

Lancaster Holstein Association Reviews Year, Honors Members

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The cow's sire is Singing-Brook NB Mascot. Stoltzfus also won fat and protein honors for the same cow.

Stoltzfus also won the senior 2-year-old class for No. 46, at 305D, 35,335m, 1,069f, and 1,027p. The cow's sire is Rothrock Tradition Leadman. The senior 2-year-old combined fat and protein (at 2,172 pounds) went to Fulton Way Farms.

In the junior 3-year-old category, Nevin Horning won with Penny, with a 305-day record of 39,673 pounds. The junior 3-year-old fat and protein honors went to Robert Sensenig for Abby, a cow with a combined record of about 2,400 pounds.

In the senior 3-year-old category, Meadow Vista Farm, Bainbridge, won the 1998 won total pounds and fat and protein production award for Meadow-Vista Mich Michelle, at 305D, 37,214 pounds milk, 1,320f, 1,131p. Tanya Baldwin, assistant herds-person at Meadow Vista Farm, accepted the awards.

In the senior four-year-old division, Marvin Stoltzfus, Leola, also won with Mar-R Angela Alex, 305D, 42,940m, 1,281f, 1,564p. In the same division, fat and protein honors went to David Kulp, Manheim, for a cow with more than 2,800 pounds in the category.

Aged cow honors went to Stoltzfus for a 7-year-old, Mar-R Leadman Jill, 305D, 49,815m, 1,646f, 1,327p. The cow's sire is Rothrock Tradition Leadman. The cow also won honors for overall fat and protein.

In the junior division, Jordan Risser, son of Gerald and Joyce Risser, Bainbridge, won the junior 2-year-old division with Meadow Vista Aris Mae, 305D, 2xfat and protein, at 21,054m, 781f, 608p.

Troy Wenger, son of Nelson and Alma Wenger, Manheim, won the 2-year-old division for Acre-Lake Petie Alien, 305D, 24,578m, 687f, and 706p. Troy also won with his 4-year-old, Aker Lake Wister Angel, at 305D, 26,338m, 716f, and 793p.

Glenn Shirk, extension dairy agent, spoke about the good harvest, feed prices, and good milk prices of the past year. He reminded the members to think ahead and plan. "Sometimes we get complacent in these good

times," he said. But it's important to do some serious tax planning, now, he noted.

He was in awe of the cow by Stoltzfus that was milking about 50,000 pounds in a 305-day period. Shirk calculated that was about 160 pounds of milk per day, or about 320 glasses of milk.

"That's a lot of people that one cow feeds," he said. "It puts things in perspective."

Shirk reminded producers to use the tools available to "think about quality as well as quantity," he said, now that government price supports are vanishing.

Audra Wood, Lancaster County dairy princess, spoke about the work of the state promotional service in the community.

At the banquet, new directors were elected for three-year terms. They are Rick Hess, Lancaster; Mark Welk, Quarryville; and Gerald Risser, Bainbridge. New 1999 president is Mike Eby, Lancaster.



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To help you in the process, Pennsylvania Farm Link is hosting a day-long workshop at the 4-H Center in Creamery on Nov. 24, 1998. Individuals who want to learn ways to successfully transfer their farm to family members, or those wanting to locate interested beginning farmers, are urged to attend. Beginning farmers, or people who are new to farming, are also urged to attend to discuss beginning farmer issues and ways to gradually develop a farm business.

According to Farm Link Director Marion Bowlan, "45 percent of Pennsylvania's farm operators are age 55 or older. There are two times as many operators over the age of 65 as under the age of 35. In the next 10 years, nearly one quarter of the state's 44,800 farms will change hands. How we address this problem will affect agriculture in Pennsylvania for generations to come."

Working to assist in the successful transfer of family farms and to help retain agricultural lands in production, Pennsylvania Farm Link sponsors regional farm succession workshops for beginning and retiring farmers.

Scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., this workshop will address the following issues: business planning, farm loan resources, legal aspects of a transfer, marketing ideas, start-up strategies, bringing the next generation into the farm business, record keeping, farm transfer strategies, and farmland preservation programs.

Pre-registration for this free workshop is required by calling Farm Link at (717) 558-7726 by Nov. 23. Lunch is on your own. The 4-H Center is located on Route 113 approximately two miles from Collegeville. Pennsylvania Farm Link is a non-profit organization governed by a Board of Directors representing diverse agricultural interests.