

Smysers' Richlawn Farm Takes York DHIA Awards

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YORK (York Co.) — Smysers' Richlawn Farms claimed more than half the awards presented at the York DHIA dinner and meeting, held Monday evening at the county 4-H Center.

The family-owned dairy operation on East Berlin Road, York, received plaques for top herd in milk, protein and fat, plus a trio more for high individual records in the same categories. Herd average on their 75-head registered Holstein herd was 27,629 milk, 860 protein and 892 fat.

Individual cows honors were claimed by three separate herd-mates. Stella produced 34,687

milk, Pamela was high county protein producer with 1082 pounds, and Girtie finished her lactation with 1240 fat.

The awards came as no surprise to the Smyser family, since the herd's accomplishments topped state production lists for the recently-ended testing year. Smysers' Richlawn Farms is operated by brothers Rodney and Robert Smyser, their wives Joyce and Lisa, and parents Richard and Marie Smyser.

Charles Hess, Dallastown R3, earned a pair of awards. Hess' herd received the most improved honors for both protein and fat, with a yearly increase of 142 pounds protein and 128 pounds



Six of the top York County DHIA awards went to the Smysers' Richlawn Farms herd. Accepting the plaques for high herd, and high individuals in milk, protein and fat are from left, Rodney, Joyce, Lisa and Robert Smyser.



Accepting DHIA awards on behalf of absent winners are from left, York Dairy Agent, Jennie Hess for Applehurst Farms, low somatic cell award; Debbie Messinger for Wayshar Farms, high lifetime records for milk and fat, and Alternate York Dairy Princess, Daisy Brenneman, for Charles Hess, most improved in production and fat.

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Applehurst Farm of Dillsburg again claimed the low yearly average somatic cell count at 112,000. Brothers Curt and Jeff Peeler operate the Applehurst dairy herd.

High lifetime production in both milk and fat categories went to Wayshar Farm, Brodbeck's R2, owned by Wayne and Sharon Sweitzer. Those honors were earned by their cow #107, produc-

ing through her tenth lactation a lifetime total of 227,710 pounds milk and 8465 pounds fat

Three new directors were elected to the York County DHIA board during the annual business meeting. Newly-seated are Scott Cooper, Delta R2, Melvin Marks, Airville R1, and Greg Perry, Indian Rock Dam Road, York.

Members debated the state

DHIA by-laws change which calls for dissolution of the county DHIA's into local units with individuals being direct members of the state DHIA. By the meeting's conclusion, an insufficient number of votes by proxy and cast in person had been received to complete the balloting on dissolution of the county DHIA.

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