

Warren County DHIA Honors Members

YOUNGSVILLE (Warren Co.)
 — The Warren County Dairy Herd Improvement and Holstein Club recently held their annual meeting at the Columbus Community Center, Columbus.

The top dairy herds in Warren County were presented with special awards.

The highest herd in protein, milk, and butterfat was that of Randall Messinger, Spring Creek. His herd of 60 Holstein cows averaged 719 pounds of protein, 22,475 pounds of milk, and 814 pounds of butterfat. Messinger received plaques sponsored by Northwest Savings Bank, National City, and PNC Bank respectively.

Another top herd in the county was that of Jared Lindell, Lander.

He won the Herd Management Award with a total of 64 points, and received a plaque sponsored by Penn West Farm Credit.

Lindell also had the most improved herd in milk and butterfat production. He had a 1,561-pound increase in milk and a 68-pound increase in butterfat. Penn West Farm Credit sponsored the milk plaque and Mosher Mobile Milling and Nutrena Feeds sponsored the butterfat plaque that Lindell won.

The high cow in butterfat production was from the Lindell herd. The 5-year-old Holstein cow produced 1,173 pounds of butterfat. Lindell received a trophy sponsored by Youngsville Agway.

The most improved herd in protein production was Hem View

Holsteins of Warren. The herd owned by Dean and Melinda Johnson had a 64-pound increase in protein. They won a plaque sponsored by D & L Enos Milling of Sugar Grove.

The herd producing the highest quality milk was Gla Don Farms of Sugar Grove. The herd owned by Wayne Gruber had a low somatic cell count of 114,000. He received a plaque sponsored by Russell Veterinary Hospital.

Willard Hitchcock, owner of Foggy Meadows Farm of Lander had the highest cow in protein and milk production. The 6-year-old Holstein cow named Glo produced 1,039 pounds of protein and 34,866 pounds of milk. Hitchcock received trophies sponsored by Agway A.A.P. of Western New

York, Corry Agway, and David Brown.

The Warren County Holstein Club honored the youth with special recognition. The 1997 Holstein Distinguished Junior Member was Peter Vanco of Bear Lake. Peter was recognized at the state level for his application.

Winners of the Holstein classes at this year's Junior Dairy Show at the Warren County Fair were presented with personalized sweat-shirts. These included Kelsi Wilcox, Melinda Brown, Dustin Wilcox, Jonathan Nickerson, Chris Vanco, Rebecca Gruber, and Cas-

sie Nickerson.

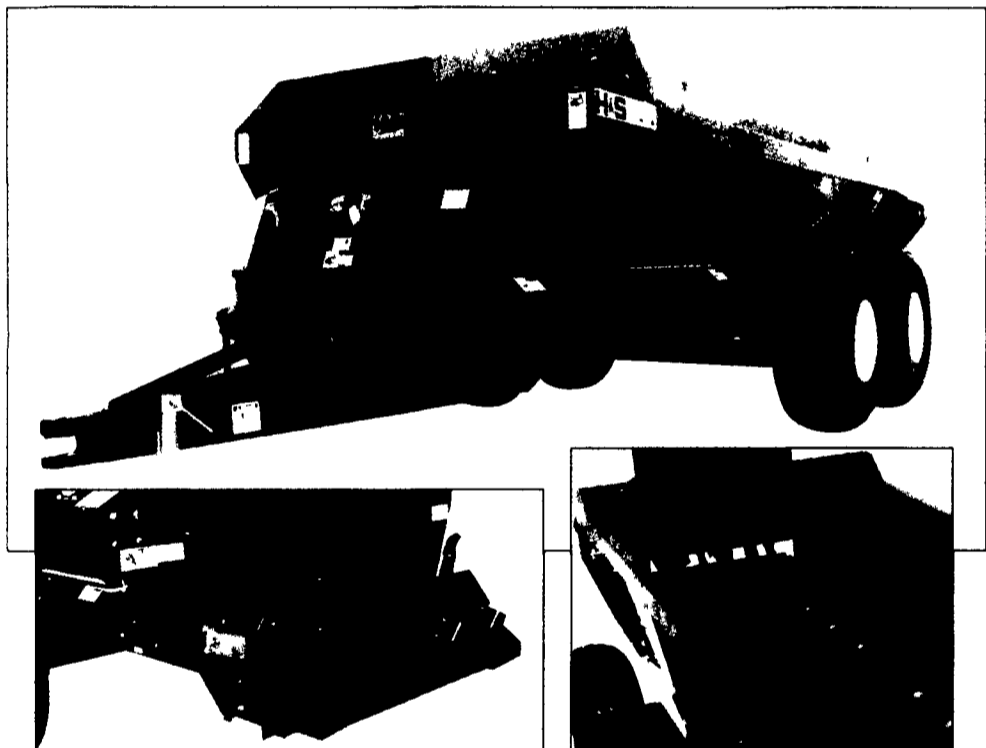
The Warren County Dairy Bowl Team of Jessica Gruber, Sarah Lindell, and Kelsi Wilcox were honored for their achievements.

Some of the special guests who attended the annual meeting included Nichol Meabon, Pennsylvania dairy princess; Deborah Callan, Warren County dairy princess; Ken Raney, executive director of Pennsylvania Holstein Association; Dave Slusser, executive director of Pennsylvania Dairy Herd Improvement Association; and Ralph Gilkinson, state director of DHIA.

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