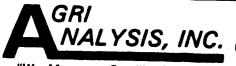
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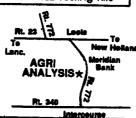
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Pennmarva Young Cooperators Chosen

(Continued from Page A21) old son Jonathan are members of the Trinity United Church of Christ. The Yoders were both active 4-H and FFA members. They continue their agriculture and community interests and leadership through the Bedford DHIA, Claysburg Community Farm Show, Agway, Select Sires and the Mansion Cove Dairy Show,

where Mark serves as a director. Virginia dairy producers Craig and Karen Boyd were named second runner-up winners. They are sole owners of their dairy operation, with a 55-head registered Holstein milking herd and corn, alfalfa and grass hay in the 220

Octorara Young Farmers Melvin and Barbara Marks own and operate **Set Awards** Dinner

ATGLEN (Chester Co.) - The Octorara Young Farmers 1994 awards dinner will be held on Monday, April 11, at 6:45 p.m. in the West Fallowfield Christian School.

The speaker will be Rep. Robert Walker. Walker will address the NAFTA trade agreement and how it impacts agriculture to present from the national perspective.

A family-style turkey dinner has been reserved at a cost of \$9 for adults and \$6 for children under 10.

Please plan to be a part of this evening by calling Neal King, secretary, at (610) 593-7211 or the Octorara High School Ag Ed department at (610) 593-8259. Please call before Monday, April acres they crop. Rolling herd average on DHIA is 19,094 pounds milk, 655 fat and 632 protein. One goal of the Boyds is genetics merchandising through bull contracts and embryo sales.

The couple has two daughters, 5-year-old Kelsie and 3-year-old Carleigh. Active in their local church and community, they are members of the Holstein Assocatioin and Virginia Tech's Dairy Science Alumni. Karen coaches the Loudoun County 4-H dairy judging team.

Third runners-up Marks own and operate their 54-head registered Holstein herd at Airville. Average production is 18,129 pounds milk, 690 fat and 603 protein. Rotational grazing plays a large role in their acreage use, with the farm's 80 acres cropped in alfalfa and improved pasture.

Melvin and Barbara have three daughters, Erin, 10, Nicole, 8, and Trisha, 6. Both are Sunday School teachers at Chanceford Presbyterian Church and the family is active in 4-H and FFA. The Marks' agriculture involvement includes York Coutny DHIA and Holstein Club, Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, National Forage and Grassland Council, Sire Power and Atlantic Breeders Cooperative.

The Rices and the Yoders will attend both the National Institute of Cooperation and National Milk Producers Federation meeting on behalf of Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers. The Boyds and the Marks will also attend the NICE conference.

Judges for the Maryland and Virginia contest were Brill Jones, vice president of Ag Finance, Central Fidelity Bank, Patricia Stroup, dairy producer and treasurer of Eastern Milk Producer's young cooperators, and Paul Stull, retired vo-ag teacher and vo-tech school principal.

> Middle Atlantic Division Dairymen, Inc.

Terry Stump, York, was named the Young Dairymen division winner for the Middle Atlantic Division, Dairymen Inc.

Terry has farmed with the Joseph Stump family at their Stump Acres Farm since graduating from high school in 1984. In 1993, a three-way partnership was formed between Terry, his father and a partner who had been active in the operation for 27 years. The operation includes an 84-head registered Holstein herd, 80-head Angus beef herd, 1500 acres owned and rented, and a raw milk jugging store on the farm.

Herd responsibilities handled by Terry include breeding, feeding, keeping the computerized records and evening milkings.

Terry is a member and director on the York County board of the Pennsylania Farm Bureau and a Sunday School teacher.

He will represent the Middle Atlantic Division at the Dairymen, Inc. Young Dairymen contest, to be held during the cooperative's annual meeting in December in Louisville, Kentucky. Judges of the contest were members of the division's young dairymen committee.

Winners from the three cooperatives were announced during a combined awards luncheon, following two days of interviews and cooperative education seminars.

> Luncheon speaker was Don Berg, vice president of Land O'Lakes dairy cooperative, who told participants and guests that successful producers must deal in reality and look for opportunity.

> Dairy reality, he said, is that the marketplace is increasingly dominated by "big players" and the "Wal-Mart phenomenon" of the cheapest possible price. Retailers do not want constant price violatilty or heavy investment in inventory.

> "We need to get rid of the habit of blaming others rather than ourselves," Berg told the dairy participants. 'Create the future."

To meet that challenge, he believes producers must commit to maintaining a dairy industry that will be a vital part of a regional economy, create lifestyles for themselves that meet their social and financial needs and support producers who use progressive technology and measure themselves against the rest of the world.

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