

Bedford County DHIA Presents Awards

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IMLER (Bedford Co.) — Janelle Koontz and her Stan-El's Duncan Sweet and Sour Jersey took the top junior award in the annual Bedford County DHIA production awards.

Awards were presented at a banquet held at the Imler Fire Hall and served by the members of the Imler Volunteer Auxiliary.

Janelle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Koontz, is a member of the Friendly Moo-Moos 4-H Club. Duncan Sweet and Sour produced 15,758 pounds of milk and had a fat production of 680 pounds. Both records were made over an average of 305 days.

Top senior awards announced at the banquet went to Steve and Jeri Ritchey, Martinsburg RD. The Ritcheys took the High Herd Butterfat award, the High Herd Protein award, and the High Herd Milk awards.

Rick and Ed Deputy of Meadowcreek Farms, Bedford RD 4, were tops in high cow milk production.

High cow butterfat was JTS Wakefield Farms owned by Tom and Jim Wakefield of Bedford RD 4.

High cow protein was owned by Obie Snider, Imler RD 1.

The lowest somatic cell count award went to Denton Clark of Clearville RD 2.

Mark and Raymond Yoder took the herd management award.

Steve Mowry, presided over the

meeting. Other officers of the Bedford County DHIA include Alan Koontz, secretary; Steve Bennett, Richard Deputy, Brian Woy, and Roger Brumbaugh.

Supervisors are Dean Grimes, Elmira Grimes, Brenda Bingenhimer, Angie McDonald, Barbara Mearkle, and Tammy Furry.

Andy Meiers, state DHIA director, gave the state DHIA report, and remarks were made by Larry Hay, region manager.

Entertainment was provided by the Meistersingers, a popular group of young vocalists from Northern Bedford County High School.

Since DHIA funds are to now be handled through the state office, a "thank you," gift was presented to the current treasurer, Rita Bush, for her services for the past three years.



From the left, Steve Mowry, Bedford County DHIA president, and Melanie Barkley, county extension agent, present an award to Rick Deputy and sons Matthew, Ryan and John, for owning the cow which produced the most milk in 1993. Rick is in partnership with his brother Edward, not shown.

Irish Dairy Tour Set For March

KINGSTON (Westmoreland Co.) — "Dairy farmers and other dairy industry leaders are invited to plan now to participate in the Irish Dairy Tour March 19-27, 1994, announced Paul Nichols, manager of industry relations for American Dairy Association.

The tour will fly from Kennedy Airport, New York City via Air Lingus, the Irish National Airline, landing in Dublin to begin a busy week of touring southern Ireland via deluxe motorcoach.

According to Paul Nichols, Irish Dairy Tour host and organizer, the goal of the 1994 Irish Dairy Tour is to present an overview of

the dairy industry in the Irish Republic, from production and processing through promotion and marketing. Along the way, between educational stops at dairy farms, research farms, and processing plants, will be ample time for sightseeing, including a visit to the famous Blarney Castle.

Ireland is called "The Emerald Isle" because of the rich, green pastures. "In fact," said Nichols, "many Irish farmers are able to graze their herds nine to 10 months each year." Ireland is famous for its butter, most of which is exported because there are only about three million people in Ire-

land, a third of whom live in Dublin.

Paul and Christine Nichols participated in the 1989 Irish Dairy Tour sponsored by The American Dairy Association, which has endorsed the 1994 Irish Dairy Tour. The experience was so vivid that they have been planning to return after five years to some of the same special places, plus visit some new sights. Moloney and Kelly Travel, Dublin, have arranged the Irish portion of the trip.

The tour package price of \$1,390 per person, double occupancy \$1,540, single occupancy

includes round trip air fare, ground transportation with a professional Irish guide, hotel accommodations, breakfasts, and dinners (including two special banquets), and admissions to various sightseeing opportunities.

A \$100 per person deposit is due by December 15 to reserve space on the tour. For a tour brochure, call (717) 283-2204 or write Paul Nichols, ADADC, 239 Schuyler Avenue, Kingston, PA 18704-3378. Tour brochures are also available from Bob Hay, (717) 265-3524, Hays Travel, P.O. Box E, Wysox, PA 18854-0150.



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