

## Smyers Top York DHIA

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**RED LION (York Co.)** — Richlawn Farms has added to its impressive collection of dairy production awards won in recent years, sweeping the bulk of honors from the York County Dairy Herd Improvement Association. The presentations were made during the York DHIA's annual meeting, held November 25 at Rutter's at Dairyland Square.

Brothers Rodney and Robert Smyser, who operate Richlawn Farms on East Berlin Road, York,

accepted the half-dozen top awards for their 76-head registered Holstein herd. The Smyser herd, which has won state recognition for its outstanding performance, finished the 1991 test year with an average of 25,869 pounds of milk, 868 pounds fat, and 789 pounds protein, topping all three categories.

In addition, three members of the Richlawn herd finished with high numbers in individual recognition categories. Stella, a seven-year-old, topped the 305-day milk category, with a record of 41,409. Herdmade Doreen, a five-year-old

with 1,260 pounds protein, bested the 305-day protein production category. And Richlawn's five-year-old Fond headed up the 305-day fat production competition, with 1,349 pounds butterfat.

"I guess we'll just keep on doing what we've been doing," grinned Robert Smyser when asked their future plans for maintaining the herd's award-winning performance.

Outstanding improvement awards, based on protein pounds, went to two York County test herds. Most improved protein, over 600 pounds, was Leonard Greek, Delta. Greek's 47-head herd climbed 92 pounds over 1990, and finished with a 734-pound protein average, fourth high in the county.

Most improved under 600 pounds of protein was the 188-head herd of Horace Heindel, Airville. The Heindel herd boosted its protein test a whopping 163 pounds, finishing the 1991 year with a 609-pound protein average.

Kurt Pealer, Dillsburg, completed the test year with the county's lowest Somatic Cell Count, at an impressive 94,000 average on his 28-head Applehurst herd.

High individual lifetime milk production went to Woodbine Farms, Airville, for herd member No. 49, with 236,459 pounds of milk in 10 lactations. High individual lifetime fat production was awarded to Mervin Hertzler, Seven Valleys, for Renita, totalling 8,693 pounds of fat in 10 lactations.

Five herd management awards were presented to herds with outstanding performance in a combination of management improvements. The Horace Heindel herd, Airville, placed first; with Jerry Krone, Glen Rock, in the second spot; and Furnace Creek Farms,



Rodney, left, and Richard Smyser display armfuls of awards they claimed for outstanding production performance by their Richlawn Farms Holstein herd.



York Extension dairy agent Jennie Hess congratulates DHIA award winners Bill Heindel, center, and Leonard Greek.

Hanover, third. Fourth place went to a non-publicized herd and tie for the fifth spot were Leonard Greek, Delta, and Ed and Carolyn Calhoun, Glen Rock.

The total of 97 herds on test in York County averaged 17,670 milk, 1,000 pounds higher than the 1990 cumulative average. Average fat was 641 pounds, with a 3.63 percent test, and average protein was 564, a 3.19 average.

During a brief business meeting, the five York DHIA supervisors were presented with bonus checks, based on years of service and quality ratings. York supervisors are Abbe Gore, Donald Messinger, Jean Myers, Carolyn Stump and Marianne Walter. Elected to the county board as new directors were Leroy Walker, New Freedom, and Lisa Kilgore, Airville.

## Top Cattle Breeds Score Points

**LOUISVILLE, Ky.** — Major breeds compete for points at the North American International Livestock Exposition. Angus and Shorthorn, two dominant breeds in the beef cattle industry, have devised a point evaluation system to reward top individuals which are successful during the show season.

Throughout the year, producers have an opportunity to show their cattle in a number of shows which are designated as "point" shows. Producers receive a certain number of points depending on how their cattle place in a show.

Points are totaled after all shows are over and animals with a certain score receive awards. Angus breeders compete in four while Shorthorn breeders attend three. Each year one show is designated as the National show.

This year, NAILE is host of the Roll of Victory National Angus Show. Being the national show increased the years' entries. This year, more than 200 Angus females paraded through the show ring.

There is also a new twist to the show — the use of three judges. For each of the classes, two people are designated as judges and one serves as referee. The two judges work together to place the class

with the referee being responsible for resolving differences of opinion.

Dean Hurlbut, director of activities for the American Angus Association, claims that even though this style of judging is not too popular, they chose to use this method because it gives three different opinions on the cattle.

Denver is the cite of the 1991 P.A.C.E. (Points Accumulation Event) National Shorthorn Show. Nonetheless, entries still exceed more than 220 at the North American.

Shorthorn exhibitors take the word "international" to heart. This year they are represented by breeders from Australia and Canada. Closer to home, producers travel from as far away as California and Maine to Texas and Minnesota.

"When people want to go one place to see all the great animals show, this is where they come," said Steve McGill, superintendent for the Shorthorn show.



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