

Warren Dairy Farmers Receive Honors

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WARREN (Warren Co.) — The annual Dairy Herd Improvement Association (DHIA) and Holstein Club banquet was held recently at the Wrightsville Fire Hall.

According to James Cowden, county extension agent, the 40 county herds enrolled in the Pennsylvania DHIA produced at nearly the same level as last year.

The final statistics included 2,467 cows that produced an average of 16,497 pounds milk, 612 pounds butterfat, and 529 pounds of protein per cow.

Top herds were honored at the meeting, Maple Place Farm of Sugar Grove was the high herd in milk production. The cows produced an average of 21,478 pounds of milk. Owner Alan Ludwick received an award plaque from Pennbank for his herd's achievement.

The best herd in both butterfat and protein production was that of Floyd Beardsley, Pittsfield. The Beardsley herd averaged 788 pounds of fat and 675 pounds of protein. He received plaques sponsored by Marine Bank and PennWest Farm Credit for his respective honors.

The herd with the lowest somatic cell count was Twin States Farm of Sugar Grove. Their cows averaged 108,000 somatic cells, and they received a plaque from the Conneaut Lake Veterinary Clinic.

One herd received all three of the most improved honors. The herd of Mike and Pam Donaldson, Akeley, had the most improvement in milk, butterfat, and protein. The Donaldsons' Brown Swiss cows increased production by an average of 2,894 pounds of milk, 94 pounds of butterfat, and

98 pounds of protein. For their achievements the Donaldson family received plaques from PennWest Farm Credit, Northwest Savings Bank, and Mosher Mobile Milling and Nutrena Feeds.

The top individual cows were also honored at the banquet.

The high cow in milk production was owned by Willard Hitchcock of Lander. The Holstein cow #49 produced 29,841 pounds of milk. The nearly 3,500 gallons of milk produced by this one cow could supply enough milk for over 40 families during a year. A trophy was awarded Hitchcock by Falconer Agway.

The high cow for butterfat and protein production was from Glendon Farm in Sugar Grove. The Holstein #211 owned by Wayne Gruber produced 1,099 pounds of butterfat and 888 pounds of pro-

tein. Gruber's cow was awarded trophies from Corry Agway and 5M Feeds.

The DHIA presented rosettes to the highest herds in protein and butterfat production. Cowden noted that Pennsylvania DHIA began to rank herds on the basis of

protein instead of butterfat in 1990. True protein is a more accurate measure of the cheese yield for milk than the fat content. Also, Cowden said that today's health conscious consumer prefers milk with less butterfat.

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ADC Elects Officers

SOUTHAMPTON (Bucks Co.) — Atlantic Dairy Cooperative's board of directors elected officers for the 1990-1991 fiscal year and announced the results of director elections during the cooperative's annual meeting Nov. 15-16.

Robert B. McSparran, Peach Bottom, was

elected to his 11th term as president of the 3,555-member cooperative. The Lancaster County dairy farmer has served on the board for 24 years.

McSparran and his wife, Charlotte, own and operate a 300-acre farm and milk 60 Guernsey cows. They are in partnership with their son, John W.

Re-elected as first vice president was Ivo V. Otto Jr., Carlisle. Otto has been a member of Atlantic for 30 years, serving on the board of directors for 23 years. He and his family operate a 300-acre farm in Cumberland County and milk 100 Holstein cows.

Elected to his fourth term as second vice president was Roy W. Hetrick, Bernville. Hetrick has been a director of Atlantic since 1974. He and his family operate an 870-acre farm in Berks County. They milk 275 Holstein cows and farm an additional 450 acres.

Also re-elected as officers were: Dr. Paul E. Hand, Warminster, secretary and general manager; Robert M. Dever, Philadelphia, assistant secretary and assistant general manager; and Evan L. Fineman, Philadelphia, treasurer. Hand, Dever and Fineman are employed by the cooperative at its Southampton headquarters.

In addition to the officers, the following directors were re-elected during their fall district meetings: Robert R. Gehman, Coopersburg, District 1; J. Wade Groff, Lancaster, District 5; Roy W. Hetrick, Bernville, District 9; Elvin M. Rohrer Jr., Cochransville, District 11; Curtis F. Akers, Quarryville, District 12; and Jason R. Hertzler, Milton, District 19.

New to the board are William R. England, Williamsburg, and Elizabeth A. Smith, Montrose. England, the new District 20 director, replaces Byron E. Soltenberger, Curryville, who retired from the board. Smith fills the District 23 position, formerly held by Lawrence M. Spadine, Nicholson.

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