

Wayne County DHIA Recongizes Member Achievements

HONESDALE (Wayne Co.) — The 68th annual meeting and dinner of the Wayne County affiliate of Pennsylvania DHIA (Pa.DHIA) was held recently at the Bethany Methodist Church Hall, near Honesdale, with about 80 dairymen and their families, plus other dairy industry people in attendance.

David Slusser, general manager for Pa.DHIA, was the featured speaker. His talk was mostly about the recent reorganization of Pa.DHIA, including downsizing total staff, relocating the computer facilities back into the owned laboratory building on Penn State campus, using new lap top computers, and the restructuring and raising of testing fees for member herds.

He also talked about the switch of testing methods by many Pa.DHIA members, going from the traditional twice-per-day, 2X testing to the AM-PM program. This second program is considered very accurate and results with official records for breed testing and production recognition awards, in addition to saving both the member and the association time and money.

John Castrogiovanni, of Montrose, a District 6 director to Pa.DHIA, also spoke during the meeting, and made some brief remarks in review and support of Pa.DHIA.

In its own business, the Wayne County reported 98 herds finishing the affiliations 68th year. Total number of cows on test was 4,747. The average production per cow was 17,214 pounds of milk, 630 pounds of butterfat, and 555 pounds of protein.

The average county cow produced \$2,266 in milk income during 1994, and had a total feed cost of \$978. Net income over feed cost averaged \$1,288 per cow.

The grain to milk ratio was 1:2.6, and the average feed cost per hundredweight of milk was \$5.68.

In awards presentations, a number of county-high production recognitions were made.

The high herd for milk production was owned by George and Dave Banicky, or Thompson, with 22,293 pounds of milk. They also were honored for having the herd with the highest averaging protein production, with 712 pounds.

The Rowe Brothers, of Honesdale, were recognized for their herd's production of 941 pounds butterfat per cow. The Rowe Brothers also owned the county's highest butterfat producing cow, Daylight, making 1,349 pounds in a 305-day lactation.

In the improvement awards, the Banickys were honored for having the best production improvement for milk, butterfat and protein, and



From the left, Charles Keating Jr., Robble Sibello, Dave Banicky, and Amy and Chuck Theobald receive production awards from Wayne County DHIA.



From the left, Dave Banicky receives a production award for having high herd for milk and protein production, while Amy Theobald receives an award for the high butterfat and protein production by one of her cows, Pretty.

for their management improvement.

Others receiving recognition include Riverside Farm, owned by Chuck and Amy Theobald, of Waymart, whose cow Pretty made 31,033 pounds of milk, the highest individual record. Pretty was also recognized for making 963 pounds of protein.

Also, the Theobalds were runners up in the herd production improvement award for milk and all components.

D. Ellis and Daisy Dix, of Pleasant Mount, were honored for their cow Terry's high lifetime production of milk and butterfat. Terry produced 273,160 pounds of milk

and 8,778 pounds of butterfat in 16 lactations.

Jack and Ella Chyle, of Pleasant Mount, were honored for the production of their cow Alice's lifetime production of 7,018 pounds of protein in nine lactations.

Jim and Cindy Grossman, of Honesdale, received a high quality milk award for having the lowest somatic cell count, at 78,000 SCC.

The award for having the herd with the best improvement for protein production went to N. Gary Kravetsky, of Thompson, while the award for having the herd with the best improvement in milk and protein production was presented to Charles Keating Jr., of Lake Ariel.



From the left, Dave Banicky, representing the George and Dave Banicky farm, and Bill Bryant are presented with awards recognizing the achievement of a herd average of more than 700-pounds protein production by their respective Wayne County herds.



From the left, Daisy and D. Ellis Dix, receive an award for the lifetime production of one of their cows, while Ella Chyle receives an award recognizing one of her cow's outstanding lifetime protein production records.



From the left, Jim and Cinde Grossman receive an award for having the herd with the lowest average somatic cell count in Wayne County.

Keystone Farm Credit Schedules Meetings

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Keystone Farm Credit's 1995 annual meetings have been scheduled for April 3 - 4.

The Holiday Inn in Lehigh Valley will be the site of the first meeting and Yoder's Restaurant

will be the location of the second meeting. Registration will begin at 6 p.m. at both locations with dinner being served at 7 p.m. followed by the business meeting.

Four director positions and seven nominating committee positions will be voted on by the stockholders in attendance. Results of the elections will be available after noon on April 5 by contacting one of the branch offices. Also, a news release will be issued to announce the results.

Philip Kimmel, president and CEO of Keystone Farm Credit, will give a report on the association's activities and financial status for 1994 and provide a preview of what goals the association has established for 1995. In addition, entertainment will be provided as well as door prizes.

Registration materials will be mailed to each stockholder during March. Stockholders are encouraged to attend the meeting most convenient to them.

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