

Pennsylvania Holstein Convention News

State Holstein Association Honors Outstanding Achievements

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WARRENDALE (Allegheny County) — An awards breakfast honoring membership recruitment, milk promotion and cattle breeding achievements wrapped up the Pennsylvania Holstein Association annual meeting, held at the Warrendale Sheraton Inn.

Special recognition went to four solicitors of ten and more new members. Those top recruiters to date are Rick Allen, Fayette County, Denise Riddle, Jefferson County, Nathan Stoltzfus, Lancaster County and Lawrence Stratton, McKean County.

Honored for recruiting five to nine new memberships are Adam Derr, Jr., Westmoreland County; George Cashell and James Burdette, both of Franklin County; Tim Wetzal, Snyder County; Mark Miller, Somerset County; Wendell Smith, Butler County; Kenneth Umble, Chester County; and Lynn Royer, Lancaster County.

Four county clubs were recognized for having reached the 1992 membership goal. Recipient clubs and their chairpersons are Fayette, Rick Allen; Jefferson, Denise Riddle; Lehigh, Bruce Deitrich; and McKean, David Stratton.

Monetary awards for outstanding milk promotional efforts went to five county Holstein groups. Each promotion group submitted a scrapbook including such items as news articles, photographs and letters highlighting their efforts.

Scrapbook winners were the Adams County club, whose milk promotion efforts were chaired by Scott Deputy, and Beaver-Lawrence club, chaired by Marlene Mitchetree. Both organizations were awarded \$150 for their outstanding milk promotional programs.

Three clubs each won \$100 awards in the milk promotion category, Centre chaired by Mary Ann Zimmerman, Butler, co-chaired by Patty Rassau and Bev Everly, and Somerset, chaired by Helen Mishler. Somerset's group won an additional \$50 award for the best new promotion idea, putting dairy promotion information at local hotels to welcome visitors and educate them about the local dairy industry.

Progressive Breeder Registry (PBR) Awards

The prestigious Progressive Breeders Award was presented to 28 state members, including Don and Gerry Seipt's Keystone Farm, Easton, receiving the award for the thirty-fourth year.

Progressive Breeder Registry requirements include a minimum

of 20 cows in the milking herd bearing the owner's prefix and cows bearing the herd's prefix must represent at least 75-percent of the total milking herd. Herd BAA from the most recent classification must meet or exceed 104 percent. DHIR herd lactation must be in the top 30 percent for milk production on a national basis and meet established fat and protein levels.

First time PBR honors went to Kevin F. Burleigh, Pleasant Mount; Furry H. Frey and Sons, Lancaster; Kirby and Sheryl Horst, Newmanstown; James D. McCaffree, Delta; Darren L. Peachey, Belleville; Jeffery and Cynthia Shaffer, Beavertown; and Andrew D. Stoltzfus, Morgantown.

Named two-year PBR recipients were Allen and Lorraine Andrews, Gillet; Charles J. Bean, Franklin; David P. Countryman, Berlin; Christ L. Stoltzfus, Honeybrook; Vincent and Juliet Wagner, Myerstown; and Richard D. Wheeler, Gillet.

Accepting PBR honors for their third year were Wayne A. Hall, Shippensburg; John and Susan Howard, Willow Street; and Harry and Aliene Thompson, Carlisle. Four year honors went to Thomas W. Kelly, Tyrone; Leroy and Ida Jane Plance, Wellsboro; Sinking Springs Farms, Inc., York; and Mark S. Yoder, Belleville.

Other multiple-year PBR recipients are Kenneth M. Umble, Atglen, 5 years; Thomas A. Boyer, York, 6 years; Keith E. Decker, Knox, 8 years; North View Farm, the Calvin Will family, Berlin, 9 years; Junge Farms Inc., Robert Junge, New Tripoli, 12 years; Jay and Mary Houser, Spring Mills; and Richard and Marilyn Packard, Troy, 25 years.

All-Pennsylvania Awards

All-Pennsylvania awards are presented annually to the top animals in eighteen classes of the three major shows sponsored by PHA. Points toward the award can be earned at the Spring Show, any one of the five regional Championship shows, and the Fall Championship show.

A combined total of more than 1,000 head were shown at the state's major Holstein shows, with a total of 54 head winning awards at All-Pennsylvania, Reserve All-Pennsylvania and Honorable Mention levels.

Largest single winner of All-Pennsylvania recognition was the James and Nina Burdette family, Mercersburg, garnered nine awards. Steve and Chris Wood,

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Among the recipients of All-Pennsylvania Holstein awards were, from left, front, Jim Grove, Amy Trimmer, and Shirley Trimmer. Back, Alan Hostetter, Cindy and Mike Weimer, John and Alice Foster, Steve and Chris Wood, and Jim Burdette.



Front, PHA milk promotion awards were presented by Howard Halstead, to Chris Wood, for Adams County. Also to, back, Marlene Mitchetree for Beaver-Lawrence Counties, Andrew Meier for Somerset County, and Paul Hartle for Centre County.



Recognized for soliciting at least five memberships to PHA were from left, front, Wendell Smith, and Kenneth Boyer, accepting for Tim Wetzal. Back, Lynn Royer, George Cashell and Jim Burdette.



One and two-year recipients of the Progressive Breeder Registry awards included from left, Jeff and Cindy Shaffer, Andrew Stoltzfus, Vincent Wagner, Paul Countryman, Julie Wagner, and Darren Peachey, accepting certificates from Tom Dum, Holstein consultant.



Solicitation of ten or more members brought special PHA honors to, from left, Nathan Stoltzfus, Denise Riddle and Rick Allen.