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nothing to do with indexes. "The A Value can be a good thing, but it can die without any use," he said.

Tom Dum from the National Holstein Association challenged the group to talk to neighbors who are not currently identifying their cows. Identification is dropping off not only at the state level, but nationally as well.

He said there is a \$175 to \$300 difference in milk yield on identified versus unidentified cattle. Identifying at a sale is the icing on the cake, he said, stressing that identification is also important as a management tool.

Four delegates from Maryland will be attending the National convention this year. The four delegates are to be Jason Myers, Joe Schwartzbeck, Mike Allen, and Carl Bender. This year's national convention is to be held in Dallas-Ft. Worth, Texas.

Members voted unanimously to adopt a proposed change in the Association bylaw. The name of the organization was officially changed from the Maryland Holstein-Friesian Association Inc. to the Maryland Holstein Association Inc.

Election of new officers for the Association came during the morning meeting. Charles Lager stepped down after serving two terms as president. Replacing Lager as president is Jason Myers of Carroll County. Serving as vice president is Carl Bender of Garrett County. Anita Hill is to continue in her role as secretary-treasurer.

Two directors were newly elected. They are Robbie Shaw from Washington County and Richard Kepler of Frederick County. Re-elected as directors for the coming year were Cam Davis and Harold Smith.

Progressive Breeders Registry awards were a highlight of the convention.

Award winners included Marlin Hoff, New Windsor, 15 years; Donald L. Wilcom, Ijamsville, 8 years; Dennis E. Savage, Keymar, 6 years; Savage-Leigh Farm, Knoxville, 6 years; Roy W. Crow, Kennedyville, 5 years; Kevin Scott Hood, Middletown, 3 years; Paul and Henry Kinsinger, Oakland, 2 years; and Mendelssohn Terrace Farm, Damascus, 2 years.

There were five Progressive Genetics Herd award winners honored.

These awards are given to the herds with the highest average TPI of all females in the herd.

Winners were Allen Bros., Glen-Toctin, Jefferson, 195 head, 5 years; Richard D. Flickinger, Flickstead, Union Bridge, 185 head, 5 years; Marlin Hoff, Coldsprings, New Windsor, 746 head, 5 years; K. Scott Hood, Hoodstead, Middletown, 111 head, 5 years; and Jason and Donna Myers, Windsor Manor, New Windsor, 118 head, 5 years.

Production and Type award winners included the Remsburg Sales Service Trophy (Jr. 2-yr.-old) to Centerdel Farm, Inc. for Centerdel Mascot J. Funky, with 29,930 ECM 2y3m 28,940 milk 1,035 fat 981 protein.

The Kimstead Farm Trophy in memory of Wm. J. Kimbles, IV (Sr. 2-yr.-old) was presented to Mendelssohn Terrace Farm, Damascus for Mendelssohn Uphold Irene, with 29,318 ECM 2y10m 28,530 milk 1,012 fat 956 protein.

The Whitelyn Farms Trophy donated by Dottie and Buzz White (3-yr.-old) went to Kenlin Martin, Smithsburg for Jawood Elton Karla, 41,531 ECM 3y1m 39,708 milk 1,466 fat 1,328 protein.

The Glad-Mar Farm Trophy donated by Ken and Danny Holland (4-yr.-old) went to Savage-Leigh Farm Knoxville for Savage-Leigh Blackstar Kate, 40,978 ECM 4y0m 41,620 milk 1,449 fat 1,195 protein. The Maple Farm Trophy (5-yr.-old) went to Jacob Pieper, White Hall, for Eternal Flame Bell Ruby, 44,633 ECM 5y3m 40,200 milk 1,776 fat 1,179 protein.

The Coldsprings Farm Trophy (6-yr.-old and older) went to Savage-Leigh Farm for Savage-Leigh Christmas Star, 45,188 ECM 6y3m 37,370 milk 1,848 fat 1,255 protein. The Derrwyn Holstein Trophy donated by Gary and Brenda Derr (lifetime milk) went to

Kenneth and Shirley Zimmerman, Frederick for Zimmandale Van Lynn, 276,330 milk, 14 lactations.

The Central Md. Farm Credit ACA Trophy (lifetime fat) went to Harmony Farm, Federalsburg for MD-Harmony Alex Bidy, 9,757 lbs. of fat, 10 lactations.

The Maryland-Virginia Milk Producers Association Inc. Trophy (high herd with 89 cows and under for milk - DHI) went to Hobble-Hill Farm, Keymar with 86 cows, 25,212 ECM 22,524 milk 980 fat 716 protein.

The Southern District of Sire Power Inc. Trophy (high herd 90 cows and over for milk - DHI) went to Savage-Leigh Farm with 176 cows, 27,945 ECM 25,103 milk 1,072 fat 813 protein.

A Hoodstead Farm Trophy donated by Scott and Judy Hood (high herd 90 cows and under for milk - DHI) went to David and Carole Doody, Union Bridge for 43 cows, 28,837 ECM 27,975 milk 1,015 fat 909 protein.

An American Breeders Service-sponsored Trophy (DHIR - milk - over 90 cows) went to Savage-Leigh Farm for 154 cows, 28,859 ECM 26,313 milk 1,097 fat 840

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From the left, Clarence Stauffer, representing Holstein Association USA, stands with Maryland Holstein Association winners of the Progressive Genetics Herd Award Jason Myers, Dick Sutton for Marlin Hoff, James Allen representing Allen Bros., and Scott Hood. Not pictured is Richard Flickinger.

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A Lindmabe Farm Trophy donated by Lindsay and Steve Wilson (high MFP \$ cow) went to Catoctin Embryo Transfer, Mt. Airy for Catoctin Mascot Luna-ET.

A Cove Run Farm Trophy donated by the Gars Bender Family (highest MFP \$ cow bred and owned) went to Catoctin Embryo

Transfer for Catoctin Mascot Luna-ET.

The Futuraland 2020 Holsteins Trophy donated by Greg Wiles (highest herd BAA over 90 cows) went to Oren C. Bender, Accident, for his 100 cows, 107.5 BAA.

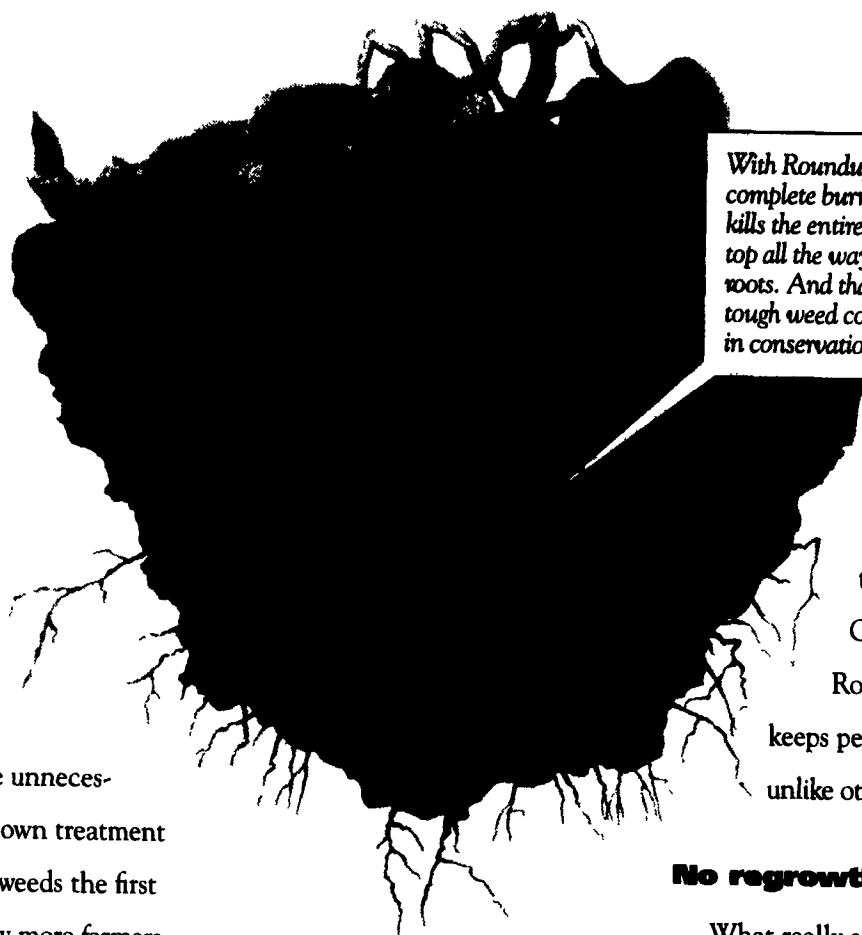
A Glen-Toctin Farm sponsored trophy donated by the Allen Family (high herd BAA under 90 cows)

went to two farms — Dan Hollingsworth, III, Denton with 43 cows, 109.5 BAA; and George Wm. Smith, Frederick, with 34 cows, 109.5 BAA.

A Green Castle Holsteins Trophy donated by Brian Galbreath (high CTPI cow) went to Gregory C. Wiles, Williamsport for Con-

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