

Two Elected To Eastern Board Of Directors

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Jerrel Heatwole of Greenwood, Del., has been elected to the Board of Directors of Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative.

He succeeds Lee Ressler of Conestoga, who retired from farming after serving on the board for two and a half years.

Heatwole represents 200 farm families in District 8, which encompasses southeastern Pennsylvania and parts of Delaware and Maryland.

A 1976 graduate of Rosedale Bible Institute, Irwin, Ohio, Heatwole worked on an uncle's beef farm for two years and then on a cousin's dairy farm for another two years before going into the construction business.

In 1984 he purchased his own 82-acre farm, where he usually milks 50-60 Holsteins.

He joined Eastern in 1987 and

has been active as a delegate, representing Delaware member-farmers at Eastern's general business meetings.

In 1988 Heatwole was honored by DHIA for having highest milk production, and in 1987 and 1988, for highest milk fat.

Heatwole and his wife, Alma Jean, have four children, Jerrel Jr., David, Gabriel and Carmen.

Robert Thomson Jr., of Wyalusing, has also been elected to the Board of Directors.

He will complete the unexpired term of R. LaVerne McCarty of Forksville, who served on the board for more than eight years before resigning in the last year of his third three-year term.

Thomson will face another election in the fall before beginning his first full three-year term.

As a member of the board, Thomson represents about 175 farm families in District 2 encompassing most of Pennsylvania's Bradford County and parts of Lycoming, Sullivan, Susquehanna, and Wyoming counties.

He operates a 600-acre farm with 130 milking cows and 120 head of young stock, in partnership with son Keith.

A member since 1956, he has been active in the co-op as a local president and delegate, as well as on the board of Eastern Laboratory Services, a wholly owned subsidiary.

Thomson also has been active in other agricultural organizations, including PFA, DHIA, Bradford County Holstein Club, Sire Power, Extension Executive Board and State Extension Board.

A 1951 graduate of Cornell University, Thomson managed a farm in Ohio for three years before coming to his present farm in 1955. He and his wife, Olive, have four sons, Robert, Keith, Clay and



Jerrel Heatwole, elected to Eastern Board of Directors.

Nelson.

Olive serves on the Towanda Library Board and formerly



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served on the Towanda Memorial Hospital Board and the Towanda Area School Board.

Son Keith is president of the Bradford County Holstein Club and Keith's wife, Traci, serves on the Dairy Promotion Board.

Eastern Milk is a dairy cooperative headquartered in Syracuse, N.Y. It has 2,800 member farms in nine states, with a high concentration in Pennsylvania, New York and Vermont. The co-op also serves member-owners in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland.

Those member farmers own two cheese plants in New York's southern tier, which are leased to Leprino Foods, a leading manufacturer of mozzarella in the U.S.

Also, Eastern operates a New England office in Montpelier, Vt.; a balancing plant in Grover, Pa., and milk receiving stations in Dover, Del., Sunbury, Pa., and Hinesburg, Vt.

Breakfast Meeting Set

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.)—A breakfast meeting for dairy sales and service people has been scheduled by the Lancaster County Extension Service to be held Wednesday, May 16 at the Harvest Drive Restaurant in Intercourse. Starting time is 7 a.m.

Glenn Shirk, dairy extension agent, said 1989 presented dairymen with a variety of challenges and opportunities and some of the impact of last year will carry over into 1990. Since dairymen look to sales and service people for advice, this breakfast meeting will help address these concerns.

Jud Heinrichs, Penn State will discuss: "What have we learned in 1989 that will help us feed the herd in 1990." Heinrichs will also discuss coccidiosis in calves.

Robert Anderson, Lancaster extension agent, has the topic: "Evaluating alfalfa stands and alternative feed crops."

The cost of the breakfast is \$5.25 and reservations should be made with the Lancaster extension office by Monday. Call: (717) 394-6851.

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