

Pennmarva Young Cooperators

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from Virginia Tech in 1981. Elizabeth is a 1978 Middletown High School graduate and earned her human nutrition degree in 1982 from Virginia Tech. They have three children.

The Morris family is active in church and ag activities. Elizabeth is a 4-H leader and Richard serves as advisor to the campus agriculture fraternity. He is a director and past president of the Delaware Holstein Association and serves on Atlantic Dairy's hauling committee.

Victor and Carolyn Yoder, Belleville, were named fourth runners-up. Shawnee-Vu Farm, owned by his parents, includes the 105-head milking herd averaging 19,000 milk and 700 fat, and 200 acres of alfalfa and corn. Victor is responsible for herd management and daily scheduling for their farm employee.

Both are graduates of Kishacoquillas High School, Victor in 1983 and Carolyn in 1987. He earned his agricultural economics and rural sociology degree from Penn State in 1988 and Carolyn earned her licensed practical nursing degree in 1989 from Mifflin-Juniata Vo-Tech. She is employed part time in a physicians office. The couple has one child.

The Yoders are active leader in their church, and members of the Holstein Association. Victor serves as vice-president of the local Sire Power committee.

Judges for the contest were Donna Duncan, representing the Pennsylvania Council of Cooperatives, Noel Davis, an agricultural insurance broker, and Gary Hennip, Northeast Division sales and service director for Sire Power.

Atlantic's young cooperator couple and first runners-up will represent ADC at the December National Milk Producers Federation meeting in Dallas, Texas, while the second, third and fourth-runnerup couples will attend the National Institute of Cooperative Education conference, to be held in Washington, D.C. in mid-July. All five winning couples will serve on ADC's young cooperator consultant committee.

Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers

Williamsburg dairy farmers David and Terelle Rice were named outstanding young cooperators by Maryland Virginia Milk producers. They are sole operators of their 54-head registered Holsteins and 58 acres cropped to alfalfa, corn and pasture. Rolling herd average is 20,465 milk, 758 fat and 658 protein. They custom-hire field work and have a goal of using more intensive grazing on their acreage.

The couple has two children, Anthony 3, and Yolanda Sue, 6-months and the family is active with the Martinsburg Mennonite Church. They are members of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association, Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, Blair-Bedford Crop Management Association, Pennsylvania Association of Sustainable Agriculture and the Ridge and Valley Network.

Mark and Lois Yoder, Imler, were chosen first runnerup winners. The Yoders operate Mid-Vel Farms with his parents. Herd average on their 55-registered Holstein milking string is 22,563 milk, 785 fat and 712 protein. Corn, alfalfa and grass hay are the primary crops planted to the farm's 203 acres.

Mark, Lois and their one-year-
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Young Cooperator winning couples for Atlantic Dairy Cooperative are, from left, John and Julie Mayer, winners; Joe and Beth Laughlin, runners-up; Thomas and Shirley Krall, third; Richard and Betsy Morris, fourth, and Victor and Carolyn Yoder, fifth.



Land O'Lakes Vice President Don Berg related to Pennmarva Dairy Federation young cooperators his "be-attitudes": Be realistic, be pro-active, be a solver, be an opportunist, be positive, be informed, be profitable, be well, and be healthy.

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