

Dean Amick Wins National DHIA Award

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STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — Dean Amick, Pennsylvania DHIA, is the recipient of the 1997 Martin A. Wilson Memorial Award.

Dean began his 40-year plus career with Pennsylvania DHIA in 1954 testing 11 herds totaling 400 cows. Sixteen years later he was testing a 90-herd circuit.

In 1970, Dean was chosen to manage Pennsylvania DHIA's first Centralized Milk Testing Lab. This lab was one of the first large-scale labs nationwide.

Dean was responsible for another first in the late 1970s when he brought Pennsylvania's lab into the computer age, making it the first computerized lab operation in the country. His efforts changed lab operations nationwide making them more efficient and improving the quality of their testing.

Dean assumed responsibility for all Pennsylvania DHIA support operations in 1988. In this capacity, he developed a system to transport milk samples with refrigerated trucks, a procedure for recycling sample vials and a unique liquid preservative dispenser for vial preparation.

Dean has been the director of field operations and marketing since 1990. He supervises over 130 DHIA technicians testing over 220,000 cows. Dean has been inducted into the DHIA Hall of Fame.

Dean also was the first recipient for the Dean Amick Award of Excellence. This award was created in honor of Dean for his many years of service and many accomplishment within DHIA.

Currently, Dean is a member of Dairy Shrine and The Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show committee. He is also a former president of NALMA.

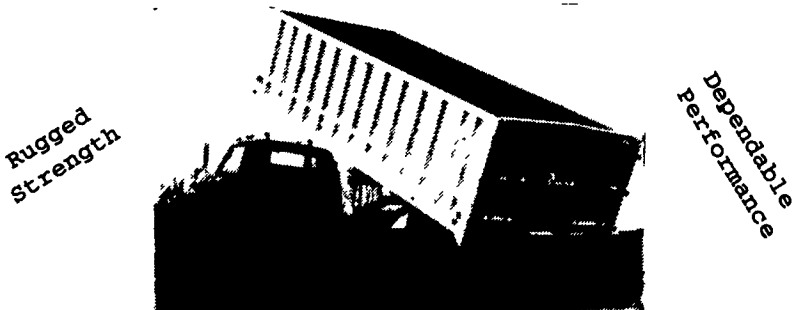
Dean and his wife, Shirley, have two children and one grandchild.



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From the left, Dean Amick, director of field operations and marketing for the Pennsylvania Dairy Herd Improvement Association, shows the national Martin A. Wilson Memorial Award, and is congratulated by Norm Hershey, president of Pa.DHIA, who is also vice president of National DHIA.

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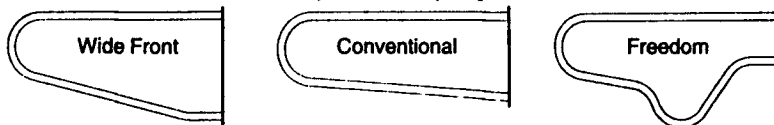
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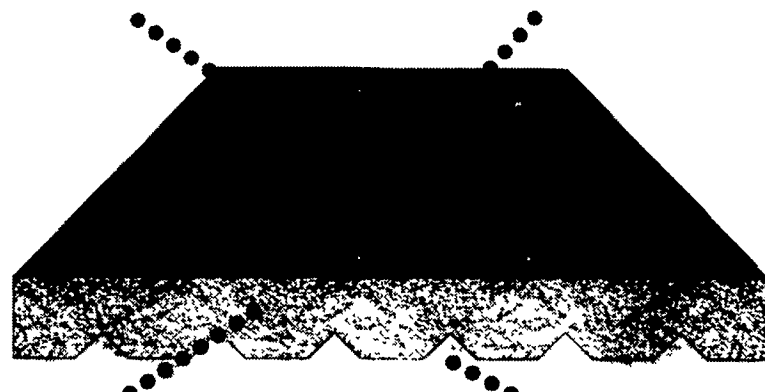
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