

Atlantic Couples To Compete In Cooperator Contest

SOUTHAMPTON (Bucks Co.)
— Nine young farmer couples from Atlantic Dairy Cooperative will compete in the 24th annual Pennmarva Young Cooperator Contest March 23-24 at the Willow Valley Resort and Conference

Center in Lancaster.

Sponsored annually by the Pennmarva Dairymen's Federation, the contest recognizes outstanding leadership skills and knowledge of cooperatives. A

panel of three judges will select an Outstanding Young Cooperator couple and four runners-up.

The nine contestants, known as Young Cooperators, were selected to participate in the program based on their dairy proficiency and community leadership. The couples and the Atlantic districts they represent are Richard and Betsy Moris of Newark, Del., District 4; Thomas and Shirley Krall of Lebanon, District 7; John and Julie Mayer of Taneytown, Md., District 10; and Victor and Carolyn Yoder of Belleville, District 13.

Also, John and Peggy Clowney of Gettysburg, District 16; Lawrence III and Debbie Vickers of Kearneysville, W. Va., District 17; Joseph and Beth Laughlin of Lewistown, District 18; John and Sandy Stemrich of Stillwater, District 19; and Douglas and Deborah Myers of Mount Union, District 20.

Atlantic's Young Cooperator program is designed to educate young farmer members about cooperatives and the dairy industry. The yearlong program, which includes attendance at board of

director meetings, the annual delegate meeting and educational seminars, develops leadership among cooperative members, ages 21 through 35.

Two other members of the Pennmarva Dairymen's Federa-

tion — Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative and the Mid-Atlantic Division of Dairymen Inc. — also announce their Outstanding Young Cooperators during the two-day contest.

Storage Tank Meeting Rescheduled

REHRERSBURG (Berks Co.)
— State Rep. Sheila Miller, R-Berks County, has rescheduled a public meeting for farmers concerning the DER underground storage tank act and its impact on their operations.

Due to adverse weather conditions, the meeting originally scheduled for March 3 had to be cancelled. The new meeting is to be March 31, at 7 p.m. in the Bethel Community Center.

The Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act was signed into law in 1989 (Act 32). This law, and the regulations which were adopted as a result of this statute (25 Pa. Code), have created much concern and raised many questions. Section 705 of the regulations deals with the powers and duties of the

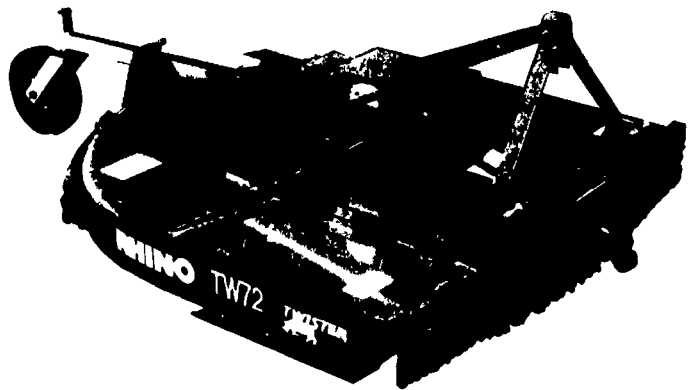
Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund, and fees that are associated with the fund.

Ron Gallagher, a representative from the Insurance Department Indemnification Fund board will be on hand to give explanations and answer questions regarding the program.

"Many farmers have been in contact with me since the beginning of the year," said Miller. "I am hoping this meeting will be able to answer many questions and help to identify problem areas in the law and regulations which severely affect agriculture. Once this information is gathered, I will be better able to go to Harrisburg and see what, if anything, can be done to correct this financial drain."

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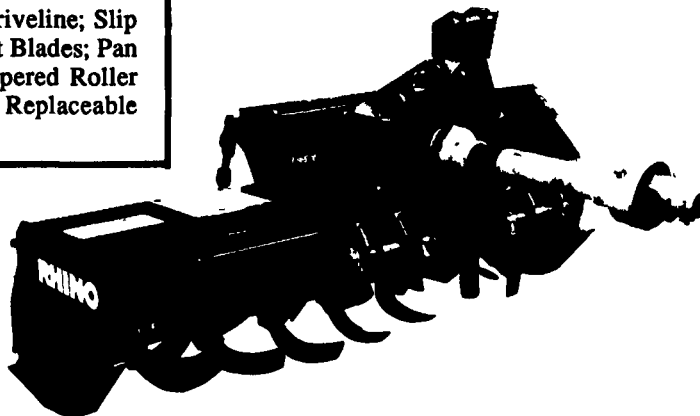


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The recessive genetic condition which causes the BLAD disease is a concern for them with selling bulls, but Alan said it is still worth it to have the contracts.

So far, he said they have marketed more than 140 embryos overseas. He said Japanese buyers had recently been to the farm to look over his cattle.

The 85-cow herd is managed for milk production, but owners Mark and Alan Meyers, said the concentrate mostly on merchandising.

Alan explained how he ended up with Tidy-Brook Sally Ned Boy. He said he was actually trying to get some semen from Blackstar and ended up with Ned Boy, although, at the time, Ned Boy didn't have much of a proof and no information was out on his daughters.

On her first lactation she made 26,650 pounds of milk, 892 pounds fat and 878 pounds of protein.

As a 3-year-old, she made 37,350 pounds of milk, 1,214 pounds of fat and 1,214 pounds of protein in 305 days, ranking second in the state for registered Holsteins for protein production.

When the lactation was extended to 365 days, she came in with the third highest amount of protein with 1,349 pounds, from 41,455 pounds of milk, and 1,379 pounds of fat.

All the bulls go to A.I., with contracts with most U.S. studs and two bulls going to Japan, according to the Meyers. Any bulls that don't get sold into A.I. go locally for on-farm use.

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