

Mt. Joy Farmers Review Year

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MT JOY (Lancaster Co.) — Members of the Mt. Joy Farmers Cooperative Association met recently to review the year-end business and elect officers.

The association markets its members' milk, which amounted to 121,889,047 pounds from October 1990 to October 1991.

Awards presentations were also made during the meeting.

Elected to 3-year terms as board directors for the association were Donald Risser and Robert Brandt, both active in the group.

Awards presented were to members for producing premium-quality milk (low somatic cell count, clean test) for 12 straight months.

Although 19 members failed to qualify for the award by one month, 11 did make the association's honor roll list. In addition to getting the recognition, those who produce quality milk get premiums which are added onto their milk

check.

Those who received honor roll awards were Donald Drager, Glenn B. Gockley and son, Harold Witmer (tank #2), Benjamin Shertzer, J. Mark and Paul Miller, Arlin Benner, David Landis, H.E. Garber and son, David Dum, Gerald Seibel, and Harvey Espenshade.

New members to the association were also announced. They were Vernon Heisey, Manheim; David Wenger, Manheim; David Reiff, Annville; Curtis Hoover, Manheim; Glenn Hershey, Gordonville; Joe Martin and Dennis Lehman; Kennard Henley, Cochranville; Dennis Weaver of New Holland; James Zimmerman, Mt. Joy; Glenn Barnhart, Palmyra; Amos Martin, Narvon; John Petersheim, Gap; Benjamin Baltozer, Elizabethtown; Eric Jordan, Little Britain; Barry Myers, Hershey; and Nelson Weiler, Manheim.

The top 10 producers recognized were Ken Zurin with 5,567,598 pounds of milk; John

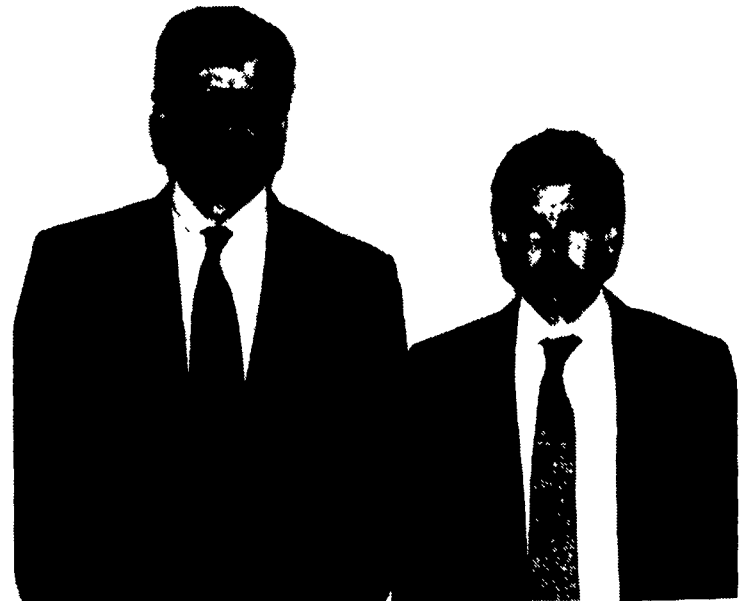


Members of the Mt. Joy Farmers Cooperative Association receive milk quality awards. From left are Herbert Garber (representing H.E. Garber), Donald Drager, Harvey Espenshade, Glenn Gockley, Paul Miller, Mark Miller, Harold Witmer and Arlin Benner.

Landis with 5,392,755 pounds; Luke and James Brubaker, 3,424,480 pounds; Risser Brothers, 3,066,833 pounds; Arlin Benner, 2,961,176 pounds; Harold Brubaker, 2,876,761 pounds; J.R. Groff, 2,403,539 pounds; Merle King, 2,134,962 pounds; George Rohrer, 2,059,684; and Lester Hursh, 2,048,344.

In other business, officials said that the business future of the cooperative seemed solid with contracts with two major different processors — to 1996 with Johanna and 1999 with Beatrice.

Also, the new component pricing should not greatly change the overall price received by the cooperative for its milk, but will create some changes in the individual milk checks, which should be coming into producer hands soon.



Newly elected directors for the Mt. Joy Farmers Cooperative Association are, from left, Donald Risser and Robert Brandt.

Md. Grange Offers Ag Scholarships

THURMONT, Md. — Rodman Myers, chairman of the Maryland State Grange Agriculture Scholarship Committee, announced the Maryland State Grange will offer five scholarships this year.

Three \$300 Past Masters scholarships will be awarded to recipients who are enrolling in agriculture- or science-related courses at a Community College in Maryland.

Two \$500 Edward F. Holter University of Maryland Agricul-

ture Scholarships are available to students enrolling in agriculture at the University of Maryland, UMES or enrolling in a two-year program at the University of Maryland Institute of Applied Agriculture in 1992.

Deadline for applications is May 1.

For applications, contact C. Rodman Myers, 15727 Smith Road, Thurmont, MD 21788 (301) 271-2104.

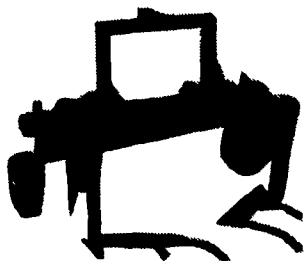
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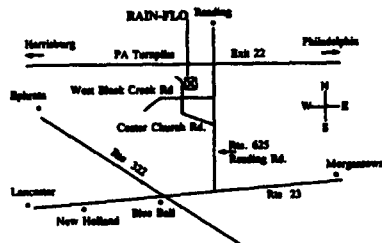
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