

Mt. Joy Cooperative Holds Banquet Meeting

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MT. JOY (Lancaster Co.) — The Mt. Joy Farmers Cooperative with its approximately 130 members, held its annual banquet and business meeting Wednesday at the Country Table Restaurant in Mt. Joy.

According to officials, the cooperative is financially strong and continues to work with very low overhead, maximizing the net received by its members, while still maintaining a strong base line.

A member of API, along with Atlantic Dairy Cooperative, Dairylea, and Cumberland Valley, the Mt. Joy cooperative has weathered a number of changes in milk marketing in the past few years.

Currently major markets for the members' milk is Beatrice Cheese, Johanna Farms, Mt. Holly Springs,

Deitrich Farms in Maryland, and Cumberland Farms in New Jersey, according to Royce Seifert, API representative.

Seifert said that the cooperative was in good financial shape, but that there have been a lot of changes in the past year and a half and there have a number of challenges to marketing milk, especially with changing owners and uses of products.

However, he said that despite the changes in ownership of processing plants, the demand for milk and dairy products will keep plants and thus markets for members milk in existence.

Marlin Benedict, auditor, said that the cooperative received the highest level of rating given in auditing.

He said the milk price was down this past year, settling in between

prices for the past two years, he said. Last year, the milk price was \$14.55 per hundredweight. This year is was \$13.80.

The average paid to members, before premiums, this year was \$12.75; last year it was \$13.52. Two years ago the price was \$12.30.

With premiums, the average price was \$12.86 for 1993; \$13.66 for 1992; and \$12.99 for 1991 (includes a 69 cents per hundred-weight redemption.)

In other business, the cooperative recognized achievements of its members. Earl Dehmey, in charge of field services, said that a new recognition was started this past year called the Inspector's Honor Roll.

According to Dehmey, the honor recognizes no antibiotics in milk, no high bacteria on tanker load; a score of 95 or better during an on farm inspection during the year; and a minimum of 11 months receiving quality premiums for milk.

Those recognized under the new distinction were Harold Witmer and Carl Brandt.

The cooperative's Honor Roll winners were Merle King, and Paul and Mark Miller. Honor Roll winners are those who have received quality premiums for 12 consecutive months.

Also during the meeting, members elected two directors to its board. Those named were Roy E. Alger and David Dum.

Alger farm in Lebanon County and has been a director of the cooperative. He also holds direc-

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From the left, new directors for the Mt. Joy Farmers Cooperative are Roy Alger and David Dum.



Paul Hostetter, 79, retiring manager of Mt. Joy Farmers Cooperative, tries out a rocking chair presented to him by the members of the cooperative, while Lancaster County Dairy Princess Marci Harnish, holds a vase of flowers Hostetter presented to her.

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(over 20 animals purchased)

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- ★ Hatfield Quality Meats
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- Brian Livingston
- Tri-County Confinement Systems
- Linda Blackburn
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