

ABC In Good Shape

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 least 65 percent sired by ABC bulls.

At the Mount Joy meeting, 199 people attended. Honored were Paul Fahnestock, Robert Brandt, Meadow Vista Farm, Jeffrey Aungst, Earl Landis, Marvin Witmer, and David Brandt.

Within ABC technician unit 18, served by Technician Paul Werner, Fahnestock, of Manheim, had an average of 21,692 pounds of milk, and 683 pounds of protein from 78 cows. Robert Brandt, of Elizabethtown, had an average of 21,293 pounds of milk and 656 pounds of protein on 51 cows. Meadow Vista Farms, in Bainbridge, recorded an average 21,388 pounds of milk and 640 pounds of protein.

In ABC Tech Unit 10, served by Technician Bob Keen, David Brandt, Annville, recorded an average of 22,300 pounds of milk and 698 pounds of protein on a 100-cow milking herd, which was bred 96 percent ABC and includes six Leadman daughters.

In ABC Tech Unit 17, served by Technician Jeff Peifer, Marvin Witmer, of Lititz, recorded an average production of 21,667 pounds of milk and 674 pounds of

protein, from a 61-cow herd which was 100 percent ABC sired, including a number of Leadman and Cletius daughters. Earl Landis, of Manheim, was honored for recording a production average of 21,786 pounds of milk and 683 pounds of protein, from a 54-cow herd which 90 percent ABC sired. Peifer said that Landis was one of the first to use Leadman and now has a second crop of his daughters.

At the New Holland meeting Thursday night, of which about 150 attended, 14 ABC members were honored for production. From Unit 17 (Lititz-Manheim), Nevin S. Horning had a production of 23,547 pounds of milk and 707 pounds protein from a 48-cow herd that is 100 percent ABC sired. Frank Fox recorded 22,113 pounds of milk and 701 pounds protein from a 39-cow herd that is 85 percent ABC sired. Ed Wise recorded 22,799 pounds of milk and 679 pounds of protein from a 37-cow herd that is 100 percent ABC sired.

From Unit 13 (Leola-North), Marvin R. Sauder recorded 21,672 pounds milk and 660 pounds protein from a 39-cow herd that is 95 percent ABC sired. Philip Horst recorded 20,787 pounds of milk from 41 cows and 638 pounds of protein from a herd that is 86 per-

cent ABC sired. Unit 21 (Ephrata), four members won awards for outstanding production. Those include Gerald Martin, for his 57-cow herd that is 81 percent Atlantic sired, with 20,780 pounds of milk and 649 pounds of protein. Richard Sauder, with a 53-cow herd, registered 20,881 pounds milk and 663 pounds protein from a herd that is 95 percent ABC sired. Earl and Anna Mae Reiff recorded 22,211 pounds of milk and 704 pounds protein from a 40-cow herd 94 percent ABC sired. Glenn Gockley recorded 24,884 pounds of milk and 808 pounds of protein from a 50-cow herd that is 92 percent ABC sired.

Unit 16 (New Holland) had four members with outstanding production, including Clair Good with 21,461 pounds of milk and 645 pounds of protein from a 47-cow herd 86 percent ABC sired. John G. Good won with 21,408 pounds of milk and 672 pounds of protein from a 54-cow herd 84 percent ABC sired. David R. Stoltzfus won with a 34-cow herd with 21,316 pounds of milk and 678 pounds of protein from a herd that is 67 percent ABC sired. John S. Zimmerman, with their 65-cow herd that is 78 percent ABC sired, recorded 23,347 pounds of milk and 698 pounds of protein.

Unit 5 (part of Chester County), D.H. Lonehill Farm (represented

Avian Influenza Update

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 linked to a Lancaster County farm market.

State officials are not concerned with the facility, except that it comply with the temporary state quarantine first announced Jan. 22.

State officials said that the Lancaster facility came under question because it is one source of poultry out of the many that are used by the poultry dealers whose operations have been linked to Avian influenza.

While two of the poultry buyers linked to avian influenza had purchased some of their many chickens from the Lancaster market, that specific market, Roots Farm Market, is not suspect because it is not a common denominator.

To identify the source of influenza, officials have been tracing the transfer of birds back to the originating farms that supplied birds to those infected markets.

"They have taken samples in Pennsylvania at more than 112 locations. One traceback to New Jersey led to a farm with a menagerie flock (various exotic breeds) involving birds that have access to wild birds. They quarantined their farm," he said.

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not been able to isolate the virus in any Pennsylvania poultry flock.

Although producers were asked to report any bird with an apparent respiratory illness, officials have not found any birds with clinical symptoms of Avian influenza.

"We're still asking that any poultry producers with birds with any respiratory illness of any kind to report it so we can investigate," Schenck said.

"We're very happy with the cooperation from poultry producers," he said, "both those with commercial flocks and those with backyard flocks."

Flu Cancels Conferences

SALISBURY, Md. — Because of the recent quarantine put in place in Pennsylvania because of avian influenza, the Delmarva Corn and Soybean Technology Conference, scheduled here Wednesday, has been cancelled.

The event will be rescheduled next year, according to Milt Nelson, Maryland Cooperative Extension Service.

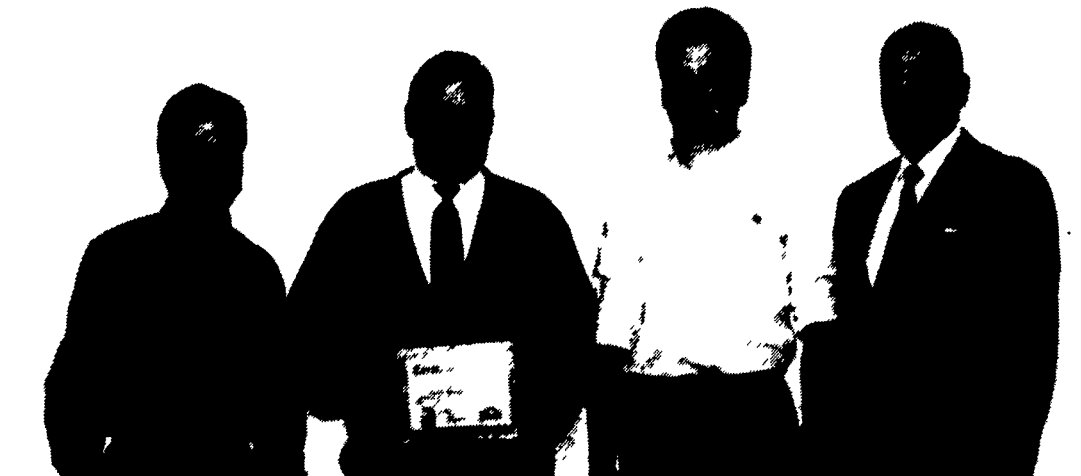
Also affected because of the avian flu outbreak is the sheep conference originally scheduled in Sudlersville, Md. for Feb. 20, according to David DeLamater, Delmarva Shepherds Association. DeLamater told *Lancaster Farming* the meeting will be postponed for the time being.



From the left, production award recipients Marvin and Pat Witmer, and Evelyn and Earl Landis stand with ABC Unit 17 Technician Jeff Peifer.



From the left, Paul Werner, ABC Unit 18 technician, stands with production award recipients Paul Fahnestock, Don Risser, and Robert Brandt.



From the left, award recipients Karl Brandt, David Brandt, and Daniel Brandt stand with ABC Unit 10 Technician Bob Keen.

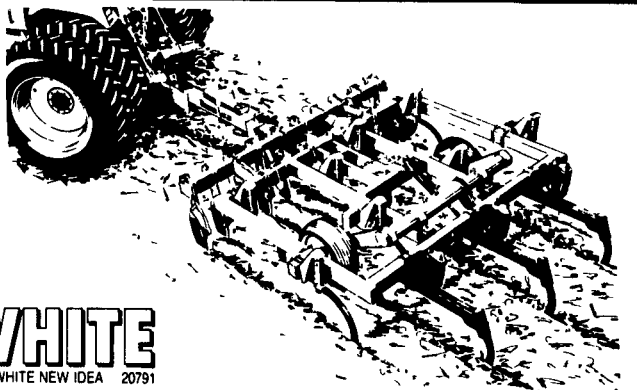
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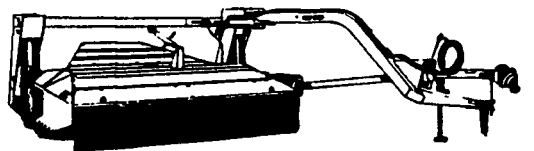
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