



Stacy Snyder, left, receives rotating trophy for Most Active Club Member from Andrew Long.

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 fessor of food science, for his assistance with smoking turkeys for the club sale;

- Certificates of appreciation - Round Hill Foods (for delivering turkeys for the spring sale) and David Garber (for providing transportation for the club's annual trip to Atlanta).

The new officers for 1993-1994 are: Troy Eckert, president, Joe Garber, vice president; Doug Metzler, secretary; Brenda Morgan, treasurer; Lydia Kepler, reporter, and Chris Walter and Eric Smith, Ag Student Council representatives.

Club advisor Dirk Wise announced that the club had won the Club of the Year Award at the Southeast Poultry Association meeting in Atlanta this year. He said the new Penn State poultry facilities are under construction and are slated for completion this

summer.

The club's activities included selling smoked turkeys from Round Hill Farms, attending the Lancaster County Poultry Days

and International Poultry Expo, and participating in the Penn State Meats Spectacular at the Nittany Mall and the fall picnic and Ag Hill Olympics on campus.

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**Dairy Farmers Need \$16 A Hundredweight For Milk**

MESHOPPEN (Wyoming Co.)—Surveys conducted by the Progressive Agriculture Organization (Pro Ag) during several meetings with dairy farmers clearly indicate the average dairy farmer believes he should receive an average milk price of \$16 per cwt. in order to cover operating costs plus making the needed investments in his farm.

According to John Pardoe, president of Pro Ag, the organization held the meetings with dairy farmers under the banner of the National Dairy campaign. The campaign is an effort by dairy farmers and organizations across the United States in an attempt to unify dairy farmers in support of a New National Dairy Policy.

Pardoe said, "Dairy farmers are tired of selling their capital assets, using up their equity and being forced to supplement their inadequate milk prices with off-farm income."

Arden Tewksbury, manager of Pro Ag, conducted the meetings. Tewksbury said, "Not only did the dairy farmers report the need of \$16 for milk, but they also strongly support a new milk pricing formula based on the national average cost of production as determined by the USDA. To prevent the possibility of increased, unneeded milk production, the dairy farmers indicate they favor a supply management program such as a two-tier program. It may be structured in different forms, but basically the program would allow the dairy farmers to receive a realistic price from the market place for the milk used in the commercial market (considered to be about 96 or 97 percent of the national production) and a much cheaper price would be paid for the remaining milk."

President Pardoe claims under the present pricing formula, approximately three or four percent of the National Production becomes the culprit that destroys all milk prices.

Tewksbury has been a strong critic of the present pricing formula (M and W Price) for many years, calling the formula unrealistic, inadequate, and does not respond to the pricing needs of dairy farmers.

During the meetings, Tewksbury used the USDA's 1990 cost of production figures and put together a formula that would return a pay price to dairy farmers in federal order #2 of \$15.81. This figure allows \$1.50 per cwt. as a return to dairy farmers for their management and risk.

Tewksbury claims that some cost of production pricing formulas that are being thrown around uses the selling of capital assets and off-farm income as a method of lowering the cost of producing milk. The USDA's formula does not support the above methods.

At a recent milk hearing conducted by the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board, (PMMB) Pro Ag did not support using the Pennsylvania Agriculture Statistical Service Formula as a method of establishing over-order premiums. Instead, Pro Ag urged the PMMB to increase their premium from 80 cents per cwt. to \$1.05 per cwt. on July 1, 1993.

President Pardoe concluded by saying, "Pro Ag clearly supports a new pricing formula based on the average cost of production, but the most realistic formula we see is the one used by the USDA."

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