

Maryland Holstein

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From left, the Maryland Junior Holstein Breeder Award goes to Gary Derr and his wife Brenda. William Hill presents it.

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Gary now owns and operates his own herd, known as Derrwyn Farm, with his wife, Brenda, and their two sons, Dustin and Brandon. They currently milk 65 cows on a 100-acre farm near Taylorsville.

Over the years, Gary has enjoyed much success in the show ring. But his success is not surprising considering the fine herd which he has developed.

The herd's BAA from the latest classification is 105.5%. The herd also has an outstanding production average of 19,000 pounds of milk and 725 pounds of fat.

In addition to managing his herd, Gary is very active both in local and state farm organizations. He has been a Carroll County Holstein Club director for nine years, serving as president for two years and as vice president for



From left, receiving the distinguished service award are from left, Lois Skeen, Dennis Remsburg, Lee Majeskle and his wife, Sapenzla.

another two years. At the state level, Gary has been a Holstein Association director for two years and has served on the Breed Improvement Committee for 10 years. Gary is also on the county board of directors for Sire Power and for Farm Bureau.

Gary's accomplishments serve as an outstanding example for young dairymen starting out on their own.

Senior Breeder Award

Roger and Peggy Myers took over the family farm in 1953, near Westminster, and purchased his first registered Holsteins in 1955. His venture into registered Holsteins became a joint venture with his sons in support and encouragement of their interest in registered Holsteins.

Extensive use of Elevation represented a turning point for the herd, with, at one time, more than a third of the milking herd being sired by Elevation.

The best known daughter, Del-Myr Elevation Donna, was best bred and owned at the 1977 Eastern National Show. Another highlight in the show ring for Del-Myr Farm was being named premier breeder and exhibitor at the 1982 Maryland State Fair.

From the beginnings of a 10,000 pound herd average in 1953, the herd has neared the 22,000-pound mark and was the first herd in Carroll County to attain 800 pounds of fat. Five Progressive Breeders Registry Awards are representative of the Del-Myr herd's consistently high production and BAA of 106.

Roger has served as president of the Carroll County Holstein Club, as a director on the state Holstein Board, and as a delegate to the National Holstein Convention. In addition, he has served on both local and state DHI Boards, as well as being active in church and community activities.

Through their interest and support Roger and Peggy have given their children, all have remained close to agriculture. Sons Jason and Jeff, both beneficiaries of past partnerships with Roger, are actively involved in Holstein operations, as well as daughter Joanne. Jerry still owns Holstein cattle while employed as an agriculture extension agent.

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