

Wayne DHIA Holds Annual Meeting

HONESDALE (Wayne Co.) — The 67th annual meeting and dinner of the Wayne County Dairy Herd Improvement Association/Pennsylvania D.H.I.A. was held at Kuester's Restaurant and Lounge, at Beach Lake, PA.

Gary Rickard, Wayne County D.H.I.A. Advisory Committee member, conducted the annual meeting business.

John Castrogiovanni, northeast counties state director, Pennsylvania D.H.I.A., announced that Pennsylvania D.H.I.A. will have new member districts for 1994.

The new District 16 is to include all Pennsylvania D.H.I.A. member heads in Susquehanna, Wayne and Pike counties. This will account for a total of over 250 dairy herds.

New revised Pennsylvania D.H.I.A. By-Laws went into effect as of Jan. 1. Also, the 1994

Pennsylvania D.H.I.A. state annual meeting is scheduled for Feb. 18, at Toftrees Resort, near State College.

Also, some rate increases will be put in effect for the new testing year.

Jessica Chyle, 1993-1994 Wayne County Dairy Maid, spoke briefly about Wayne County Dairy Promotion activities.

Ed Pruss, Wayne County Extension agent, reviewed the "new" Wayne County D.H.I.A. Annual Report compiled by Pennsylvania D.H.I.A. He added some additional Wayne County D.H.I.A. information, including a printed summary and record of Wayne County D.H.I.A. yearly production since its inception as an association back in 1927.

He announced the D.H.I.A. production averages for the 1992-1993 testing year. A total of

94 Wayne County herds representing 4,684 cows completed the most recent D.H.I.A. testing year with an average production level of 16,953 pounds of milk, 620 pounds of butterfat and 542 pounds of protein. The average value of product (milk) above feed cost was \$1,210 per cow.

Rick Verbeek, sire programs manager for Sire Power Inc., Tunkhannock, was the guest speaker at this meeting. Rick mentioned his responsibility for the ongoing and successful GOLD and LAMP Programs offered to area dairymen by Sire Power Inc. He also coordinates the work of the young sire/daughter evaluations and the special SET work associated with proving young A.I. sires. Rick discussed the importance and value of using D.H.I.A. information to successfully obtain early, reliable production information on young sires.

The announcement and presentation of all of the production awards and management awards was conducted. They included:

High Herd For Milk Production - 22,653 pounds of milk and High Herd For Protein Production - 701 pounds of protein per cow - Richfield Farms (Karl Eisenhauer Jr.), Lakeville.

High Herd For Butterfat Production - 850 pounds per cow and High Cow For Butterfat Production - "Daylight" - 1,291 pounds of butterfat - Rowe Brothers, Honesdale.

High Cow For Milk Production - "Joyce" - 31,538 pounds of milk - Carl Shepstone, Damascus.

High Cow For Protein Production - "Shevaughn" - 948 pounds of protein - Pruss-Vale Holsteins, RD 1, Lake Ariel.

High Lifetime Cow for Milk, Butterfat and Protein - "Bambi" - 258,725 pounds of milk, 9,352 pounds of butterfat and 7,362 pounds of protein in 9 lactations - Jack and Ella Chyle, Pleasant Mount.

High Quality Milk - 88,000 (Somatic Cell Count) - Sunrise Ave. Farm (Charles P. Dennis Jr.), Honesdale.

Herd Production Improvement Award For Milk, Butterfat and Protein - James Slocum, Susquehanna, and James and Julie Yatsosky, Honesdale.

Herd Production Improvement Award For Milk and Butterfat - David Noble, Beach Lake.

Herd Production Improvement Award For Protein - Carl A. Robinson, Pleasant Mount. Ken and Elaine Soden, Starrucca.

Pennsylvania D.H.I.A. Herd Management Awards - James Slocum, Susquehanna, Arthur Rutledge, RD 1, Damascus, Richfield Farms (Karl Eisenhauer Jr.), Lakeville, Kevin Burleigh, Pleasant Mount.

Wayne County D.H.I.A. herds that attained a protein production level of at least 650 pounds of protein per cow, for the testing year, received a rosette.

Included are Richfield Farms (Karl Eisenhauer Jr.), Lakeville - 701 pounds; Kevin Burleigh, Pleasant Mount - 681 pounds; Highland Farm (William R. Bryant), HC Honesdale - 671 pounds; Dale Worobey, Thompson - 664 pounds; David Noble, Beach Lake - 664 pounds; Sunrise Ave. Farm (Charles P. Dennis Jr.), Honesdale - 661 pounds; Ronald J. Mayeski, Lake Ariel - 660 pounds; Al-Mar Farm, Honesdale - 659 pounds; and Gary Fielding, Lake Ariel - 657 pounds.

Wayne County D.H.I.A. herds that achieved a butterfat production level of at least 750 pounds of butterfat per cow, for the 1992-1993 testing year, also received a rosette.

They are Row Brothers, Honesdale - 850 pounds; David Noble, Beach Lake - 814 pounds; Kevin Burleigh, Pleasant Mount - 790 pounds; James Slocum, Susquehanna - 782 pounds; Dale Worobey, Thompson - 770 pounds; Sunrise Ave. Farm (Charles P. Dennis Jr.), Honesdale - 770 pounds; Gary Fielding, Lake Ariel - 759 pounds; and Al-Mar Farm, 200 Sunrise Ave., Honesdale - 755 pounds.

Pennsylvania D.H.I.A. Supervisors/Technicians serving Wayne County dairymen are Linda L. Wagner, Moscow, Steve Kammer, Hawley, Steve Williams, Starrucca,

and Gary Williams, Starrucca.

Any dairymen seeking information about the Wayne County or Pennsylvania D.H.I.A. programs should contact the Wayne County Cooperative Extension at 253-5970, x 239 or Pennsylvania D.H.I.A. at 1-800-DHI-TEST.

Door prizes donated by Northeastern Farm Credit, ACA, and Sire Power, Inc., both of Tunkhannock, were awarded at the close of the meeting.



From the left, Doug Davis, Karl Eisenhauer, and Ed Pruss Sr., receive plaques from the Wayne County/Pa. DHIA in recognition of outstanding production. Davis is herd manager for Eisenhauer, owner of Richfield Farms, which was the high herd for milk and protein production. Pruss is owner of Pruss-Vale Holsteins and his award is for owning the cow with the highest protein production.



Charles P. Dennis Jr., receives a plaque from the Wayne County/Pa. DHIA in recognition of his high quality milk production.



From the left, daughter Jessica stands with her mother Ella Chyle, who with husband Jack (not shown) receive an award from Wayne County/Pa. DHIA for their cow Bambi for high lifetime production. Bambi made 258,725 pounds of milk, 9,352 pounds of fat and 7,362 pounds of protein in nine lactations.



Julie and Jim Yatsosky receive an award from the Wayne County/Pa. DHIA for the best herd production improvement award for milk, butterfat and protein. Over the past year, the couple's herd showed an average increase in production by 2,169 pounds of milk, 64 pounds of butterfat and 76 pounds of protein.