

# Pennmarva Contest

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The Holtzingers operate Ke-Holtz dairy farm, with a 265-head milking herd averaging 17,446 pounds milk and 642 fat. Kevin's expertise is in management of the 990 acres of crops, including corn and alfalfa, and machinery maintenance, while Karen handles all bookkeeping, plus milking and field chores as needed. The couple has three children and are active in church, school and agriculture activities. They represented ADC's District 16, which Kevin has represented at the annual meeting as an alternate delegate.

Randall and Karen Huntsman, Martinsburg, were named first-runner up couple. Their PA Fair-Valley Farms herd includes 83 milking animals averaging 21,093 pounds milk and 800 fat. They produce primarily corn, alfalfa and soybeans on their 261 acres. Their farm is leased from his parents, while Randy and Karen own the cattle and are acquiring the machinery through a lease-purchase agreement. Randy manages the daily farming operation. Karen is a licensed practical nurse and worked in a retirement home for seven years. The couple has three children. He is vice-president of ADC's District 20 and has served as a delegate and alternate.

Second runners-up are Gerald and Teresa Reichard, Waynes-

boro. Their 85-head dairy herd includes Holsteins and Jerseys. Average on the Sunny Slope Holstein herd is 18,000 pounds milk and 592 pounds fat, while the Jersey herd averages 11,506 milk and 506 fat. The couple owns their cows and equipment and lease the farm, with Gerry in full charge of the daily operations. Teresa is a registered nurse in the emergency department of Chambersburg Hospital. The couple has one child. Gerry is a delegate to ADC from their District 10 and serves on the hauling committee.

Dale and Debra Hershey, Gap, are the third runners-up and represented ADC's District 6. The 42 Holsteins at Wood-Springs Farm average 19,200 pounds milk and 730 pounds fat. Crops produced on their 87 acres include corn, soybeans, alfalfa and barley. The Hersheys lease the farm and own their cattle and equipment. Dale handles all farm responsibilities and recordkeeping. Debbie works part time as a registered nurse at Lancaster General Hospital and helps with feeding and farm chores. They are active in church and community activities.

David and Shirley Garber are ADC's fourth runners-up. Their Spring Lawn Farm, near Lancaster, is home to their 140-head Holstein herd, averaging 18,200 pounds milk and 671 pounds fat. Alfalfa, corn and soybeans are



Outstanding young cooperators couples for Atlantic Dairy Cooperative are, seated, from left, winner couple Kevin and Karen Holtzinger, and runners-up Randall and Karen Huntsman. Also in group of five winning couples are standing, from left, Gerald and Teresa Reichard, Dale and Deb Hershey, and David and Shirley Garber.

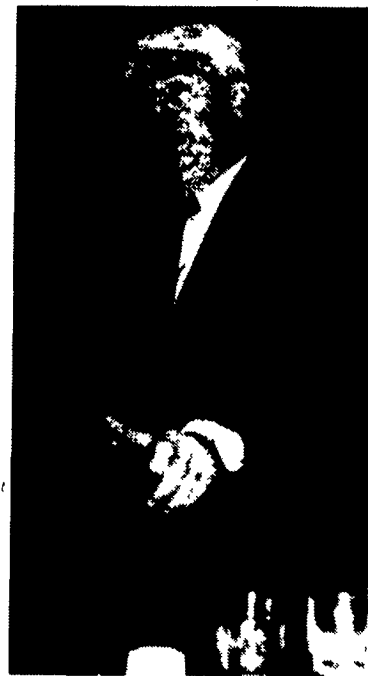
grown on their 217 acres of crop ground. The couple farms in partnership with Dave's two brothers; he is responsible for crop management and machinery maintenance. Shirley is a substitute school teacher, handles the farm's accounting and helps with the herd as needed. They have two children. Dave has served as a delegate for his District 5 and is currently the local's secretary-treasurer.

ADC's five winning couples will represent the cooperative at various local, state and national events and serve as an advisory committee for young cooperator activities. Other participants in the programs included Benjamin and Karen Kolb, Spring City, District 1; Barry and Cheryl Newkirk, Elmer, NJ, District 2; Stephen and Kathleen Aument, Quarryville, District 3; Herman and Debbie Cook, Newark, DE, District 4; Steven and Brenda Hershey, Manheim, District 7.

Also, William and Imogene Dietrich, Germansville, District 9; Dale and Martha Hershey, Ronks, District 12; Curtis and Kimberly Yapple, Houtzdale, District 13; Dale and Cheryl Rice, Chambersburg, District 15; Lee and Joanne Yoder, Lewistown, District 18; Barry and Wanda Woy, Everett, District 21; and David and Katherine Martin, Granville Summit, District 22.

### Dairymen, Inc.

Robert and Joy Jackson were selected young dairymen winners for the Middle Atlantic Division, Dairymen, Inc. They will represent the Sykesville-based division



Pennmarva luncheon speaker David Thomas believes agriculture cooperatives must be willing to adapt to change and to growing globalization.

at Dairymen's corporate young dairymen contest, to be held during the cooperative's December annual meeting in Louisville, KY.

The Jacksons operate a 450-acre, 100-head registered Holstein farm in Brownsville. Bob entered a family partnership after graduation from Penn State University, and now handles all farming operations since his father's retirement. Crops grown include corn, alfalfa, oats, wheat and barley. Joy assists with paperwork and feeding, as needed. The couple has two daughters.

Both are active in agriculture, community and church events and will host the upcoming Fayette County Farm City Day on their "Dairy of Distinction."

Runners-up for the division young dairymen honors were Kenlin and Mary Martin, Smithsburg.

### Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative Association

Neal and Linda McCulloch, Newville, were selected young cooperator couple winners for Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers, Reston, VA.

Their Cumberland County farm

is operated in partnership with Neal's brother. Neal and Linda are responsible for all phases of the dairy herd, with the 75 cows averaging 20,689 pounds milk, 769 fat and 656 protein. Crops raised on the farm's 330 acres include corn, soybeans, alfalfa, barley and mixed. The couple has four children and are active in 4-H, agriculture and church events.

First runners-up are Henry and Patti Elgersma, who operate their 275 acre farm at Westminster in partnership with his brother and sister-in-law. The 111-head dairy herd has an average of 17,350 pounds milk, 639 fat and 554 protein. Included on the 275 acres of cropland are corn, alfalfa, mixed hay, rye and pasture. "Hank" and Patti have five children and take an active role in their local church and the Carrol Christian Schools.

Samuel and Margaret Fielder, Jarrettsville, were selected second runners-up. They farm in partnership with his father and are responsible for overseeing all phases of the farming operations. Herd average on the 151 milking head is 15,661 pounds milk, 551 fat and 517 protein. Crops raised on the farm's 470 acres include corn, soybeans, oats, alfalfa and pasture. Church and Harford County Farm Bureau are among the local organizations in which the Fielders are active.

Shippensburg is the home of third runners-up Paul and Carla Witter. The Witters' 59-head milking string has a rolling herd average of 17,011 pounds of milk. Feed for the milk cows and replacements is raised on the farm's 235 acres, primarily planted to corn and alfalfa. Paul and Carla have two daughters and the family participates in a variety of church, agricultural and community activities.

The McCullochs will represent Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers at the National Milk Producers Federation's annual meeting in December in Orlando, FL, as well as attend all board of directors functions for the next year. The Elgersmas and the Fielders will represent the cooperative at the July National Institute of Cooperative Education Conference in North Carolina.



Robert and Joy Jackson are the Young Dairymen couple for the Middle Atlantic Division of Dairymen, Inc. They will represent the division at the annual Young Dairymen contest in December.



Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers outstanding young cooperator couples are, from left, Neal and Linda McCulloch, Henry and Patti Elgersma, Samuel and Margaret Fielder and Paul and Carla Witter.



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