

# Mt. Joy Cooperative Sees More Money, Less Milk

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**MT. JOY (Lancaster Co.)** — Despite an estimated four-percent drop in milk production last year, the Mt. Joy Farmers Cooperative Association managed to make a little more money.

About 280 members of Mt. Joy cooperative held their annual banquet and meeting this week to review the past year's business and elect officers.

The small cooperative is a member of Atlantic Processing Inc. (API), a business that coordinates milk sales for four smaller cooperatives in the Federal Order 4 milk pool. The other cooperatives include Dairylea, Cumberland Valley Milk Producers and Atlantic Dairy Cooperative. Altogether, production is around a billion and a half pounds of milk.

Royce C. Seifert, general manager for API, told the group that overall profits were up last year but that was because of an increase in milk price. Financially, he said, the cooperative is stable, but some problems need to be addressed.

"Based on contracts, our biggest problem is supplying enough milk and shipping to an increasingly distant location," he said.

According to Seifert, the cooperative had to buy milk last year and some milk is actually being sold to Federal Order 2 handlers. "These are problems, but we will work them out," he said.

Seifert said that cooperatives, such as Mt. Joy, are losing production for a variety of reasons and that shortages are occurring. Financially, if the milk can be produced, the sellers are better off.

This past year, he said API sold \$14,684,550 worth of milk - at \$14.29 a hundredweight and paid members \$14,129,984 at \$13.75 a

hundredweight.

In other business, David Landis, Kenneth Balmer and J. Kenneth Miller were elected to three-year terms on the cooperative's board of directors.

Members also approved a referendum to seek group life insurance options for members through the cooperative.

The cooperatives top 10 producers were presented plaques. In order, the top producers were Ken Zurin with 5,296,945 pounds of milk; John Landis, 4,972,008; Risser Bros., 2,984,990; Harold Brubaker, 2,613,484; J. Rich Groff, 2,113,414; Joe Wivell, 2,029,527; Bob Greider,

1,965,795; Harold Drager and Sons, 1,936,463; Meadow View K, 1,806,896; and Em-Tran Inc., 1,734,389.

Also recognized were new producers Richard G. Wenger, Nathan G. Stoltzfus, Lester B. Weaver, Merle King, Jay Hilsher, Millstone Acres-Melvin Kreider, Joe Zimmerman, Grandview Farm-J.M. Nissley and Gerald Baker, Elvin B. and Dorcas Reiff, Galen N. Benner, Philip e. and Lisa M. Risser, and J. Mark and Paul D. Miller.

Mt. Joy manager Paul Hostetter said that several high-producing members were leaving the cooperative and it would be difficult to replace the production.



From the left, David Landis, Kenneth Balmer and J. Kenneth Miller were elected to three-year terms on the board of directors for Mt. Joy Farmers Cooperative Association.

## Next Week Is Young Farmers Week

**HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)** — The Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association (PYFA) is honored in a resolution approved by the state Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, according to Sen. Edward Helfrick, committee chairman.

Helfrick said Senate Resolution 125 would designate the week of Feb. 5 through Feb. 9, as Pennsylvania Young Farmers Week. The PYFA is a statewide, nonprofit

organization formed to educate and encourage people interested in improving their farming skills.

Helfrick said the PYFA is active in his senatorial district, which is home to several of the association's officers. President-elect Henry M. Sanders resides in Millmont. Treasurer Terry Wormer lives in Middleburg. Public Relations Officer Christopher Harvey lives in Beaver Springs, and the Region III Vice President,

Harry Zerby, is a resident of Beavertown.

"These young farmers have the ideas and the energy to keep Pennsylvania's farms among the best in the nation," said Helfrick. "They are the people who are bringing the latest technology and marketing skills to the farms and making them bigger successes than ever before."

The resolution now goes before the full Senate.



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