

National Dairy Shrine To Honor Leaders, Dairy Students

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showing, he has 42 two-year-olds nominated for these awards.

The herd has also produced 10 National Total Performance winners in seven consecutive years. Currently there are 52 animals at Top Acres who are themselves National Total Performance winners or the daughters or granddaughters of National Total Performance Winners. More cows have appeared on the Cow Performance List from this herd than from any other Brown Swiss herd.

The strong breeding program at Top Acres has led to 58 sires placed in AI service. In the top 25 Net Merit Brown Swiss sires in the February summary, eight came from Wayne Sliker's "Pricella" family.

Over 70 all-American nominations have come from his "Snowstorm" family.

He currently owns one of the highest scored Brown Swiss at EX-94. Wayne has exported cattle and embryos from his herd to more than 12 foreign countries. He was one of the first to export

embryos to the United Kingdom.

Wayne and his wife, Connie, also manage Modern Associates, a cattle sales business. Through this service he has helped raise over \$100,000 for the National Brown Swiss Youth Fund at the Fun Sale at the National Brown Swiss annual meeting.

With an appreciation for quality cattle, Wayne has been a national and international judge for all breeds.

Starting with state FFA secretary and president and an American Farmer degree in high school, Wayne has earned numerous awards and recognitions. He earned the Klussendorf Award in 1986, the Ohio Progressive Breeder Award, and was named to the Ohio State University Dairy Science Hall of Service.

The home team at Sliker's 225-acre farm at St. Paris, Ohio, includes his wife, Connie, an expert calf raiser and sale clerk, and son, Kevin, an automotive technician.

The 1997 herd average for 65 cows was 20,720 milk, 973 butter-

fat and 786 pounds protein, with a herd classification average of 89 points.

Wayne is known as a supporter of youth programs, shows and sales, through promotion and advertising. In support Wayne's nomination, R. Peter Heffering said, "Wayne is one of the finest showmen in the business, and most important always conducts himself as a first class gentleman. Wayne has accomplished all the goals one could expect to attain in a lifetime of working with cattle."

On July 1 the Slikers sold 95 head in the "Top Acres Sale" for an average of \$6,110 per head, the highest average for a herd sale in the history of the breed.

Four Pioneers

Four pioneers of the dairy industry have been selected to receive Pioneer Awards from the National Dairy Shrine, the "Hall of Fame" of the dairy industry.

The 1998 award recipients are: Clarence Boyke, Hilton Boynton, Harold Kaeser and Marshall McCullough. Their portraits are to hang in the National Dairy Shrine's Visitor's Center and Mu-

seum in Fort Atkinson, Wis.

"Clarence personified the universal law of giving," was how one nominator described pioneer award winner. Clarence Boyke of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Living the life of a dairyman, a family man, a businessman and an agricultural leader allowed Clarence many successful experiences.

The Vir-Clar herd developed by Clarence, his wife Virginia and their son Gary, always rises to the top of state and even national type and production rankings. The "Vir Clar" prefix has graced several Artificial Insemination sires proven in the United States and overseas.

Boyke's pioneering spirit led him to be one of the earliest United States breeders to promote international marketing of United States genetics. This spirit carried him overseas and brought numerous guests to the United States.

The leadership skills of Boyke were exemplified through his role on numerous boards especially with Artificial Insemination companies. He helped to lead East

Central Breeders, Select Sire, Inc. and Select Embryos, Inc., through major changes in the dairy industry, and was instrumental in the affiliation of East Central Breeders with Select Sires in 1977.

These contributions were recognized by the National Association of Animal Breeders (NAAB) when they presented Boyke with the honor of Distinguished Member Director in 1995.

Clarence's dairy, A.I., and community experiences were honored in 1993 as the World Dairy Expo 1993 Dairyman of the Year.

His wife, Virginia, was also honored previously at World Dairy Expo as the Dairy Woman of the Year, and they are only the second husband and wife team to achieve such an honor. Virginia currently resides in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, where they raised their three sons and two daughters.

Hilton Boynton is a 4-H Club agent, an extension dairyman and a university professor.

Boynton was raised in South Hadley, Massachusetts, where his

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Dairy Farmers Invited To PDPP Luncheon, Annual Meeting

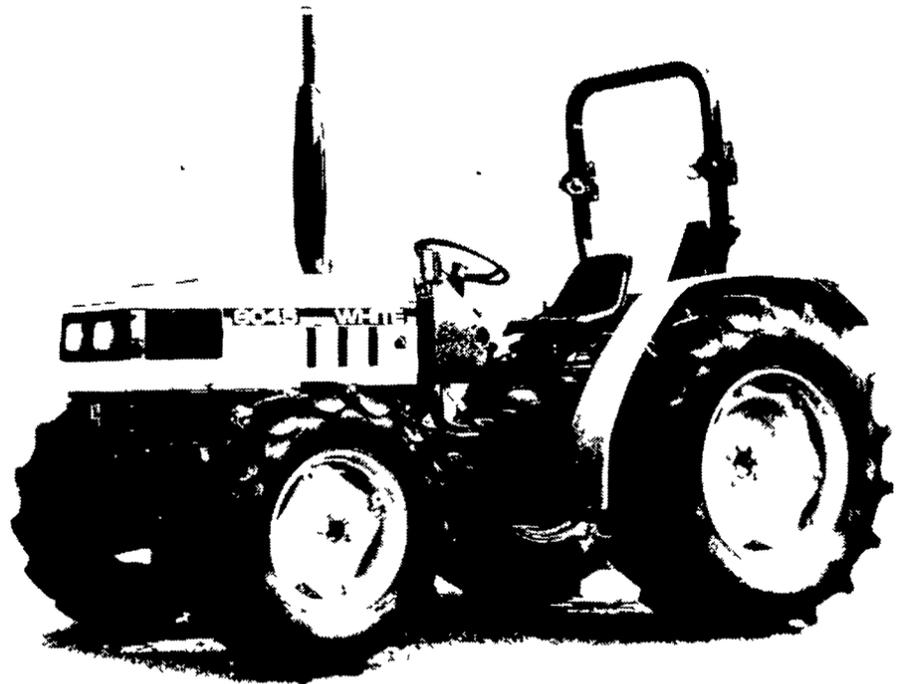
EMLENTON (Clarion Co.) — Pennsylvania dairy farmers are invited to a free luncheon and informational meeting hosted by the Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program Board on Thursday, August 20, on the grounds of Ag Progress Days, Rock Springs

This will serve as the annual meeting of PDPP and a great opportunity for dairy farmers to learn about their dairy promotion check-off programs

Scott E Higgins, CEO, will review the PDPP Board's efforts throughout 1997 to increase demand for milk and dairy products, including the "got milk?" and "Behold the Power of Cheese" advertising campaigns. Higgins will also highlight the promotion group's school food service initiative and their emphasis in building demand for milk in schools

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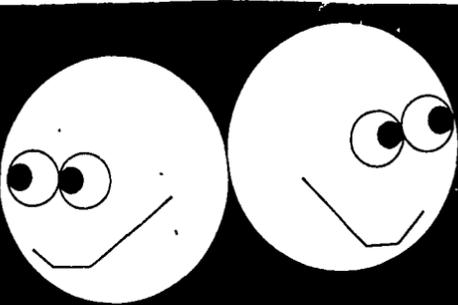
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