

Adams County DHIA Names Top Herds

GETTYSBURG (Adams Co.)—The Lagging Stream Farm of Thomas Clowney and sons, Robert and John, of Gettysburg, ranked first among 33 herds completing records in the Dairy Herd Improvement Association in Adams County in 1995.

This management team was also recognized with the first place herd management award at the 69th annual awards banquet held Dec. 14, at the fire hall in Harney, Maryland.

Other herds finishing in the top 10 included Roy A. Weaner Jr., of Gettysburg; Way Brite

Farms, Gettysburg; Beaver Run Farms, New Oxford; JoBo Holstein Farm, Gettysburg; Leroy Deputy, East Berlin; Latimore Valley Farm, York Springs; Stoner Dairy, East Berlin; R and K Cunningham, Gardners; and Jo Jen Hess, Gettysburg.

President Jeffrey King, York Springs, presided at the meeting and introduced guests. Treasurer Marcia Brown presented a current financial report. In an election of directors, Jeff King and Alan Zepp were retained on the board, Francis Pennings was elected to

replace Samuel Stoner.

Julie Zepp, the Adams County dairy princess, reported that she and alternate Dairy Princess Joy Hess are busy presenting in-store promotions. She announced that a Winross truck recognizing the 40th anniversary of the state dairy princess program is being offered for sale as a fund-raiser to support the program. Interested persons should call Bonnie Hess at (717) 334-8553.

Representing the Pennsylvania DHIA program, David Shenk, regional manager

urged dairymen to explore the tailor-made testing programs which can be obtained at reduced cost.

Dean Amick, director of Field Operations, reported a very successful beginning for the Milk Urea Nitrogen program. First offered in October, a total of 1,066 herds have already enrolled with several reporting a reduction in feed costs made possible by the MUN test for protein levels in the milk. He invited DHIA members to attend the district meeting which will be held at the Cross Keys Inn, Adams County, on Feb. 1 and the state meeting scheduled for Feb. 16, in State College.

County Agent Thomas E. Piper presented a summary of results of production testing for 1995. With 3,360 cows on test, average milk production at 19,453 pounds exceeded the state average with the county ranking 7th in Pennsylvania. An average 616 pounds of protein was produced by each Adams County cow on test. A total of 1,284 cows, nearly one-third of those in the member herds, were removed during the year due to low production, health causes, or sale.

A cow in the herd of Ray Dutterer, Littlestown, was honored for producing 217,127 pounds of milk in her lifetime. The Robert C. Hoffman herd was recognized for producing the highest quality milk. Awards for high cow single lactation production of milk and protein went to Penn Gate Farm near Littlestown.

Following Clowney's Lagging Stream Farm in receiving the Pa. DHIA herd management award were Latimore Valley Farm in second place, Stoner Dairy in third, Robert C. Hoffman, fourth, and Getty Acres in fifth place.

Piper urged dairy farmers to enroll in Dairy MAP training, the "Managing for Success" module, which will be offered Jan. 3 and 17, at Hoss's Steak and Sea House, Gettysburg.

A Dairy Day program has been planned for Jan. 29 at the same location and a DHIA Production Records Workshop to feature David Shenk, Dean Amick, and Dr. Larry Specht, Penn State Extension Specialist, on Monday, Feb. 26.



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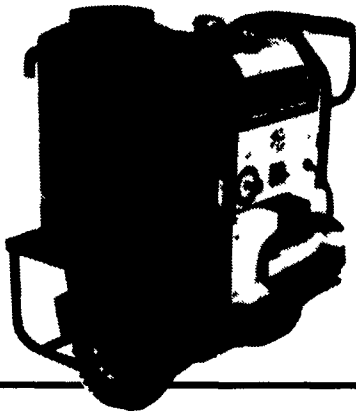
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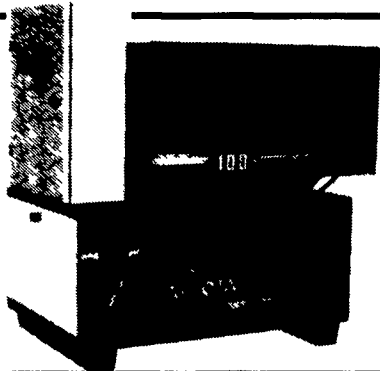
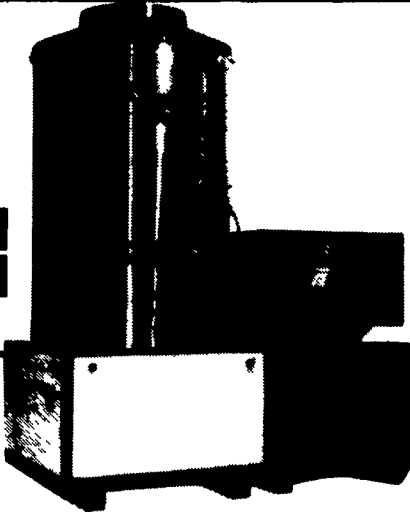
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