

Delaware DHIA Makes History

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FELTON, DE — A record was made in Delaware's history as five herds passed the 20,000 pound production record. Heatwole, Wyatt, Bailey, Voss and Phipps all had records with this production as well as over 740 of fat.

The top herd, in the state of 41 herds, went to J. & A. Heatwole with a production of 23,115m and 825f on 61 cows. This Sussex County herd also had the top record for butterfat. The top herd for protein production went to J.E. & S. Bailey from Sussex County. They had a record of 21,626m 717p on 116 cows.

The top herd for both milk and butterfat from Kent County went to C. Wyatt. His 36 cows produced 22,491m 794f. In New Castle County the top milk record went to W.L. & S. Phipps

20,192m 748f on 64 cows. E. McDowell had the top record for butterfat on his 27 cows 19,936m 756f.

R. Kauffman from Kent County had the highest individual cow for lifetime production. His 11-year-old produced 218,121m 8468f.

Following the production awards Leslie Jane Moore, the 1988 Delaware Dairy Princess, crowned this year's Dairy Princess Shelly Tucker. Shelly is a 1986 graduate of Woodbridge High School near Bridgeville Delaware. She is the daughter of Edna and Tommy Tucker in Sussex County. While in school she was a member of the Woodbridge FFA and a member of the Greenwood Hi-Flyer 4-H Club, where she was an officer. She also was a member of the Honor Society and Student Council.

Shelly is presently employed by

a Agri-business Construction Company where she is a secretary. She hopes to return to school to get a degree in computer programming. As a dairy princess, Shelly hopes to broaden her knowledge concerning the dairy industry as well as passing on what she has learned to others.

The alternate princess is Lis Lynne Eger of Seaford. She is the daughter of Richard and Kathleen Eger. She has been an active member for 11 years in 4-H. Lisa has been involved in many food related activities in 4-H and has developed an educational presentation for children concerning dairy products.

Shelly presented a skit entitled, "Keep ON MOO-ING WITH MILK. It dealt with the nutritional aspects of nature's most natural food. Martha Cook who has chaired the committee for a long time handed over the duties to Lynn Bullen to be the new chairman.

RCMA Works With The Agency

BATAVIA, NY — Members, directors and staff of the Regional Cooperative Marketing Agency (RCMA) plan to work with the Producers Equalization Agency (the Agency) to secure over-order premiums for their dairy farmer members in Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio. "We are pleased that an organization has been set up in Federal Order #36 to set higher milk premiums in

that area," commented Ed Anna, RCMA Executive Director and General Manager. A number of farmers from the Order #36 area have indicated that they would like to be represented by "RCMA". Since RCMA and the Agency have the same goal, "improved farmer income," the two organizations will complement each other in that mutual effort.

According to Anna, RCMA will continue to recruit members in the Order #36 area in cooperation with the Agency because "over-order premiums are important to the financial well-being of dairy farmers." An appropriate number of representatives (1 for every 250 RCMA members) will be appointed by RCMA to sit on the Agency's Board of Directors, which will carry out the functions of that organization.

Tom Croner, newly elected president of the Agency, indicated that the members will begin to be signed up to the Producer Equalization Agency in full force beginning in May, 1989. "We are working to put the Agency in operation by September, 1989," he said. The Agency now has sixteen dairy farmer volunteers on its Board of Directors.

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