

## Bucks Holstein Club Reorganizes

DOYLESTOWN (Bucks Co.) — The Bucks County Holstein Club met recently and announced its officers, directors and committees for 1991.

Officers are Warren Buckman III, president; Douglas Wright, vice president; Linda Ford, secretary-treasurer.

Directors whose term of office expires November 1991 include Raymond Gross, Dwayne Helm, and Joseph Peters.

Directors whose term of office expires November 1992 include Warren Buckman III, Linda Ford, and Arthur Shull.

Directors whose term of office expires November 1993 include

Douglas Wright, Steve Worthington, and Arthur Yoder.

On the program committee are Dwayne Helm, Joseph Ford, Robert Holland, Timothy Shull, and Douglas Wright.

On the junior project committee are Arthur Shull, Buckman, Tom Haldeman, Eugenia Howes, and Steve Worthington

On the show committee are Worthington, Buckman, Carl Slack, Kenneth Worthington, Joseph Peters, Haldeman, David Wurster, Wm. Clyde Bishop, Raymond Gross, Harold Lownes and Donald Crouse.

On the membership committee

are Bishop, Shull, Haldeman, Fred Belke, Clarence Berger, David Croke, Benjamin Landis, and Arthur Yoder.

The milk marketing and promotion committee is chaired by Joseph Peters. Other members are David Croke, Raymond Gross, and Leonard Croke.

The tour committee is chaired Douglas Wright. Other members include Joseph Peters, Bishop, Shull, Leonard Croke, Slack, Belke, Wurster, James Hallowell, Haldeman, Kevin Bodder, and Donald Crouse.

In the afternoon, the seminar continues with a presentation by Dr. Ellen Collisson, from the

department of Veterinary Microbiology and Parasitology in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University. Collisson is to talk about "An Insect-Borne Virus Common to the United States Is an Important Cause of Severe Birth Defects in Sheep."

The talk centers on Cache Valley virus (CVV), a mosquito-transferred virus that caused a number of severe birth defects in sheep in the mid-Atlantic region last spring. Although the virus has been known to infect many vertebrates, including sheep, cattle and humans, as well as a number of different insects, infections were thought to be benign until 1987, when scientists at Texas A&M

were able to discover the link between virus and birth defects. CVV is transmitted by a number of biting insects and affects a number of mammalian hosts.

Dr. Scott Barao, and extension livestock specialist with the University of Maryland, is to provide an update on ewe management at lambing time and tips for prevention of problems.

A panel discussion with all speakers and Dr. Douglas Carmel, a Maryland livestock extension veterinarian, completes the day's events. The panel session is expected to last 1 1/2 hours.

For more information, call any county extension office in Maryland.

## Prepare For Price Slice

GETTYSBURG (Adams Co.) — Your milk price didn't just fall last month, but it rocketed down.

The Basic Formula Price ended up at \$10.48 per hundredweight (cwt.). This is a whopping \$2.02 lower than last month and surpasses the previous record of \$1.72 drop in February of this year. That was part of a three month decline of \$2.91 per cwt. Then over the summer you gradually gained back \$1.41 over a four month period.

In August, when prices would normally increase, they started down and you have had a drop of \$2.95 in the last three months.

The Basic Formula Price of \$10.48 is the lowest for the month

of October in twelve years.

Can you believe your milk price is \$3.39 lower than it was last October?

Because of the two-month lag in computing your Class I price, you won't feel the heavy impact of the big decrease in your milk checks until December.

The Class 1 price in Order 4 was \$16.12 per cwt. for October and will be \$15.53 in November. For December the Class 1 price will be \$13.51. The Class II price shows up immediately and so it was \$10.56 per cwt. for October.

Milk production is continuing to increase in the Order 4 area.

It increased 5.1 percent over October a year ago or 23.7 million pounds for the month.

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We gather together on this holiest of holidays to bring you tidings of comfort and joy! Thanks to all!



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