Ephrata Young Farmers Holds Awards Banquet

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EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — David Smith, president of the Ephrata Area Young Farmers Association, welcomed farmers to the 25th annual EAYFA banquet and gave awards for the 1993 year.

Winning the highest herd in milk, fat and protein was Nevin Horning, Millway Road, Lititz. The Hornings milk 50 cows and have 40 head of youngstock. Their 1993 production average was 23,318 pounds of milk and 1,516 pounds of fat and protein. The Horning farm includes 110 acres of corn, alfalfa, soybeans and barley. Nevin is also the recipient of the Active Member Award.

Second highest herd in milk, fat and protein was Robert Fox, Clay Road, Lititz. Fox milks 60 cows and raises 35 heifers. Their 1993 production average is 21,280 pounds of milk and 1,447 pounds of fat and protein. The Fox farm consists of 150 acres of corn, alfalfa, soybeans, oats, and rye.

Leonard Martin, 53 Hahnstown Road, took the award for the highest increase in milk for 1993. His production average was 20,572 pounds of milk and 1,400 pounds of fat and protein, an increase of 1,557 pounds of milk and 64 pounds of fat and protein.

Philip Risser won the dairy

award for the highest increase in fat and protein. The Risser farm is located at 400 Shreiner Road, Leola, where 70 cows are milked and 50 heifers are raised. Their 1993 production average was 19,953 pounds of milk and 1,247 pounds of fat and protein, an increase of 1,439 pounds of milk and 66 pounds of fat and protein. The Risser farm includes 70 acres of rye, corn and hay.

Scott Smith took the poultry production award. 150 capons are raised each year on the property along Swamp Bridge Road, Denver.

Steve Martin, Lincoln Gardens Road, Ephrata, won the produce production award along with his family for raising eight acres of produce which includes corn, strawberries, potatoes, beans and many other vegetables. Martins

also raise 30,000 broilers.

Charles Ackley, 900 Rebecca Drive, Lititz, won the Community Service Award. Ackley has been the past Young Farmer Advisor and worked for Pennsylvania State Extension Service testing pesticide levels in well water in the eastern half of PA. Ackley is involved with the Baron Stiegel Lions Club, the Clay Township Planning Commission and is vice president of the Ephrata Fair. Ack-

ley also received the Community Appreciation Award.

Melvin Nolt won the Outstanding Young Farmer over 30 Award. His farm which is located on Pleas-

ant View Road, Ephrata, includes raising 150 angus steers and 103 acres of corn and wheat.

John Zimmerman also was recognized with an appreciation

award for his involvement within the community. Zimmerman raises pigs and helps feed heifers that Tom Zartman keeps on his farm



EAYFA installed its officers for the 1994-95 year. Left to right are: President Philip Risser, vice president Leonard Martin, secretary Vernon J. Leininger, and public relations director Mary G. Schantz. Photo by Carol Stark.

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