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Rutledges Earn National SCC Award

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — Recently one of our own here at Pa.DHIA was awarded the national dairy quality award for the Northeast region.

Art and Barbara Rutledge of Damascus, in Wayne County, received this prestigious award this past July.

Art and Barbara have a milking herd of 55 Holstein cows.

They have a rolling herd average of 22,641 with 828 pounds of fat and 7254 pounds of protein. The average SCC for the last 12 months was 57,000.

When asked what he does to maintain such a low level of somatic cells Art said, "We don't do anything special, just pre-dip the cows with a 50 percent iodine solution and then dry

them off with a single service paper towel. We then post dip with a 50 percent iodine solution. Milking units are sanitized in a chlorine solution after suspect cows are milked."

The Rutledge's took over the family farm three years ago and have built up a fine herd of Holsteins. Art and Barb are keeping up the farming tradition on their farm that has been

in the family for 56 years. All of us at PA DHIA would like to congratulate Art and Barb for a job well done.



From the left, David Slusser Pa.DHIA general manager congratulates Barb and Art Rutledge on receiving the award.

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Disaster Aid

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Gov Tom Ridge this week announced that farmers in five additional counties will be eligible to receive disaster aid for damage to their farms from excessive rain and flooding in May and June.

Family farmers in Potter and Tioga counties now eligible because the counties are contiguous to 10 New York counties named as primary disaster areas.

Family farmers in Crawford, Erie and Mercer counties now are eligible because the counties are contiguous to Ohio counties which sustained damage.

Farmers in these counties join those in 27 other Pennsylvania counties that were declared eligible at the request of Gov Ridge because of severe storms, tornadoes and flooding.

Eligible family farmers can apply for Farm Service Agency emergency loans.


The eligible counties in Pennsylvania previously announced were; Allegheny, Beaver; Berks; Pike, Somerset, Susquehanna; and Wyoming. The contiguous counties that also were named to receive some assistance were;

Armstrong; Bedford; Bradford; Butler; Cambria; Chester; Fayette; Lackawanna; Lancaster; Lawrence; Lebanon; Lehigh; Luzerne; Monroe; Montgomery; Schuylkill; Sullivan; Washington; Wayne; and Westmoreland.

Emergency loan applications will be accepted through Feb. 8 for physical and productive losses.

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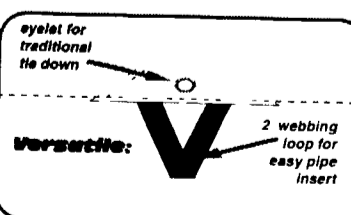


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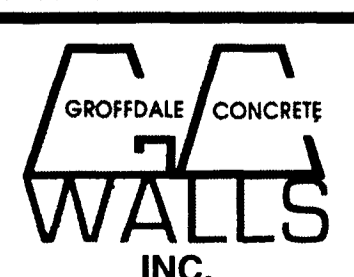
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