

Lebanon DHIA Members Elect Officers, Discuss MUN

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MYERSTOWN (Lebanon Co.) — The Lebanon County Dairy Herd Improvement Association (DHIA) held its annual meeting Thursday evening at Myerstown Church of the Brethren.

The banquet-meeting is held to review the past year's accomplishments and talk about future direction, recognize outstanding production and quality by member herds and individual cows, and to elect directors. Kenneth Sellers, of Annville, presided.

Lebanon County is well known for its quality cattle and has ranked first or second in highest averaging herd milk production among DHIA herds in the state. This year it ranked second.

Receiving recognition for having the county's top averaging herd for milk, fat and protein production was Meadow Spring Farm, owned by Nelson Sensenig,

of Newmanstown. The farm also was the top averaging herd in the state for the production of milk and protein.

Sensenig's 94-cow herd averaged 30,758 pounds of milk, 961 pounds of fat and 980 pounds of protein on a three-times-per-day milking schedule.

Sensenig also received recognition for having the top protein producing cow in the county. Meadow Spring Farm No. 80, a 5-year-old, was also the top milk and protein producing cow in the state on DHIA test. She made 49,348 pounds of milk, 1,408 pounds of protein and 917 pounds of fat.

Overall, three of Sensenig's cows were rated among the top 10 milk producers, as well as being the top three protein producers.

David Brandt, of Annville, was recognized as the winner of the county herd management award, while Barry Hostetter was presented with the award for having

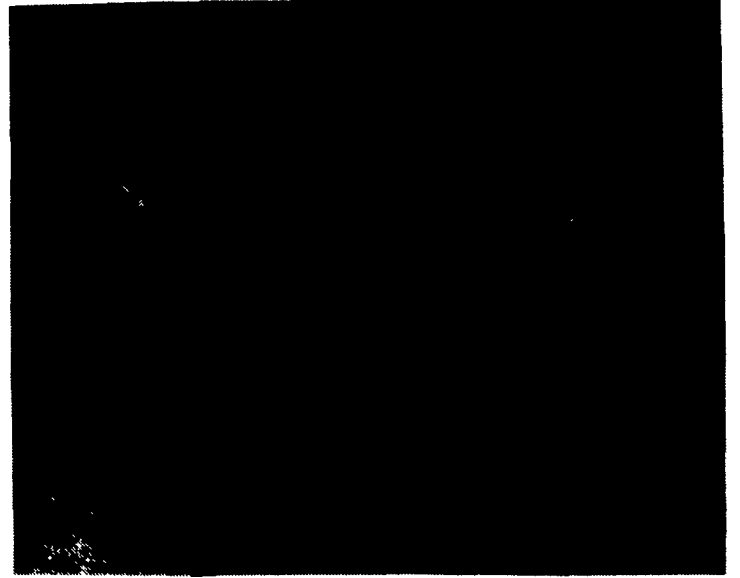
the herd with the lowest somatic cell count, at 107,000.

Speaking to the group was David Shenk III, the DHIA regional manager, state director and Pa.DHIA treasurer Dale Hoover, and Dean Amick, the Pa.DHIA director of field services.

Hoover reviewed the structure of Pa.DHIA, the responsibilities of DHIA directors, and some changes within the system. He also discussed the 1996 budget that the organization has been working on. According to Hoover, the finances of the Pa.DHIA have turned around during the past six months and its cash position is in "good shape."

He said that the outlook for the cooperative is good, as long as members keep in mind that DHIA is a cooperative "and we all have to work together."

He also discussed uniform pricing, which has long been a goal of some, though balancing costs fair-



From the left, Dennis Wampler presents a plaque to Dennis Brandt commemorating Brandt's achievement as the recipient of the 1995 Lebanon County DHIA herd management award.

ly has proven difficult with some different pricing formulas being used around the state and for other reasons, Hoover said it has been difficult to get pricing uniformity.

He said Pa.DHIA is also looking across the nation at other cooperatives to see what future needs might be and how best to approach (Turn to Page A36)

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Smysers Continue As Top County Herd

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In the low somatic cell category, Edwin Calhoun's 149,000 average topped the second place herd of Applehurst Farm, with 158,000. Third was Glen and Gary Crowl, 178,000, Glen and Dawn Anderson, 195,000, and Rutter's with 204,000.

Most protein production improvement in herds under 600

was topped with Hidden Springs Farm, Holstein herd, at 96 pounds, with their mixed herd in second place on an improvement of 85 pounds. Third was David Emig, 79 pounds, fourth was Woodbine Farms, 77 pounds, and Elvin Deiter, fifth, with 76 pounds.

In herds over 600 pounds, Beshore Farm finished first with 39 pounds, over Rutter's with 38

pounds, Dale Ranck with 37 pounds, TayAcres with 36 pounds and William Myers, with 34 pounds.

A 113-point total put Smyser's Richlawn Farm at the top of herd management tally, followed by William Myers, 108 points, Ramsey Cooper, Jr., 105 points, Rutter Bros., 102 points and Rutter's with 90 points.



From the left, York County DHIA President Scott Cooper presents a certificate of appreciation from the county DHIA to Gary Thoman and wife Gail for Thoman's six years of service on the board of directors, several of which he served as president. Also helping to present the award is Neil McCullough, DHIA district director.

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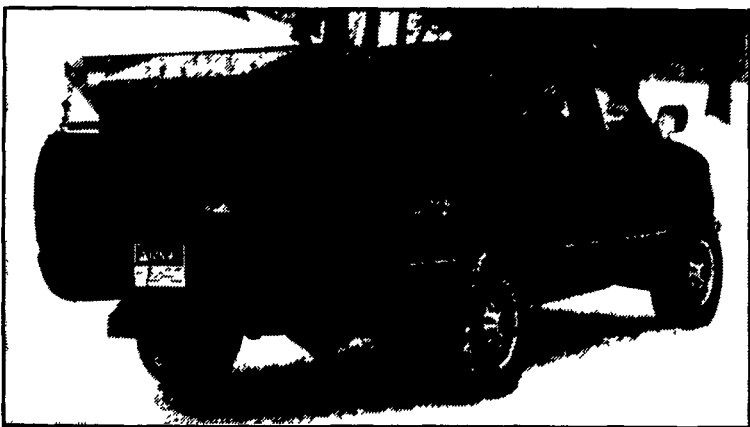
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