



Scott Cooper, center, was recognized by York DHIA members for his service as a director and county president of the testing cooperative. Offering congratulations were York County Dairy Princess Tanya Thoman and Pennsylvania DHIA general manager David Slusser.



The Walker family's Walk-Le farms earned four top honors at the annual York DHIA awards program. Representing the family were son Brad, Brenda and Leroy Walker.

## Winners of York DHIA Awards Announced

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SHREWSBURY (York Co.) —  
Walk-Le Farms snagged four of the top awards for York County DHIA for the 1996 testing year, recognized at the production testing cooperative's annual business and presentations dinner.

The registered Holstein operation, owned by Leory and Brenda Walker and their children Brad, Greg and Michelle took their first sweep of the several production categories since starting their herd in 1990.

Walk-Le's rolling herd average on the 100-cow herd at their Thomasville farm was 25,522 milk, 936 fat, 817 protein on 3X testing. That earned the Walker family top honors in overall Herd Management category with a 142-point score, after also taking first place in the high herd in milk, protein, and most improved in protein production over 600-pounds categories.

Perennial York DHIA winners Bob and Rodney Smyser's Richlawn Farms, York, earned top certificates in the high lifetime production category. Their herd member, Jane, took both honors after completing 12 lactations totalling 301,320 pounds milk and 9,554 pounds protein. They scored the top three animals in both high lifetime milk and protein awards divisions.

A double set of awards also went to Woodbine Farms, the George Knight family of Airville, with three of the top five animals in both high 305-day milk and protein categories.

High lifetime milk recognition, for an animal no longer in production, went to Tayacres, the Donnell Taylor family, Delta. Their former herd member, Peggy, completed 15 lactations with a combined milk production of 242,667 pounds.

Continuing a sweep of several years, Carolyn and Ed Calhoun, Glen Rock, topped the low somatic cell count category with a year average of 102,000 SCC score.

Claiming the honor for most improved herd in protein, under 600 pounds, was Perrydell Farms, York, with a rolling herd average

protein jump of 61 pounds.

During the business meeting, three directors were elected to the York County DHIA board. Serving for the next three years will be Glen Anderson, East Prospect, Ed Calhoun, Glen Rock, and David Myers, Wellsville. Recognition was extended to outgoing direc-

tors Scott Cooper and Melvin Marks.

In his president's report, Cooper reviewed DHIA accomplishments and changes for the last 12 months.

"We need to get out of the awards program and to the bottom line," Cooper quoted an observa-

tion on DHIA heard at one of the meetings he attended as the county president. Information and updates from the state DHIA were presented by regional director Neil McCullough, regional manager David Shenk, and general manager David Slusser.

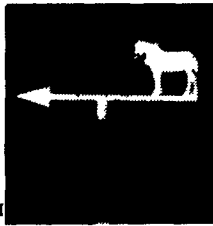
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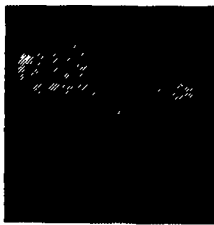
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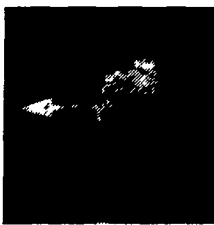
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