

# National DHIA To Honor Several At Annual Convention

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of work at the state, regional and national levels of DHIA. That involvement included being a national director for six years, as well as serving as vice president for one year.

The award itself, named posthumously in honor of the past National DHIA president, is an annual recognition of those serving in leadership who have demonstrated outstanding and unselfish service for many years, and who the National DHIA board of directors feel has made a notable contribution to the advancement of DHIA in the United States.

Noble served from 1980 to 1988 on the New York DHIC Board, was elected its president in 1986 and 1987, and during that time he was instrumental in the formation of Northeast DHIA, bring together New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine.

Noble served on a number of national DHIA committees, including chairing the Labor Efficient Records Committee. This committee created the successful innovative testing plans project, which made great strides in linking electronic on-farm meters and computers to the DHI system.

His contributions to the value of records issue brought about a greater understanding in the dairy industry of the flow and significance of DHIA data, and the importance of an integrated dairy records industry.

He was active in the formation of the DHIA Services subsidiary in 1988 and served on that board from 1990 to 1992.

The Martin A. Wilson Award being presented to Sam Chafin is bestowed upon a person who is, or has been, employed by an affiliate DHIA in a management position for at least five years, and in the opinion of the selection committee of peers, has been dedicated to the improvement of, and provided leadership to, the advancement of DHIA.

Chafin began his DHIA career

in July 1981, as an area manager in Shenandoah Valley, Va. ONE of his many achievements as an area manager was development of the statewide meter calibration program, which helped establish Virginia as a center of excellence in accurate DHIA records.

His work with Va.DHIA's Long Range Planning Committee and with adjusting DHI rates has helped build a framework for farmers, resulting in better service to DHI members in Virginia and

## Nutrient Management Meeting Set

NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster Co.) — On Wednesday, March 2, the Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council and Penn State Cooperative Extension are providing an educational seminar and "hands on" workshop to assist you in your nutrient management planning at Yoder's Restaurant, New Holland, from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Environmental issues play a major role in decisions made on farms today. The recent enactment of nutrient management legislation in Pennsylvania will affect your swine operation. It is important for you to know your role in nutrient management planning.

Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council President Abe Fisher said, "Nutrient management may be the most important issue facing pork producers during the next five years."

Topics included in the seminar include "Concepts of Nutrient Management," "Nutrient Management Bill Requirements," and "Alternatives with Nutrient Management."

Bring your calculator to aid you in a simple assessment of your nutrient situation. A lunch will be provided, and your only cost is a \$3 registration fee.

Mark March 2 on your calendar and call Abe Fisher on Saturday, Feb. 26 at (717) 768-8378 or Monday morning, Feb. 28 at (717) 768-3301 to make your reservation.

North Carolina.

Since accepting the state manager position for the Virginia Federation of DHIA's in 1989, Chafin has guided the federation through a continuous period of change, with steadily decreasing number of dairy farmers in the urban areas of Virginia's eastern corridor.

In addition, he helped guide Blue Ridge DHIA Laboratory through a period of considerable change, culminating in a merger of lab services with North Carolina.

Last year, the entire DHIA operations of Virginia and North Carolina were brought together under United DHIA.

According to Eubert Correll, president of United DHIA, "The stability of DHIA services to dairy producers in Virginia and North Carolina has improved dramatically in the past two years due to Chafin's tireless efforts to merge the two states into one United DHIA."

The National DHIA Outstanding Service Award is presented to a DHIA manager, university worker or dairy industry person who, in the opinion of the National DHIA board of directors, has been dedicated to the improvement of, and has provided notable leadership to, the advancement of DHIA over the years.

Although Dr. Butcher has served as director of DRPC at Raleigh since April 1984, he has been involved with almost every facet of the DHI program offered by Raleigh since 1969.

His contributions to the dairy industry in computer technology have been significant. While at Raleigh, he oversaw the development of the Direct Access to Records by Telephone (DART) system. This system allows access to the processing center's computing file via on-farm terminals and allows the farmer to update his

DHI records daily.

The DART program grew to include PCDART, an on-farm software system based on periodic access to the DRPC. As a result of these programs, dairy producers have unlimited access to their own farm management information without incurring major on-line telephone costs.

Other computer programs Butcher has been instrumental in developing include Total Program Entry (TPE), a software package for use by DHIA technicians; CAS, an accounting program for state DHIA affiliates to manage their finances with little duplication of entry, CD DART, an on-line access program for consultants; and DART-SAS, a statistical package for use with DHIA data for education-research efforts.

One of Butcher's early contributions was his development of a milkfat variance program for monitoring milkfat tests run by DHI technicians.

Butcher has served on many National DHIA committees, including the first Quality Certification Committee, which boosted the consistency of DHIA records.

In 1993, Raleigh was the first processing center to complete programming for a standard transfer format, allowing a complete electronic transfer of a cow's or herd's data from one center to another.

In his 25 years of service to the dairy industry, Butcher has addressed numerous groups in the United States and several foreign countries and authored at least 40 scientific and general articles.

## Dairylea Members To Chair YC Program



Sharon and David Smith, Dairylea members from Middleport, N.Y., will chair the National Milk Producers Federation's 1994 Young Cooperator Advisory Council.

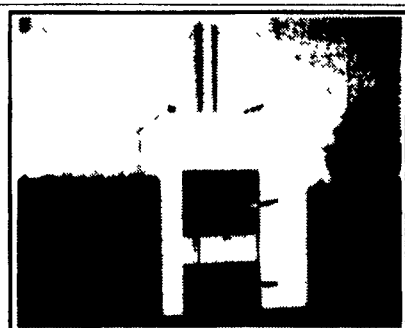
SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Young Cooperators from across the region elected David and Sharon Smith, Dairylea members from Middleport, N.Y., to chair the National Milk Producers Federation's (NMPF's) 1994 Young Cooperator (YC) Advisory Council.

The Smiths were selected from 72 other young farm couples at the NMPF's Annual Meeting this winter in New Orleans, La.

"The YC program is a leadership program designed to educate and develop tomorrow's dairy leaders," David explained. The Smiths said they had a wonderful time in New Orleans, especially talking and meeting with people from across the country and getting new ideas.

"We really enjoyed meeting other young farmers who are interested in milk promotion, producing quality milk and furthering the positive image of the dairy industry," Sharon said.

The Smiths milk 60 cows and farm 250 acres in Niagara County.



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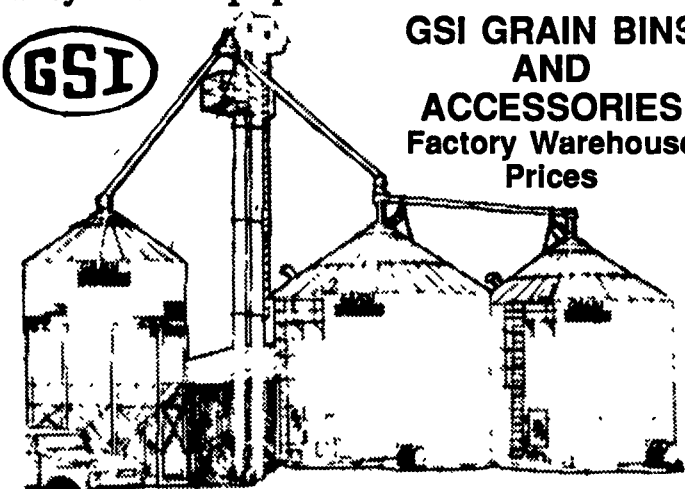
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