

Dairymen's Banquet Award Winners Named



Dave Dunbar (right), Dorneyville, Lehigh County received the extension award from president Logan Bower.

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add Jerseys to the herd in 1976. Ten years later the entire herd was composed of registered Jerseys. Today the farm is operated as a partnership between Lester and Ruth Martin and their son Doug and his wife Julie. The Pleasant Valley Jerseys herd is made up of 340 milk cows as well as replacement heifers. The farm consists of 800 acres, three hundred of which have been converted to rotational grazing in the last four years.

Martin has raised many award winning cattle, including the first Supreme Champion dairy cow at the Pennsylvania Farm Show. Martin has devoted much of his time to the cattle leasing business in order to help young dairy farmers get a start in the business and is also a strong supporter of the 4-H program. For the past ten years he has served on the York Farm Credit Board of Directors serving nearly two terms as presi-

dent. He has also served as a board member and president of the PA Jersey Cattle Association. Martin helped establish the Cumberland Valley Jersey Breeders and the 4th of July Annual Jersey Sale. He currently serves or has served on several farm-related boards including Cumberland Valley Cooperative, Franklin County DHIA, and Franklin County Farm Bureau.

The 1997 PA Dairymen's Association Distinguished Dairy Women Award was presented to Helene Dreisbach of Hamburg, Berks County. In 1970, Dreisbach and her family started Long Meadows Farm, where they began breeding their "Wilderness" Jerseys. More than a dozen of their bulls have entered A.I. service with Wilderness Valiant ranking in the top ten.

The Dreisbachs are avid supporters of American Jersey Cattle Association programs and are leaders in the progressive breed-

ing of the Jersey cow. In 1995, Helene Dreisbach was elected director of the American Jersey Cattle Association. She also serves on their Performance, Planning, and Finance committee. A former director of the PA Jersey Cattle Association, she currently is the president of PA's District III Jersey Association. She also serves on the PA DHIA Technician Training and Certification Advisory committee. A member of the World Jersey Cattle Bureau, Helene frequently attends international dairy events.

Dreisbach advocates the portrayal of farming and dairy products in a truthful, consumer-friendly manner. She and her husband recently made an appearance on "CBS This Morning" to discuss milk price and the consumer. The television show did a follow-up with a segment on America's dairy farmers featuring the Dreisbach's and their daughter Patty Stroup's family farm.

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Lester Martin, dairyman from Chambersburg, received the Charles E. Cowan Memorial Award at the Dairymen's Association annual meeting Monday evening. Martin is seated here with his wife Ruth and family from left, Doug and Julie Martin; Denise Martin; Tina and Paul Holderman; and Karla and Bob Slick.



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