crawford DHIA

MEADVILLE (Crawford) — Nine Crawford County dairy farmers enrolled in the Pennsylvania Dairy Herd Improvement Association were recognized for outstanding production achievements at the annual meeting and banquet held on January 23, 1989, at the Vernon Central Fire Hall, Meadville, Pa. The awards presented were all sponsored by local agribusiness organizations located within the county.

Linz Farms

Linz Farms- George, Teresa, Debra, Christopher and Matthew, R.D. 1, Springboro, Pa., were honored for having the high herd in milk, butterfat and protein production for the 1987-88 testing year. Linz's 36.4 cows averaged 24,527 lbs. of milk, 832 lbs. of butterfat and 762 lbs. of protein per cow on three times a day milking. Rick Huston, Albion, representing Young's Minerals, sponsored this award. In addition, Linz received production ribbons sponsored by the PA Dairymen's Association. The Linz's operate a family farm with home bred and raised dairy cattle.

Philip Dillaman, R.D.8, Meadville, received a plaque recognizing his herd for the greatest gain in milk and butterfat production for the 1987-88 testing year. Dillaman's cows gained 4,134 lbs. of milk and 148 lbs. of butterfat per cow over the 1986-87 testing year. His 33.1 cows averaged 16,847 lbs. of milk, 638 lbs. of butterfat and 516 lbs. of protein per cow. James Carpenter, representing Agri-King, sponsored this award.

Tom and Libby Wilson

Tom and Libby Wilson, R.D.3, Saegertown, were honored for the herd with the greatest gain in protein in the 1987-88 testing year. Wilson gained 131 lbs. of protein per cow of the 1986-87 testing year. Dan Greggs, representing Vigortone, sponsored this award. Wilson's 21.2 cows averaged 19,564 lbs. of milk, 731 lbs. of butterfat and 635 lbs. of protein. In addition, he received production ribbons from the PA Dairymen's Association.

A second plaque was presented to the Wilson's in recognition of having the highest production Holstein in milk for the 1987-88 testing year. Their registered Holstein Cutie, #11268725, 6 yrs. 2 mos. old, produced 37,257 lbs. of milk, 1,389 lbs. of butterfat and 1,210 lbs. of protein in 305 days. This award was sponsored by Cochranon Veterinary Clinic, Cochranon.

Robert Freyermuth

Robert Freyermuth, R.D.6, Meadville, for the third year in a row was recognized for having a Somatic Cell Count under 100,000 count/ml average for the year. Freyermuth's herd averaged 54,000 count/ml for the herd of 21.1 cows, producing 16,872 lbs. of milk, 610 lbs. of butterfat and 610 lbs. of protein average per cow for the year. The Cochranon Co-Operative Association sponsored this plaque. In addition, he also was the second lowest in somatic cell count in the state. The Pennsylvania DHIA gave a certificate for superior quality milk production which was put in a hand-made frame and sponsored by Bush Agencies, Inc.

Bob and Earl Infield

Infield Brothers, Bob and Earl, R.D.1, Townville, received a plaque for having the highest production Ayrshire cow for the testing year. Their grade Ayrshire Gallant, #23CSW0646, 5 yrs. 3

mos. old, produced 17,557 lbs. of milk, 769 lbs. of butterfat and 567 lbs. of protein in 305 days. Their herd of 63.5 cows produced an average of 16,251 lbs. of milk, 601 lbs. of butterfat and 503 lbs. of protein per cow. McKean Farm Service sponsored this award.

Dolly Run Farm, John, Cindi and Paul Kunz, R.D.1, Centerville, had the high production Guernsey cow and received a plaque award sponsored by Sherman Allen Auctioneer. Dolly Run's registered Guernsey cow Bunnie, #2838137, 4 yrs. 9 mos. old, produced 16,485 lbs. of milk, 577 lbs. of butterfat and 508 lbs. of protein in 305 days.

Spruce Row Farms

Spruce Row Farms, Jeffrey and Janet Peters and Charles Hotson, R.D.6, Meadville, were again recognized for having the highest production Jersey cow. A registered Jersey Verna, #3267902, 6 yrs. old, produced 20,954 lbs. of milk, 857 lbs. of butterfat and 762 lbs. of protein in 305 days. Spruce Row Farms is the second highest Jersey herd in milk in the state on DHIA. Their 60.4 cows averaged 15,400 lbs. of milk, 681 lbs. of butterfat and 579 lbs. of protein per cow. Their award was sponsored by the Conneaut Lake Veterinary Clinic. In addition, Peters received production ribbons sponsored by the PA Dairymen's Association.

Ivan Virtue
Ivan A. Virtue, Jr., Star Route, Meadville, received a plaque for the highest production Brown Swiss. His registered cow #329 is 5 yrs. 1 mo. old and produced 18,775 lbs. of milk, 712 lbs. of butterfat and 580 lbs. of protein in 305 days. Seiler Farm Equipment sponsored this award. The Virtues have been Brown Swiss breeders for many years and have a registered Brown Swiss herd of 35 cows.

Low Somatic Cell Counts

The following farms were recognized with a certificate for superior quality milk production from the PA DHIA for having a somatic cell count below 100,000 average for the year. James Davis, Spartansburg, somatic cell count averaged 59,000 count/ml. Gerald Donovan, Titusville, somatic cell count averaged 65,000 count/ml. Dennis Halfast, Centerville, somatic cell count averaged 31,000 count/ml. Roger Hornaman, Cambridge Springs, somatic cell count averaged 95,000/ml.

Lifetime Production Achievers

Two Crawford County farms were recognized for having a cow in the herd that finished its lactation during the 1987-88 testing year and had a lifetime production over 200,000 lbs. of milk. A-Jay Farms, Marion, Joel and Jerry Alsdorf, Spartansburg, have a registered Holstein Victa that has a lifetime production in 10 lactations of 213,872 lbs. of milk. Morrell Farms, Bob, Bill and Bud, Cochranon, have a registered Holstein cow Artis that has completed 9 lactations and a lifetime production of 202,236 lbs. of milk.

Four herds were recognized for having cows with lifetime production of over 200,000 lbs. However, these animals have left the herd in the 1987-88 testing year. Black Pond Farms, Charles, William and David Black, Saegertown, had a registered Holstein that completed 9 lactations and produced 257,793 lbs. of milk. The cows name was Alice. Morrell Farms registered Holstein Complete, had 10 lactations, produced 203,389 lbs. of milk. Orange Bucket Farm, Dave and Kay Slusser and family, and David Naugle, Centerville, a registered Holstein #60, produced 292,579 lbs. of milk in 14 lactations.

John Tautin, Sr., Conneautville, a grade Holstein #90, produced 209,921 lbs. of milk in 11 lactations.

A total of 136 herds were on test for the 1987-88 testing year. The county average was 16,378 lbs. of milk, 593 lbs. of butterfat and 520 lbs. of protein per cow. A total of 6,901 cows were on test for the year.

The herds are tested by seven supervisors working in Crawford County. They are Mary Pederson, Cochranon; William Motzing, Cochranon; Christina Deeter, Titusville; Jane Kashner, Saegertown; Larry Peffer, Espyville; Paula Kunz, Spartansburg; and Karen Shreve, Union City.

Jack Post, Centerville, is president of the Crawford County DHIA, and was master of ceremonies for the annual meeting. Regional Manager Robert Baxter and State Director Gerald Moose gave a short presentation on DHIA activities at the Regional level. The main speaker was Stephen Spencer, Penn State Extension Dairy Specialist. He discussed somatic cell count as related to good milking procedure and equipment. Crawford County Dairy Princess Debbie Gourley spoke about her role as a representative of the dairy industry.

Udder Health And Milking Management Meetings

LANCASTER — Milking is one of the most important jobs on a dairy farm, and mastitis is one of the costliest problems. Three one-day Udder Health and Milking Management Schools have been planned by Penn State Cooperative Extension of Lancaster and Chester counties to address these two concerns.

The meetings are scheduled as follows: Wednesday, February 15 at the White Horse Fire Hall; Friday, February 17 at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center; and Tuesday, February 21 at the Martindale Fire Hall. All meetings start at 10:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$16.00. Reservations can be made by calling (717) 394-6851, preferably by February 8.

Topics to be discussed include: The economics of mastitis, milking procedures, milking equipment and mastitis, equipment checks, causes and concepts of mastitis, prevention and treatment, and 14 steps to the control of mastitis.

Penn State Cooperative Extension is an affirmative action, equal opportunity educational institution.



Middle Atlantic Milk Marketing Assoc

Adams County DHIA's



1988 Award Winners in the Adams County Dairy Herd Improvement Association, (from left) seated: Steven Wood, Penn-Gate Farm of Littlestown, Third High Herd and High Cow Milk Production; Milton R. Hoffman, Gettysburg, High Herd and Highest Average Protein; Roy A. Weaner, Jr., Gettysburg, Second High Herd. Standing (from left): Samuel K. Stoner, Stoner Brothers Dairy, East Berlin, High Cow Lifetime Milk Production; John J. Hess, Gettysburg, High Cow Butterfat Production; and Robert Cunningham, Gardners, Greatest Increase in Butterfat (tied with Charles E. Mayers) and Second Lowest Somatic Cell Count.



Adams County DHIA Officers for 1989 (from left): Timothy Brown, Littlestown, Past-President; Jeffrey L. King, Gardners, President; Wayne H. Rodgers, Gettysburg, Vice-President; and Marcia Brown, Littlestown, Secretary-Treasurer.