Cooper Herd High In York County

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BAIR (York Co.) — Scott and April Cooper topped the York County DHIA's latest production list, wrapping up the 1999 testing year with a herd average of 29,029 pounds of milk and 909 pounds protein.

The young dairy couple from Delta claimed the first-place herd management award in the county testing program as well with their 73-head milking string, scoring 124 points combine in several management areas.

Awards recognition was the highlight of the annual York County DHIA meeting, held November 18 at the Thomasville Fire Hall.

An additional four of York County's herds on Pennsylvania DHIA testing accepted honors for their overall herd management. In second place, with 101 points, were Glenn and Dawn Anderson, York. Third place was Smyser's Richlawn Farm, York, 100 points, fourth was Rutter Bros., York, with 99 points, and a 93-point score took fifth spot for the Innerst family's Dun-Val Holsteins, Red Lion.

Second high herd in the county for both milk and protein was Smyser's Richlawn Farm, with a 75-cow herd average of 27,407 milk and 852 protein. Rutter's was third high in milk and fourth in protein with an average on their 60-head of 25,764 milk and 799 protein. The Leroy Walker family's Walk-Le herd, Thomasville, ranked fourth in milk and third in protein, with a herd average on their 109 head of 25,643 milk and 811 protein. Glenn and Dawn Anderson were fifth in milk and protein with their 87 head, finishing at 25,026 milk and 795 protein.

Also finishing above the 750-pound protein level were Leonard Greek, Delta, with 776 pounds, WayShar Farm, Glen Rock, 762 pounds, and Calvin Hostetter's Holstein herd, Dover, with 750 pounds.

Topping the low-somatic cell achievement list were the two herds of the Calvin Hostetter family, Dover. In first place was their colored-breed herd, with an average SCC of 100,000, over their second-place Holstein herd, averaging 146,000. Third was the Myron Pomraning family of Delta's My-T herd, with an average of 167,000. Tayacres, the Donnell Taylor family, Delta, finished fourth at 193,000. Gum Tree Farm, Mark and Brian Bupp, Brogue, were fifth with 197,000.

Ranking as the top five herds for having improved pounds of protein were Dun Val Holsteins, 162 pounds, Stump Acres, 73 pounds, Elvin Molison, Hanover, 66 pounds, Fordville Farm, 38 pounds and Scott and April Cooper, 37 pounds.

Taking the top five spots in milk production improvement were Dun Val Holsteins, 4221 pounds, Stump Acres, 2457 pounds, Elvin Molison, 2071 pounds, Leaspring Farms 1987, and Scott and April Cooper, 1186 pounds.

A pair of herdmates from the Cooper herd ranked first and second in protein production in 305-day lactations. "Raven" was high in the county with 1287 pounds of protein from a 38,781 milk pound lactation, topping "Mist" with 1233 pounds of protein and 38,010.

Third high protein lactation was made by "#23" in the Calvin Hostetter herd, with 1168 pounds of protein from 33,247 milk-pounds in 305 days Tayacres was fourth with "Aggie," producing a lactation with 1,167 pounds protein and 37,918 milk. Finishing fifth was "Whoppie," also from the Cooper herd, and a 1148-pound protein production from 37,778 pounds milk.

A pair of Cooper's herdmates were ranked top two in the country for the year in lifetime production completed. "Cooper's "Danielle" finished a lifetime, 8-lactation, record of 269,479 milk, while their "Whitney" tallied an 8-lactation total of 261,028.

Nine individual cows earned certificates for having topped their breed for milk production on York County testing, four of them from the Glenn and Dawn Anderson herd. Their "Regina" has high Ayrshire, with 23,692 pounds of milk Taking the Brown Swiss spot was "306" with 32,866 milk The Anderson's Red Dane, "Sara," topped that breed at 30,649 milk, along with herdmate "JJ," high Mixed Breed cow with 34,662 milk

Rutter's claimed the high Guernsey lactation with "Leamay" and a lactation total of 24,753 milk High Holstein was Scott and April Cooper's "Raven," completing 38,781 pounds of milk production in 305 days Jersey breed honors went to Glenn and Gary Crowl, Airville, with "J70" and her milk production of 18,515

Calvin Hostetter's herd had the high Milking Shorthorn, "Peanut," with a 305-day milk production of 20,186 Red and White Holstein breed high producer was "#107," from Perrydell Farms, York, finishing with a milk lactation of 22,428

Two directors were elected to the county DHIA board during the annual business meeting Chosen to fill those director spots were Dale Goll, Glen Rock, and Paul Rauhauser, Dover Other directors include David Myers, president, Leroy Walker, vice-president, Leonard Greek, secretary-treasurer, and Glenn Anderson

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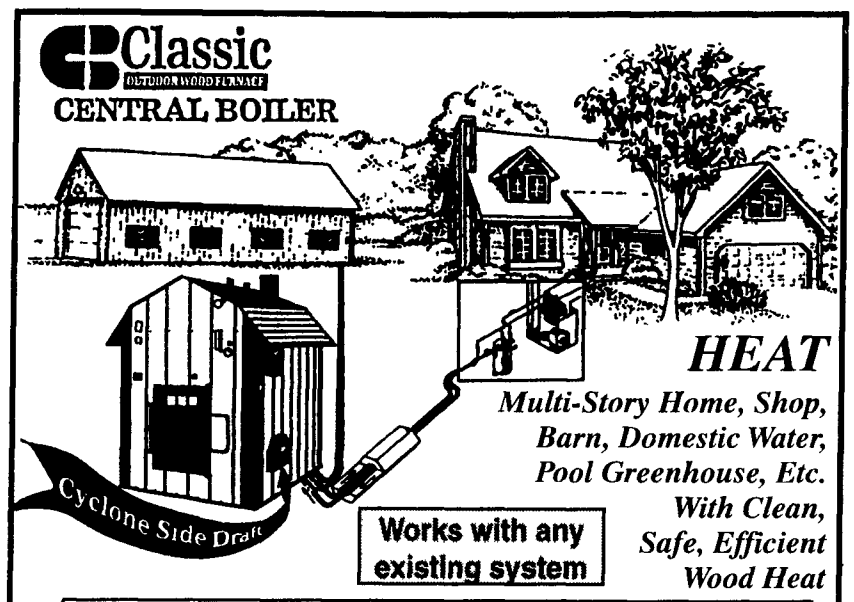

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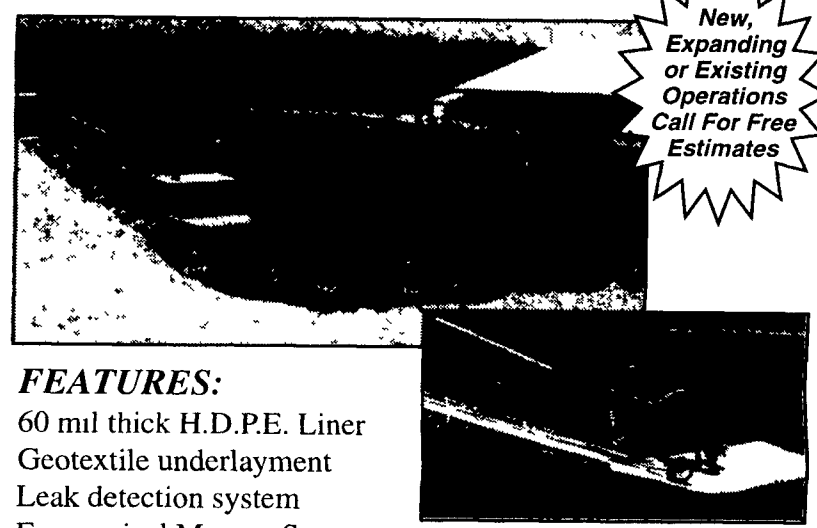

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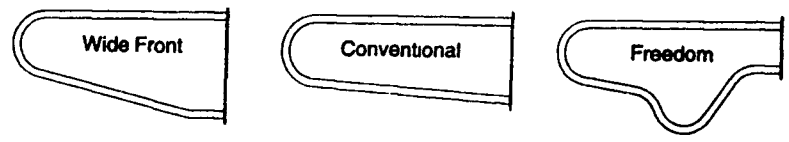

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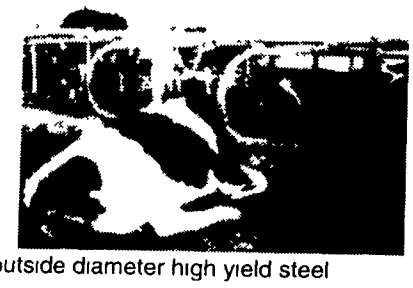

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