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New Officers, Award Winners Named At Maryland Holstein Convention

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NORTHEAST, Md.— The annual convention of the Maryland Holstein Association was held this week at the beautiful Sandy Cove Bible Conference Center on the banks of the North East River with Cecil County serving as host.

William Allen, chairman of the nominating committee, conducted the election of new officers. Oren

Bender from Accident will serve as president. Vice president will be Charles Iager from Fulton and Anita Hill of Emmitsburg will serve as secretary/treasurer.

Progressive Breeder Registry Awards for 1991 were presented by Thomas Dum, consultant from the National Holstein Association. Maryland breeders who received this award and the number of years they qualified were: Maple

Lawn Farms, Inc., Fulton, 24 yrs., 22,009m; Marlin Hoff, New Windsor, 11 yrs., 22,843m; Carl L. Bender, Accident, 9 yrs., 23,226m; Joseph A. Schwartzbeck, Union Bridge, 8 yrs., 23,321m; Del-Myr Farm, Westminster, 7 yrs., 22,375m; Donald L. Wilcom, Ijamsville, 7 yrs., 22,572m; My Lady's Manor Farm, Inc., Monkton, 6 yrs., 22,373m; University of Maryland, Ellicott, 6 yrs., 25,045m; Jason & Donna Myers, New Windsor, 5 yrs., 23,377m; Dennis E. Savage, Keymar, 2 yrs., 23,783m; Savage-Leigh Farm, Knoxville, 2 yrs., 23,491m; Wayne E. Schrock, Grantsville, 2 yrs., 24,721m; Roy W. Crow, Kennedyville, 1 yr., 23,352m.

Jeff Myers, chairman of the Breed Improvement Committee, presented the production awards
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New officers, left to right, Charles Iager, vice president, Oren Bender, president, and Anita Hill, secretary-treasurer.

PVATA Needs Your Help

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)— The Pennsylvania Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association (PVATA) has about 160 members, all teachers or teacher-educators of agriculture.

Generally, the purpose of the organization is to provide leadership and support for agricultural education instructors and their students, statewide.

For the first time officially, the group has hired a lobbyist to further their goals for better agricultural education within the entire school

curriculum — to create better "agricultural literacy" among all Pennsylvanians.

Previously, the group had a legislative action committee and it realized some measure of success with certain issues — but having fulltime ag teachers serve as lobbyists is a difficult situation, at best.

Those wishing to join the organization, or donate funds to support its legislative efforts, should call G. Lowell Morton at (717) 867-1970, or write to Morton at 1068 E. Main St., Annville, 17003.

DHIA Annual Meeting Set

HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.)— The Pennsylvania Dairy Herd Improvement Association's fourth annual meeting is set for March 6 and 7 at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. The convention theme this year is "Let DHIA

Help Round Up Your Profits."

On Friday morning, meetings for new local committee members and directors will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. The

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Nutrient Management Aired At Forum

LITITZ (Lancaster Co.)— Nutrient management laws and regulations are certain to play a bigger role in agriculture in the years ahead, Michael Brubaker told a breakfast meeting of the Agricultural Issues Forum held at Kreider's Restaurant. What concerns the agricultural community is that nobody knows exactly where the regulations will come from, nor what they'll say.

Brubaker, a Lititz agronomist who is the Forum's managing

director, was summing up a fast-paced 45-minute meeting in which an attorney, a solid waste manager, a county agricultural agent, a conservationist, an environmentalist and a legislator/farmer, in addition to Brubaker, presented their sometimes conflicting views of House Bill 496 and the larger issues surrounding it.

After an introduction by the meeting chairman, Jay Howes, manager of agricultural services for the Lancaster Chamber of

Commerce and Industry, Lancaster attorney Jay Humphries called HB 496 a "gentle" approach to nutrient management.

In today's agricultural parlance, "nutrient management" means controlling how, when and where to spread manure on farmland. HB 496 would require Pennsylvania farmers to have nutrient management plans drawn up to provide guidelines for the disposal of animal manure.

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Many Factors Determine High Corn Club Yields



Lloyd Zook, a hog and beef farmer in Oley, left, was honored with first place in the three-year average class for shelled corn by the Pennsylvania Master Corn Growers Association Five-Acre Corn Club. The award will be presented at the 1992 Pennsylvania Corn Conference on Tuesday at the Embers Convention Center in Carlisle. At right is Zook's wife, Ruth Ann. Photo by Andy Andrews.

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OLEY (Berks Co.)— Seed salesmen, take heed — you have to consider the many varied conditions of a farmer's land before you can close the sale.

And it is a combination of factors, including soil conditions, fertilization programs, management practices, and weather patterns that go into a successful corn crop.

"I think some farms will grow different types of seeds better than others," said Lloyd Zook, a hog and cattle farmer in Oley. "Sales reps will argue with me on that, but I think that I can do better with Pioneer seeds on this place than I can with any other company."

That's Pioneer hybrid 3241, which netted Zook first place in the three-year average class for shelled corn harvested from a less than three acres sample. Zook obtained a three-year average of 185.3 bushels per acre off of 1989 and 1990 yields (average for 1991 was 201.8 bushels per acre).

Five-Acre contest

Zook will join others who will be honored with awards by the Pennsylvania Master Corn Growers Association Five-Acre Corn Club contest at the 1992 Pennsylvania Corn Conference on Tues-

day at the Embers Convention Center in Carlisle.

While Zook said that other seed companies provide good seed, after several years of trying different varieties on his land and under his growing conditions, Pioneer proved the best.

About 3-4 acres is dedicated to corn test plots on the Zook farm, which he maintains "because it tells me where Pioneer is at with their numbers, and it gives me a good idea of what's available to plant next year."

But variety alone won't necessarily make a winner — it was a host of factors, from planting to harvesting, that created a winning combination.

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