

# Mifflin Holstein Breeders Hold Annual Meeting

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— The Mifflin County Holstein Club's annual dinner meeting, held January 28th at the Allensville Community Hall, began with a welcome by President Ed Glick, invocation by Josh Yoder, and dinner. A business meeting followed a slide show and talk by Jay Irwin.

John Rheam, Master of Ceremonies, introduced guests and then asked the nominating committee to conduct the election of directors.

Secretary/treasurer Keith Spicher read the 1992 Annual Meeting minutes and treasurer's report. Activities Director Sheldon Peachey announced a possible three-farm dairy tour this March.

Ken Raney of the PA Holstein Association mentioned that memberships were due now and that Mifflin County was one of 17 out

of 50 clubs that reached goal last year. He complimented the Mifflin County Holstein Club on their successful sale this past summer, and urged members to keep the Spring Sale in State College on April 10 in mind. Raney said the 1995 National Holstein Convention and National Sale will take place in Pittsburgh and that breeders should "think genetically" about what they hope to have available at that time. According to Raney, the June issue of Profiles may feature Mifflin County farms and will be distributed at this year's National Convention in Rochester, NY.

State Director Darren Peachey urged members to renew their memberships this week and also mentioned the 1995 National Convention Sale.

Sale Director Glenn Peachey reported on Mifflin County's Summer Classic Sale. Forty-five head were sold for \$81,000 with

an average of \$1,891/head. With only 10% commission and because of volunteer help, the Club saw a nice profit.

Show Committee Chairman Dave Spicher presented updated rules and regulations for the Mifflin County Open Dairy Show held in August during the Youth Fair. Mifflin County will proudly host the District 4-H Show at the Mifflin County Youth Park on September 4.

Darv Yoder asked Junior member Mike Kline to report on Junior activities. These included: Junior Judging School, Junior Holstein Convention, Mifflin County Youth Fair, 4-H District Show, State 4-H Show, District Championship Show, State Championship Show, a chicken bar-b-que, and the sale of 59 pounds of cheese.

Three awards were earned by Chad Renninger for Milk, Butterfat, and Protein. Mike Kline was honored for his Reserve Junior All PA and Premium checks from the Youth Fair went to Andy Reed, Shawn Yoder, Michele Yoder, Mike Kline, Matt Kline, Laura Peachey, and others.

Michael Yoder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Yoder earned the county's Distinguished Junior Member Award. Other awards included the Top BAA (Bred Age Average) Award for Vern-Lee Farms owned by the Russell Kline family, and the Top Production DHIR Award went to Darren and Caryn Peachey.

Mike Ammon, Darv W. Yoder,



Michael Yoder, left, received the Mifflin County Distinguished Junior Member Award, and Michael Kline was honored for his Reserve Junior All Pennsylvania showing.

and Dave Stuck were elected as County Directors. Junior Directors include Mike Kline, Mike Yoder, and Darren Peachey.

Guest speaker Jay Irwin, former Lancaster County Extension Agent, honored the group with slides of his six month pilot project assignment to Poland in June of 1991. Irwin said Poland, after 45 years under communist rule, was struggling with the freedom of decision-making that came with

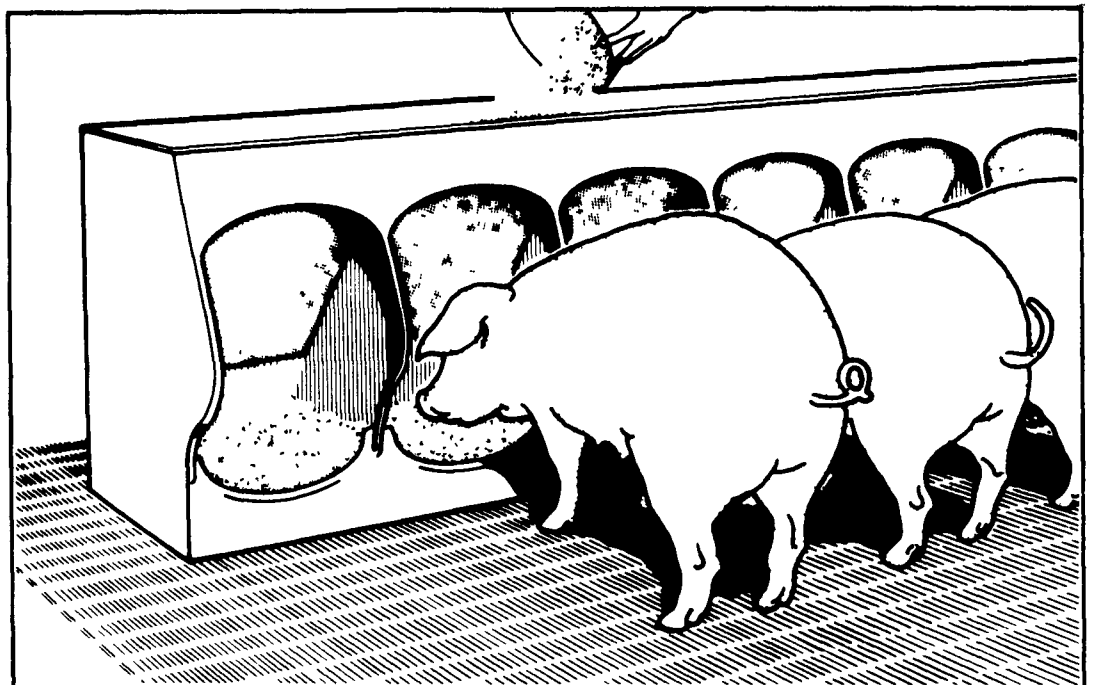
democracy. Under communism, decisions were made by the government.

A people hungry for information, Poland asked how the United States could strengthen their agriculture. The United State's answer was by sending our extension Specialists to Poland to strengthen their own programs. Five teams of two people each from across the US were chosen. Irwin and his

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Mike Ammon, Darv Yoder and Dave Stuck were elected directors of the Mifflin County Holstein Association. In the photo are Ammon, left, and Yoder.



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