

Top Warren County Dairy Herds Announced

YOUNGSVILLE (Warren Co.) — The Warren County Dairy Herd Improvement and Holstein Club recently held their annual meeting at the Lander Fire Hall. The top dairy herds in Warren County were presented with special awards.

The highest herd in protein and butterfat was that of Richard and Julie Harrington of Spring Creek, Pa. Harrington's herd of 50 Holstein cows averaged 812 pounds of protein and 905 pounds of butterfat. Harrington received plaques sponsored by Northwest Savings Bank and PNC Bank. The Harrington herd also was the most improved in butterfat production with a 172-pound increase, and was recognized with the herd management award with 126

points. He received plaques sponsored by Mosher Mobile Milling Inc. and Nutrena Feeds, and Ag Choice Farm Credit for the management award.

Another top herd in the county was Hem View Holsteins of Warren, Pa. The herd owned by Dean and Melinda Johnson was the most improved in protein and milk. They had a 240-pound increase in protein and a 6,716-pound increase in milk. Ag Choice Farm Credit sponsored the milk plaque and D & L Enos Milling of Sugar Grove sponsored the protein plaque.

Ronald Hunter of Russell won the high herd in milk production award. His herd averaged 24,729 pounds of milk and he received a plaque sponsored by National City

Bank.

The highest producing cow in milk and protein was from Rolling Acres and herd owner Tim Ludwick. His Holstein cow produced 33,990 pounds of milk and 1,089 pounds of protein. Ludwick won plaques sponsored by David Brown and Agway A.P.P. WNY Corry Agway.

Richard Harrington had the highest cow in butterfat production. The Holstein cow produced 1,649 pounds of butterfat and earned a plaque sponsored by Youngsville Home and Garden.

Ran-Dell Farm of Spring Creek had the lowest somatic cell count herd. The herd owned by Ransom and Kathy Reidel had a rolling somatic cell count of 103,000. They received a plaque sponsored by Russell Veterinary Hospital.

The Warren County Holstein Club recognized some of the 4-H youth with awards. Winning the distinguished junior member award was Matthew Mitchell of Spring Creek and Meggi Wilcox of Russell was runner-up. Winners of the Holstein classes at this year's Junior Dairy Show at the Warren County Fair were presented with personalized jackets. These included: Sarah Lindell, Eric Reynolds, Matthew Mitchell, John Nickerson, Melinda Brown, Cassie Nickerson, Drew Wilcox, Cody Hitchcock, and Kristen Hitchcock.

Some of the special guests who attended the annual meeting included: Amanda Gilkinson, PA Alternate Dairy Princess; Kathy Little, Warren County Dairy Princess; Kelsi Wilcox, Warren County Dairy Maid; Ken Raney, Executive Director of PA Holstein Association; Dave Slusser, Executive for Pennsylvania Dairy Herd Improvement Association; and Ralph Gilkinson, State Director of DHIA.



Hem View Holsteins had the most improved herd in protein production. Receiving a plaque from Warren County Dairy Maid Kelsi Wilcox is Randy Rulander.



Richard and Julie Harrington earned the herd management award and received a plaque sponsored by Ag Choice Farm Credit from Kelsi Wilcox, Warren County Dairy Maid.



Holstein distinguished junior member, Matthew Mitchell (right) and Meggi Wilcox (left); Sheryl Vanco, Holstein youth coordinator (background).

Cumberland DHI Meeting Held

HUNTSDALE (Cumberland Co.) — The 80th annual meeting of the Cumberland County Dairy Herd Improvement program was held recently at the Penn Township Firehall, Huntsdale.

The herds of J. Paul Strock, Mechanicsburg and Hidden View Farm, Newville were recognized for their protein and milk production. J. Paul Strock's herd of 69 cows was recognized for having the high herd average in protein with 802 pounds of protein per animal. His herd was tied with Hidden View Farm, Newville for high milk production. Both herds averaged 24,633 pounds of milk per cow.

Jet-Rae Farm of Shippensburg was honored for having the lowest Somatic Cell Count yearly average in the county. Dave and Doug Lehman, Carlisle received 2nd honors; Mark Naugle, Carlisle; Al-Hart Holsteins, Shippensburg; and Gordon Holl, Newville round out the top five.

The high Protein Production Cow Award in the county went to #142 - Bry-Nell Joy Bell, a Register Holstein in the herd of Brymessenger Farms. She produced 1,081 pounds of protein in her last 305-day lactation.

The high Milk Production Cow Award in the county went to #189, a cow in the Nealand Farm, Newville herd. She produced 36,266 pounds of milk in her last 305-day lactation.

Brymessenger Farms were honored for having both the high 2-year-

old in protein and the high 2-year-old in milk. The high 2-year-old in protein was #327 — Bry-Nell Joe Charo, Registered Holstein for her 938 pounds of protein production. The high 2-year-old in milk record belonged to #317 — Bry-Nell Peti Bara, Registered Holstein. She produced 30,712 pounds milk in her first lactation.

The herd of David Walton, Carlisle, was recognized for being first in the Cumberland County Herd Management Awards program. David's herd earned a score of 101 points. Herds earned points because they excel in several herd management areas such as — increase of milk, fat, and protein production; sustain production for milk, fat and protein over last year and two years ago; somatic cell counts improvement; days open; number of services per pregnancy and age at first calving.

J. Paul Strock, Mechanicsburg and Hidden View Farm, Newville were tied for 2nd place; Mervin Smoker Jr., Newburg, placed 4th; William and Susan Dietrich, Newburg, placed 5th; Nealand Farms, Newville, and Brymessenger Farms, Boiling Springs, were tied for 6th place; Clouse Brothers Dairy Farm, Newville, placed 8th. Herds of Dave and Doug Lehman, Carlisle and L. Dorell and Bev Agar, Newville placed 9th and 10th respectfully.

In the business portion of the meeting David Walton, Carlisle and David Rinker, Carlisle were elected to three-year terms on the

Cumberland County Advisory DHI Committee. James Kulick of Stover Farms, Carlisle was elected chair; Doug Lehman, Carlisle was elected vice chair; and Harold Myers, Shippensburg was re-elected secretary.

John Brodzina, Huntingdon County, who is currently one of the State DHI Directors, brought the group up to date on issues facing the State Association.

George Cudoc, consulting

dairymen from the Pennsylvania DHI office, gave a very informative talk on the 10 most important things to look for in your records, when you receive them each month.



Several Cumberland County dairy farmers were recognized for their animals' production records. From left, David Walton, Herd Management Awards; Jean and Ray Thrush, lowest Somatic Cell Count; Michael and Sheldon Brymessenger, high 2-year-old in protein; high 2-year-old in milk and cow with high protein production record; and Thomas and Oscar Nealy, high milk production cow.