

Swine Breeders Win National Award

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MOUNT JOY (Lancaster Co.) — Tom and Barb Clawson, Lebanon, and Kelvin Brubaker, McAlisterville, Juniata County, accepted national production awards from Dekalb Swine Breeders recently during ceremonies at the Country Table Restaurant.

Presenting the awards on behalf of Dekalb were Brent Hershey of Hershey Ag and Glenn Esbenshade of Esbenshade Mills. Brubaker manages Lost Creek Farm, which is operated by Hershey Ag

and Esbenshade Mills. The Clawsons are independent owner-operators who produce under contract.

The Clawson's care for 300 sows and produce in excess of 6,000 pigs annually. To win the Dekalb award, the Clawsons' production records were compared to similar-sized operations (201 to 300 sows) from all over the U.S.

Lost Creek houses 1,200 sows and produces in excess of 24,000 pigs annually. The farm's produc-

tion records were compared to 25 similar-sized operations, representing the production performance of 37,000 sows from all over the U.S.

All the animals on both the Lost Creek and the Clawson farms live in environmentally controlled

barns under the most stringent health program utilized by the swine industry.

The Clawsons and the management team at Lost Creek won their

awards by following strict management programs to maximize sow comfort and high productivity.

30 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

-The Cloister Chapter of Future Farmers of America at Ephrata High School held a "Parents' Night" and open house Wednesday night in the school auditorium and agriculture department.

Jerry Snader, first president of the newly formed chapter welcomed the 48 members and parents to the first such meeting at the school.

Thomas M. Malin, area advisor of FFA, presented the National FFA Foundation awards. Chapter Star Farmer was Martin Wenrich, Denver R2, who also received the award for Farm Electrician. Thomas Spitzer was named Star Greenhand of the chapter.

Other foundation awards were: dairy farming, Ray Kline, Denver R2; livestock farming, David Heisey, Sheridan R1; poultry farming, Glenn Stauffer, Lititz R3; soil and water conservation, Jerry Snader, Ephrata R1; public speaking, Ronald Kline, Denver R2; farm mechanics, Kenneth Spade, Denver R2 and crop farming, Daniel Wenger.

-Two honorary chapter farmer degrees were awarded by the Manheim Chapter Future Farmers of America at the annual banquet Thursday night.

Dr. Henry Bucher, supervising principal of the Manheim Central School District, was honored for

his cooperation in the program of the chapter, and Mr. John Bruckhart, a farmer of Manheim R3, was awarded the degree for his cooperation in the farming program of the chapter.

Main speaker of the evening was David Martin, student secretary of the State Association of Future Farmers of America. Martin is from Denver R1.

The chapter presented each of the four 1962 Keystone degree winners with the golden state farmer charm and James Metzler, representing PP&L presented each with a letter of commendation from the electric company.

David Graybill, Lititz R2, chapter president, received the KeKalb award for outstanding accomplishments in agriculture.

-A team of sharp looking and quick thinking Future Farmers from Octoraro High School led competition in the Chester-Delaware Area FFA Parliamentary Procedure Contest this week.

George Blevins, Oxford R2, Oxford High School, was the winner in the public speaking contest held in conjunction with the team competition.

Nathan Smoker, Cochranville R1, a member of the Octoraro team, finished behind Blevins in the public speaking contest.



Tom and Barb Clawson, center, accept a Dekalb swine production award from Brent Hershey, left, and Glenn Esbenshade, right, during ceremonies in Mount Joy.



Kelvin Brubaker accepted a Dekalb swine production award during ceremonies in Mount Joy.

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