

## Maryland/Virginia Reviews Year, Honors Young Cooperators

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 cy of NMPF not to take a stand on issues where there was dissension. "The lack of consensus throughout the country has stymied us in terms of coming up with a sensible compromise." Kozak has formed a task group to come up with a response to the initial recommendations of the USDA. "I believe that National Milk is the first to present alternative proposals to the government," said Walgrove. The National Milk proposal includes a temporary BFP floor and pricing for class I and class II milk. "This would mean a \$13.50 BFP floor and a \$16.53 class I minimum and a \$13.80 class II minimum," explained Walgrove, "It may be

shortly approved for at least class I, and would go into effect until order reform."

Mr. Walgrove stressed strategic alliances will be crucial in dealing with the future. "The mega-merger of Mid-Am, Western Dairymen, Southern AMPI, and MMI has consolidated approximately 21 percent of the nation's milk under DFA," he said. "Merger for the sake of merger is not wise. Merger must benefit both parties. Maryland and Virginia will continue to work to evolve strategic alliances with co-ops in the Southeast to better serve producers and strengthen our position." He acknowledged there have been rumors in Lancaster County that

MD-VA is in merger talks with Land-O-Lakes, saying, "We will not discuss mergers at this time. But, the note is by individual member, no by delegate, when it comes to mergers."

Mr. Walgrove summed up his comments by saying that whatever the future held in store, "I'm more enthusiastic today than I have been in several years, because I see people finally talking to each other. I'm optimistic, and I hope you are, too."

During the business meeting five directors were ratified who had been elected at the local meetings last fall. They are: Billy R. Brammer, Floyd, Va.; Stanley J. Burkholder, Chambersburg, Pa.; Joseph A. Schwartzbeck, Jr., Union Bridge, Md.; Carl P. Weaver, Fairplay, Md.; and W.W. "Monk" Sanford, III, Orange, Va.

David R. Beyeler of Waynesboro, Pa. was honored for 13 years of service on the board of directors. Russell S. Wachter of Keymar, Md. was honored for 26 years of service on the board of directors, including serving as president of the association from 1989 to 1997. Joe Hughes, manager at Marva Maid, the milk processing division, was honored for his service.

Guests at the afternoon luncheon were honored with a triple treat when state dairy princesses Christina Welsh from Virginia, Nichole Meabon from Pennsylvania, and Emily O'Hara from Maryland joined together in offering a milk toast. The young ladies also treated the audience to a dairy trivia game sponsored by MAM-MA.

Following the meal, outgoing young cooperators Steve and Kelly Wilson joined the association in inducting four new couples as young cooperators. Outstanding young cooperator honors went to Leonard and Bonnie Jo Greek,

Delta, Pennsylvania. The Greeks milk 60 head of registered Holsteins with a 25,400-pound average in a tie-stall barn at their York County farm, Ridge Hill Farm. The couple has four children, Stormi, Michael, Stevie, and Frankie. They farm 400 acres with the help of one part-time employee. Leonard, who was named 1997 conservation farmer of the year in York County, started the farm when he was 17 years old. The Greeks' involvement with Md.-Va. goes back two years.

Other couples honored as young cooperators were: 3rd run-

ner-up: Billie and Anne French, French Bros. Dairy, Moyertown, Va.; 2nd runner-up: Timothy and Carol Motley, Chatham, Va.; and 1st runner-up: Steve and Marion Jones, Neelyton, Pa.

Four additions were made to the "Fifty Year Club" - an honor bestowed on cooperators who have been with the co-op for half a century. They were: the A.B. Fleming family, Nokesville, Va.; C. Bernie Frye of Roc-Hil-Val Holsteins, Woodstock, Va.; Melvin L. Korns and family, Hyndman, Pa.; and the Ropp family, Myersville, Md.

## Maryland Agriculture Secretary Visits Caribbean

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Maryland Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Virts, D.V.M. led a trade mission to the Caribbean countries of Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, and St. Lucia this week as part of an effort to promote United States livestock dairy breeds in order to assist these countries in increasing their dairy production.

Secretary Virts will be part of a seminar in each country where experts will discuss the Red and White Holstein and Jersey dairy breeds.

In addition, the U.S. delegation will tour dairy operations to learn what they can from their hosts in each Caribbean nation. The U.S. Livestock Genetics Export Inc. is sponsoring the trade mission with the Maryland Department of Agriculture acting as the program manager.

"These livestock seminars are a tremendous opportunity for us in the United States to cooperate with our Caribbean neighbors in promoting efforts to improve milk production. The agricultural rela-

tionships that result from these exchanges of ideas and information, benefit all our people," Virts said.

During the past few years, the Maryland Department of Agriculture has developed relationships with agricultural leaders from countries around the world. This is part of an effort to market Maryland agricultural and food products to overseas customers. Secretary Virts himself has gone on trade missions to Russia, Republic of Korea, the Caribbean; and he is to soon be going to China.

"We in Maryland are also eager for the agricultural leaders of other nations to visit us anytime to learn more about our programs and to become full cooperative partners in our shared goal to promote agriculture," said Virts.

For more information on the Maryland Department of Agriculture's International Marketing Program, contact Errol Small, International Marketing Services, Maryland Department of Agriculture, 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401, Telephone 410-841-5770.



Dairy Princesses from three states led the group in a milk toast. From left, Emily O'Hara, Maryland dairy princess; Christina Welsh, Virginia dairy princess; and Nichole Meabon, Pennsylvania dairy princess.

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