

## ADC District 13 Honors Achievements

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REEDSVILLE (Mifflin Co.)—"I was shooting for the bonus, not the award," said Roland Pecht of the quality milk award presented to him at the Atlantic Dairy Cooperative (ADC) Big Valley Local District 13 annual meeting, held recently at the Camelot Country Restaurant in Reedsville.

This Milroy dairy farmer and his wife were one of three recipients of the award, given for an inspection score of 90 or above for 12 consecutive months.

But Roland and his wife Amy had added reason for being proud of the award—it was earned in their first year milking on their own.

"We have a good dry cow program. We keep the cows clean, dry and treated. Our milk cows have dry sawdust bedding. The DHIA records help with knowing the somatic cell count," Pecht said of what he thinks his farming operation does to produce top-quality milk.

"We try to devise a plan that is right for our farm situation. Each

farm is different, but we're putting effort into ours."

The Pechts milk 25 cows in a parlor and have an 800-acre crop arrangement with his father. Their farm name is R & A Holsteins.

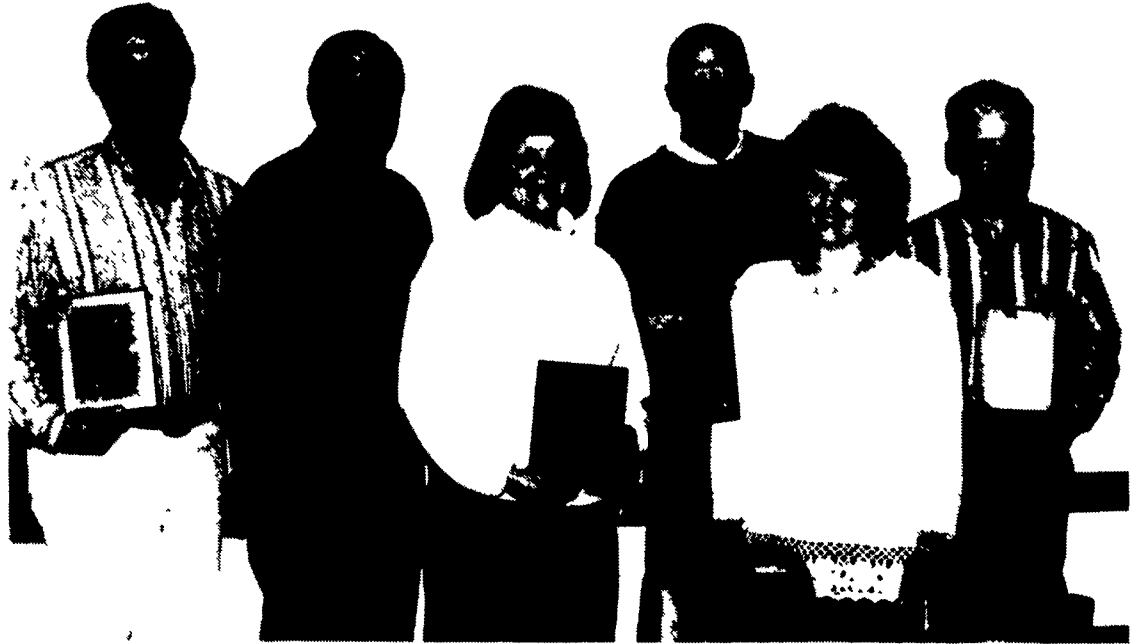
Frank and Edith Hartzler said they believe last year's update of their pipeline, bulk tank, and cleaning equipment contributed to their winning the quality milk award.

"We check the milk house every night to make sure the equipment was washed and cleaned properly," Edith explained. "We make sure that the milk has cooled down."

The Hartzlers farm 110 acres of their own Hartzler Acres and additional rented ground. They milk 70 cows in a stanchion barn.

J. Lester and Ray Yoder of Dry House Farm said keeping things generally clean overall helped produce milk worthy of the quality award that Lester accepted at the banquet.

"We teat dip all the time, keep the cows clean, keep the equipment clean. If any count goes up at any time, we check into it to see if things are washing correctly," Ray



From the left, members of Atlantic Dairy Cooperative's District 13 are recognized and awarded: John Yoder, for 25-years membership; Frank and Edith Hartzler, for quality milk and 25-years membership; Roland and Amy Pecht, for quality milk; and J. Lester Yoder, for quality milk.

said. "If the SCC case is chronic, we send the cow for beef. She's not worth keeping."

Ray also suggested buying high

quality cleaners and not relying on less expensive brands that might do an inadequate job.

Lester and Ray are brothers

who farm 200 acres and parlor milk about 105 cows.

ADC Field Representative Martin J. Smith recognized Frank and Edith Hartzler as 25-year members of the Atlantic Dairy Cooperative. John Allen Yoder received the same award, as well as Lowell and Savilla Peachey.

In other business, David Stuck from Bellville presented the annual meeting report. Held Dec. 17 and 18 in Lancaster, Stuck said delegates submitted resolutions concerning quicker return of milk

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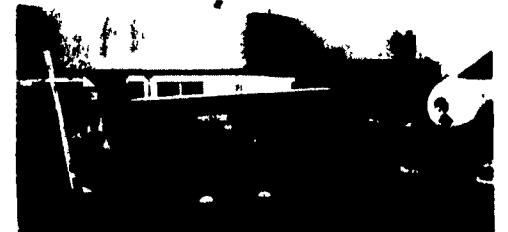
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