

Adams Herd Improvement Association Meets

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GETTYSBURG (Adams Co.)
— Santa Claus made an appearance at the 64th annual meeting of the Adams County Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

While this was an unplanned visit, it may be a good omen for Pennsylvania DHIA which has completed a turbulent year but moves with confidence into 1993.

Santa's visit came about when the DHIA meeting was postponed on Thursday, Dec. 10, and was changed to Monday, Dec. 14, at the firehall in Harney, Md. Santa showed up for the Leon's Club Christmas Party which was held in the firehall that same evening.

Board President Jeffrey King presided at the meeting and explained that the board has limited responsibility under the new centralized organization. He introduced guests and sponsors, and called upon Marcia Brown, secretary-treasurer, for current reports.

In the election of directors, incumbents Jeff King, Alan Zepp and Samuel Stoner were all retained on the board.

Speaking for DHIA technicians, Deb Messinger and James Gilbert, Don Messinger expressed gratitude for member cooperation and support.

Lane Sollenberger, dairyman from Fayetteville, Franklin County, and Central District director for Pennsylvania DHIA, spoke about the management of Pennsylvania DHIA and said he has confidence that Pennsylvania's program can compete favorably with anyone,

anywhere. Sollenberger distributed a booklet explaining package services available to members and said that through a process of "unbuilding," members are free to choose only those reports which will best serve the needs of the farm. He spoke of the Individual Cow Page and promised a new manual "On How to Make PA DHIA Work for You."

Regional Manager Harry Fritz distributed bonus checks to the technicians and demonstrated the use of the laptop computers which technicians are beginning to use for transfer of barn records to the central records processing center.

County Agent Thomas E. Piper congratulated the members on attaining a new county production record, announced coming educa-

tional opportunities, and presented highlights of the record summary. With 3,518 cows on test in 41 herds, production averaged 18,107 pounds of milk, 695 pounds of butterfat and 576 pounds of protein.



Director Robert Clowney, on behalf of the board and the sponsors presented the following plaque awards:

- 1st High Herd - 715 lbs. Protein; 23,153 lbs. Milk - Jo Jen Hess, Gettysburg
- 2nd High Herd - 702 lbs. Protein; 22,265 lbs. Milk - Leroy Deputy, East Berlin
- 3rd High Herd - 687 lbs. Protein; 21,002 lbs. Milk - Ray Dutterer, Littlestown
- High Cow-Milk - "Amanda", 31,545 lbs. - JoBo Holstein Farm, Gettysburg

- High Cow-Butterfat - "46", 1,254 lbs. - Stoner Dairy, East Berlin
- High Cow-Protein - "194", 974 lbs. - Ray Dutterer, Littlestown
- High Lifetime-Milk - "Flashie", 238,436 lbs. - Penn Gate Farm, Littlestown
- Lowest Average Somatic Cell Count (Tie) - 120,000, Robert C. Hoffman, York Springs
- Lowest Average Somatic Cell Count (Tie) - 120,000, Mark Gieron, New Oxford
- First Place Herd Management Award - Jo Jen Hess, Gettysburg
- Second Place (Tie) Herd Management Award - Rhodes Enterprise, New Oxford
- Second Place (Tie) Herd Management Award - Robert C. Hoffman, York Springs

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