

# Dillion Receives National DHIA Award

CHAMPAIGN, IL. — Willard M. Dillon, Extension Dairy Specialist from Purdue University, is the 1989 recipient of the National Dairy Herd Improvement Association (NDHIA) Award.

The award, consisting of \$1500 and a plaque, was presented to Dillon for his outstanding work in

Dairy Herd Improvement programs. He received the award August 2, 1989, at the awards ceremony of the 84th Annual Meeting of the American Dairy Science Association, held in Lexington, Kentucky.

Dillon received his B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees from University of Illinois before becoming State Leader for the Indiana DHI Program in 1971. An early decision of his initiated the arrangement by which all Indiana DHI records are processed by the Dairy Records Processing Center (DRPC) at Raleigh, North Carolina. In 1975, he streamlined centralized accounting procedures for Indiana's county DHI units, creating a model system subsequently adopted by all states processing their records at DRPC. Dillon has served in numerous leadership roles for the 12-state DRPC at Raleigh, including chair of the Advisory Committee in 1979, 1984, and 1985.

Dillon has served for 13 years on the Technical Committee on Weighting and Sampling Devices, was a member of the Task Force for Network of On-Off Farm Computer Systems, chaired the North Central Regional Extension Dairymen Committee for NCDHIP and was on the Policy Board from 1985 to 1987.

From Indiana dairy youth programs to continuing involvement with the Purdue campus Dairy Days, Dillon's 26 years in Extension have been dedicated to making dairying a better business and way of life in Indiana and the nation. Special areas of accomplishments in his Extension program include milk quality, protein testing and payment for milk, use

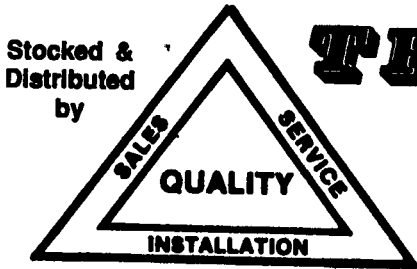
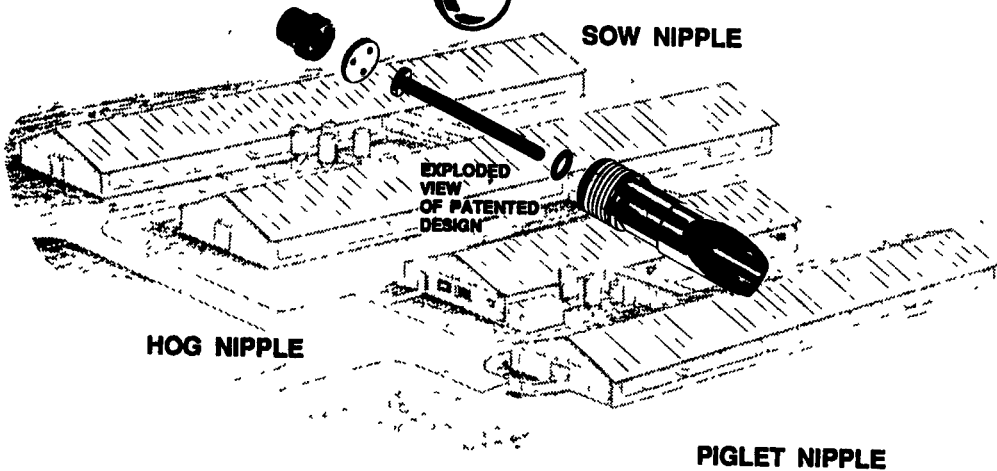
of computers in decision-making, and Direct Access to Records by Telephone (DART). He has trained 337 DHI supervisors and seen his efforts almost double the percentage of cows on DHI test in Indiana since 1970.

An ADSA member for 39 years, Dillon has received the Indiana State Dairy Association's Distinguished Service Award and the Indiana Cooperative Extension Service Career Recognition Award. He served as Secretary of the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Specialists Association and is a member of Dairy Shrine, Gamma Sigma Delta, Epsilon Sigma Phi, and the University of Illinois Ag Alumni Association.

The National Dairy Herd Improvement Association has supported this ADSA award since 1983. National Dairy Herd Improvement Association is a federation of the state Dairy Herd Improvement Associations and represents 58,000 of the dairymen in Dairy Herd Improvement Associations in the country.

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