

Cooper Family Recognized For Herd Production Boost

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SHREWSBURY (York Co.) —
A whopping herd average increase propelled the Ramsey Cooper family's Holstein herd to the top of York County's Dairy Herd Improvement Association (DHIA) list for the 1997 test year.

Those milk output boosts earned the Delta-area dairying operation several top honors at the York DHIA's annual meeting and recognition dinner, held November 19 at the Shrewsbury Fire Company Hall.

With a 12-month increase of 3,562 pounds of milk and 121 pounds of protein, the Cooper herd earned plaques for both highest herd milk and protein increases, as well as high herd in the county, with an average of 28,953 pounds of milk, 1,008 pounds butterfat and 909 pounds protein. The honor for overall herd management likewise went to the Cooper family, whose 75-head herd, managed by son Scott, is on a 3X daily milking schedule.

Highest individual for 305-day lactations among the county's cows on test was Bea, an individual from the Earl Fuhrman herd, Hanover, completing a 39,095-pound milk record. High 305-day protein producer was Poppy, a herd member of Smyser's Richlawn Farm, York, completing a 1,180-pound protein record.

The Smyser herd was cited for two high lifetime production awards for cows removed with the year from the herd. They were Joelyn, the county's top lifetime record for the past year, with an eight-lactation total of 278,297 pounds, and Sally, totalling 267,786 pounds production in nine lactations.

Honored as the lowest somatic cell county herd in the county were brothers Glenn and Gary Crowl, Airville, with an average

SCC count of 111,000.

In a brief review of the county's DHIA-year accomplishments, president Jon Sprengle noted that 13 county herds had produced increases of more than 2,000 pounds milk during the recently-completed test year. During the annual business meeting, Philip Laughman, York, and Leonard Greek, Delta, were elected for three-year terms to the county board of directors, while a third director position remained unfilled. Completing their terms were Keith Eisenhart, Ed Calhoun and Don Avery.

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York County DHIA saluted several member herds for outstanding accomplishments. Participating in the awards presentations were, from left, York Dairy Princess Amanda Daugherty, somatic cell achievement honoree Carolyn Calhoun, county DHIA president Jon Sprengle, and Rodney Smyser, accepting several honors for the family's Richlawn Farms herd.

1997 DHIA Awards

High Herd Milk				
5th Place	Edwin L. Calhoun	24,224		
4th	Leonard Greek	25,130		
3rd	Walk Le Holsteins	26,925		
2nd	Smyser's Richlawn Farm	27,044		
1st	Ramsey Cooper Jr	28,953		
High Herd Protein				
5th	Edwin L. Calhoun	760		
4th	Leonard Greek	816		
3rd	Smyser's Richlawn Farm	821		
2nd	Walk Le Holsteins	856		
1st	Ramsey Cooper Jr	909		
Same Plaque				
High 305 Day Milk Record				
5th	Ramsey S. Cooper Jr	Sibyl	35480	
4th	Walk Le Holsteins	Ashley	35490	
3rd	Tayacres Farm	Dinky	37691	
2nd	Smyser's Richlawn Farm	Petula	38518	
1st	Earl Fuhrman	Bea	39095	
High 305 Day Protein Record				
5th	Walk Le Holsteins	142	1107	
4th	Ramsey S. Cooper Jr	Sibyl	1110	
3rd	Ramsey S. Cooper Jr	Deena	1113	
2nd	Smyser's Richlawn Farm	Petula	1116	
1st	Smyser's Richlawn Farm	Poppy	1180	
High Lifetime Production - Milk (Removed Cows)				
Cert	2nd	Smyser's Richlawn Farm	Sally	267,786 (9)
Cert	1st	Smyser's Richlawn Farm	Joelyn	278,297 (8)
Low Somatic Cell Count Herd				
5th	Edwin L. Calhoun	188,000		
4th	Calvin Hostetter family	171,000		
3rd	Glenn and Dawn Anderson	171,000		
2nd	Rutter Brothers	157,000		
1st	Glenn and Gary Crowl	111,000		
Most Improved Herd Protein Pounds (>600 Pounds Protein)				
5th	Jim and Norma Warner	+80	617	
4th	Edwin L. Calhoun	+86	760	
3rd	Elwood Knick	+87	648	
2nd	Leonard Greek	+90	816	
1st	Ramsey Cooper Jr	+121	909	
Most Improved Herd Protein Pounds (<600 Pounds Protein)				
5th	Walnut Hill Jerseys	+14	517	
4th	Dale and Darla Doll	+43	545	
3rd	Cool Branch Farm	+48	527	
2nd	Glenn and Gary Crowl	+83	511	
1st	David Myers	+85	587	
Herd Management Award				
Cert	5th	Woodbine Farms	96	
Cert	4th	Leonard Greek	114	
Cert	3rd	Edwin L. Calhoun	121	
Cert	2nd	Smyser's Richlawn Farm	130	
Cert	1st	Ramsey S. Cooper Jr	151	



Dramatic production increases earned several York County DHIA awards for the Ramsey Cooper family. Accepting the award are April and Scott Cooper.



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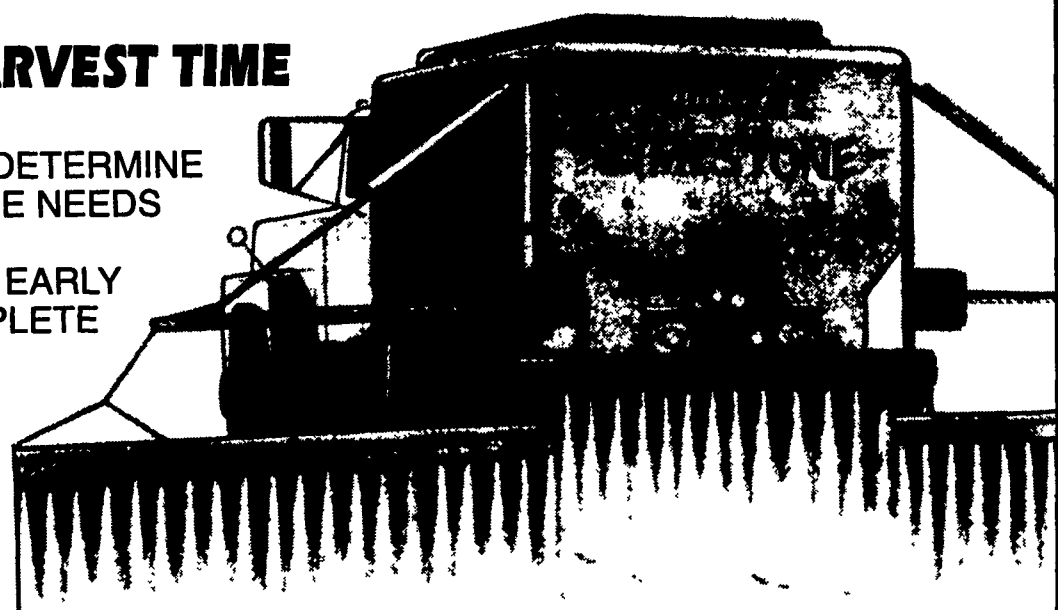
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