

Pennmarva Young Cooperators Selected

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bowl coach and is active in the Blain Zion Lutheran Church.

Named runner-up couple were Evan and Lori Burkholder, who own and operate their 190-acre, 88-head Holstein farm near Fayetteville, Pennsylvania. Average production on their 75 milking animals is 21,078 pounds milk and 751 pounds fat. Feed crops include alfalfa, corn and timothy hay. The couple has three children, Austin, 7, Aubrey, 6, and Ashland, 4. Both are graduates of Chambersburg Area High School, Evan in 1975 and Lori in 1980.

Evan is a past president of his ADC local and an active member of numerous state and local farm organizations. He gives school tours of the farm operation, including conservation work done through the Chesapeake Bay Foundation program. Lori is a member of Society of Farm Women #17. Both are active in their New Guilford Brethren in Christ Church.

Second runners-up were James and Debra Krantz, operators of his family's 276-acre farm near Quarryville, Pennsylvania. Their 84-head milking string averages 18,304 pounds of milk and 699 pounds of fat. Crops grown include corn, alfalfa and rye. The couple has two children, Jared 4 and Janelle, 2. Both are graduates of Solanco High School, Jim in



Jay Irwin, retired Lancaster County extension agent, spoke about his agricultural mission to Poland.

1977 and Deb in 1982. She received her nursing degree from Millersville University and St. Joseph's School of Nursing and is the school nurse for Centerville Elementary School.

Jim has served as secretary-treasurer of his ADC local and as a delegate to the annual meeting. Deb is a member of Society of Farm Women #34 and the Lancaster County School Nurse Association. Both are very active in their church.

Third runners-up Gary and Claudia Bechtel, Curryville, Pennsylvania, have a herd average of 22,005 pounds milk and 842 pounds fat on their 86-milking head. Their 150-acre farm, leased from Gary's parents, is cropped to alfalfa, corn and wheat. The couple has three children, Robyn, 4, Andrew, 3, and Sara, 2. Gary is a 1975 graduate of Central High School. Claudia graduated from Gilbertsville Central School in 1982, earned an associate degree in dairy husbandry in 1984 from Morrisville Agriculture and Technical School, and her bachelor's degree from Penn State in 1986. She has completed two years toward her master's degree in dairy nutrition at Penn State.

Gary is an alternate delegate of his ADC local, a director of the Blair County DHIA, and past president of Morrisons' Cove Dairy Show, Blair Holstein Club and Blair Farmers' Association. Both Gary and Claudia are active members of their Clover Creek Church of the Brethren.

Fourth runners-up were Gary and Gail Thoman, operators of a 114-acre, 102-head Holstein farm near Dallastown. Production average on their 52 milking head is 20,405 pounds milk and 757 pounds fat. Their leased farm is cropped to corn, alfalfa and timothy hay. The couple has three children, Tanya, 13, Craig, 11, and Chad, 5. Both are Dallastown



Dairymen Middle Atlantic Division young dairymen couple Mike and Dorrie Blue, right, will represent the division at the cooperative's contest in December. Left is runner-up Terry Stump.

Area High School graduates, Gary in 1976 and Gail in 1978. Gary is currently studying business administration at Penn State York Campus.

Gary has served as a delegate from his ADC local, and is past president of the York County DHIA. Gail is a director for the York County Holstein club, member of the Society of Farm Women and a 4-H dairy foods leader and dairy bowl coach. Both are members of the Pennsylvania Agricultural Safety Council and are active in their church.

Judges for the Atlantic program were Gary Hennip, Northeast Sales and Service Director for Sire Power, Cal Wettstein, retired New Jersey extension agent, and Joyce Bupp, Dairymen, Inc. director

MIDDLE ATLANTIC DIVISION, DAIRYMEN, INC.

Mike and Dorrie Blue, Shenandoah Junction, West Virginia, were selected winners of the Middle Atlantic Division, Dairymen, Inc., headquartered at Sykesville. They will represent their division at the Dairymen annual meeting Young Dairymen competition to be held at Nashville, Tennessee, in early December.

Mike and Dorrie are part of the Blue's family-owned and operated corporation, with 150-head of Holsteins milked in a newly-installed, computerized, double-12 parallel parlor. The couple has two children, Mychael Tiffany, 8, and Jacob Levi, 3.

Mike is a member of the Jefferson County FFA Alumni, Southern States Cooperative, and has served as chairman and vice-chairman of the board of Knodes and Sons, Inc. He serves as an advisor for Jefferson High and Shepherdstown Junior High School FFAs. The Blues are both active in their St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

Terry Stump was named runner-up in the Dairymen competition. He has worked full time on the Stump Acres family farm, York, since graduating from high school in 1984, and became one of three partners operating the farm in partnership since January. The Stump farm includes a raw-milk jugging store and 1500 acres of owned and rented ground. Terry's responsibilities include evening and some morning milkings of the 60-head milking string and maintaining the computerized records.

Terry is a director of the York County Farmer's Association and is active in his church.

Judges for the Dairymen contest were division Young Dairymen committee members David Patrick, Myron Wilhide and Terry Martin.

MARYLAND/VIRGINIA MILK PRODUCERS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

Named Young Cooperator winner for Maryland/Virginia Milk Producers, Reston, Virginia, were Harold II and Colleen Smith.

The Smiths are part of the My Ladys-Manor Farm family partnership located at Monkton. Harold is treasurer of the corporation, with chief responsibility for the health and productivity of the dairy herd. Production average on the 240 registered Holsteins is 20,668 pounds of milk, 788 pounds of fat and 684 pounds of protein. He also handles the breeding stock merchandising program. Crops on the 780-acre farm include corn, soybeans and alfalfa.

Harold and Colleen have two sons, Harold III and David. They are members of the Maryland Holstein Association, the Red and White Dairy Cattle Association and numerous state and local agriculture groups. Both are active members of their St. Johns Lutheran Church and their local PTA.

Runners-up John and Susan Myers operate their 350-acre MD-Locust Crest Farm at Union Bridge. Their dairy herd includes 65 registered Holstein milking head, with a rolling herd average of 20,150 pounds of milk, 754 pounds of fat and 630 pounds of protein. Acreage is cropped to corn, soybeans, alfalfa, timothy and pasture.

John and Susan have two daughters, Jenna and Nikki. They are members of the local, state and national Holstein associations, Progressive Farmers Club and John is a member of the county DHIA board. Susan works with the Farm Bureau Women's group. Both are active members of the Linwood Brethren Church.

Second runners-up Melvin and Barb Marks own and operate their 80-acre farm at Airville, Pennsylvania. Herd production on their 50 registered Holsteins is 21,334 pounds milk, 71 pounds of fat and 681 pounds of protein. Fifty acres are cropped to alfalfa with the remaining 30 in improved pasture for rotational grazing.

The Marks have three daughters, Erin, 9, Nicole, 7, and Trisha, 5. They are active in 4-H and FFA activities, Holstein and DHIA organizations, and members of numerous agriculture groups. Melvin and Barb also work closely with their Clearview PTO and in various activities at the Chanceford Presbyterian Church.

Richard and Naomi Speers, Blairs Mills, Pennsylvania, were the third runners-up. They farm in partnership with his father, with the main responsibility for the

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Young cooperator couples from Maryland-Virginia Milk Producers are from left, Colleen and Harold Smith II, winners; Susan and John Myers, first runners-up; Barbara and Melvin Marks, second runners-up, and Naomi and Richard Speers, third runners-up.



Atlantic Dairy Cooperative's young cooperators from left are, Logan Bower, first place winner; Lori and Evan Burkholder, runners-up; Debra and James Krantz, second runners-up; Claudia and Gary Bechtel, third runners-up, and Gail and Gary Thoman, fourth runners-up.