

Warren County Dairy Herds Honored

LANDER (Warren Co.) — The Warren County Dairy Herd Improvement Association and Holstein Club recently held their joint annual meeting dinner at the Lander Fire Hall. Several outstanding herds were recognized for their production the past year.

The best dairy herd in Warren County this year was the herd of Rolling Acres in Sugar Grove. The herd, owned and managed by Tim Ludwick, consists of 45 registered Holstein cows. It was the high herd in milk production with 26,670 average pounds of milk, high herd in protein production with 844-pounds of protein average, and high herd in butterfat production with an average of 914-pounds of butterfat. The Rolling Acres herd was also the most improved herd in milk production with a 3001-pound average increase in milk. Ludwick earned the Herd Management Award with a total of 114 points.

Also during the award presentations, Rolling Acres also was honored for having the top producing cow in Warren County and in Pennsylvania this year. A 5-year-old Holstein cow named "Dazzle Girl" produced 51,512-pounds of milk, 1,485-lbs. of protein, and 1,908-pounds of butterfat. The pounds of milk produced earned her top honors in the state, as Dazzle Girl produced nearly 6,000 gallons of milk. This amount is enough to supply over 50 households with milk for an entire year.

The most improved dairy herd in protein production and butterfat production was owned by Elzie and Margaret Lindell of Lander. The Lindell herd had a 71-pound increase in protein

and a 146-pound increase in butterfat.

Donald Ekey's herd in Akeley earned top honors for having the lowest somatic cell count (a total average of 157,000 somatic cells), in Warren County.

High herds for protein and butterfat were also recognized at the meeting. Those herds producing over 800-pounds of protein were Rolling Acres (844) and Ronald Hunter (817). Herds producing between 700-799-pounds of protein included Jared Lindell (721), Richard Harrington (715), and Martha Beardsley (714).

Those producing between 600-699-pounds of protein were: Hem View Holsteins (689), Foggy Meadows Farm (682), Chris Lindell (676), Elzie and Margaret Lindell (673), Mark Lawson (672), Jack and Gale Lindell (658), Pine Ton Farms (658), Kevin Long (644), Gla Don Farms (624), and Ran-Dell Farm (615).

High butterfat herds included Rolling Acres (914), Martha Beardsley (878), Richard Harrington (840), Ronald Hunter (818), Jared Lindell (795), Pine Ton Farms (779), Jack and Gale Lindell (771), Elzie and Margaret Lindell (762), Chris Lindell (759), Sunset Dairy (744), Ran-Dell Farm (741), Gla Don Farms (733), Kevin Long (721), Hem View Holsteins (716), Foggy Meadows Farm (715), and Mark Lawson (710).

Warren County Holstein Club and State Holstein President, Dean Johnson, presided over the meetings. The Holstein Club of Warren County reviewed their activities throughout the year. The 2000 consignment sale averaged \$1,501 for 78 head of cattle



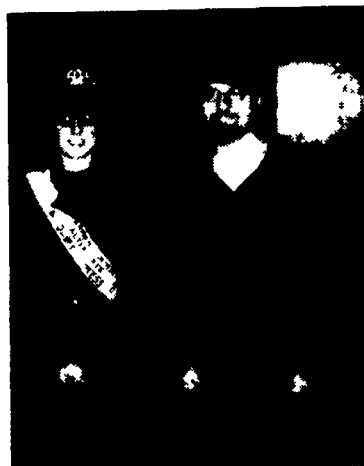
Donald Ekey, right, of Akeley, has the lowest somatic cell herd in Warren County. Dave Hitchcock, DHIA supervisor presents Ekey with a plaque sponsored by Russell Veterinary Hospital.

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Holstein junior dairy show winners were recognized for their achievements at this year's Warren County Fair. Winners by class were Kristen Hitchcock, junior calf; Chris Vanco, intermediate calf; John Nickerson, senior calf; Matthew Mitchell, summer yearling and junior yearling; Kelsi Wilcox, intermediate yearling; John Nickerson, junior 2-year-old; Crystal Gruber, senior 2-year-old; Chris Vanco, junior 3-year-old; Eric Reynolds, 4-year-old; Kristen Hitchcock, 5-year-old cow and dry cow 2 years and over.

The distinguished junior Holstein member was Meggi Wilcox of Russell. Meggi was also the junior speech contest winner, and she presented her speech at the meeting.

The intermediate speech con-



Senior Holstein dairy bowl team members included Sarah Lindell, left, and Chris Vanco.

test winner was Kelsi Wilcox of Russell. She also delivered her speech to the group.

Other youth were recognized for their participation at the Junior Holstein Convention. Junior dairy bowl team members were Kelsi Wilcox, Meggi Wilcox, Toni Gilkinson, and Marshall Johnson. Senior dairy bowl team consisted of Chris Vanco, Peter Vanco, and Sarah Lindell.

Tiffany Gilkinson, Warren County Dairy Princess and Sarah Lindell, Alternate Warren County Dairy Princess were present to promote the dairy industry.

The annual meeting program, as well as a special recognition during the invocation, was dedicated to the memory of three active dairymen who passed away this year. Dennis Lindell, Ransom "Buzz" Riedel, and Leslie Curtis will all be sadly missed by the dairy farmers in Warren County.

NYFB Elects Board Members

GLENMONT, N.Y. — New York Farm Bureau, the state's largest general farm advocacy organization, elected or re-elected several state board members at their state annual meeting recently at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Buffalo.

Current President John W. Lincoln was re-elected for another term and State Board Director, W. Bruce Krenning, was elected as the organization's vice president.

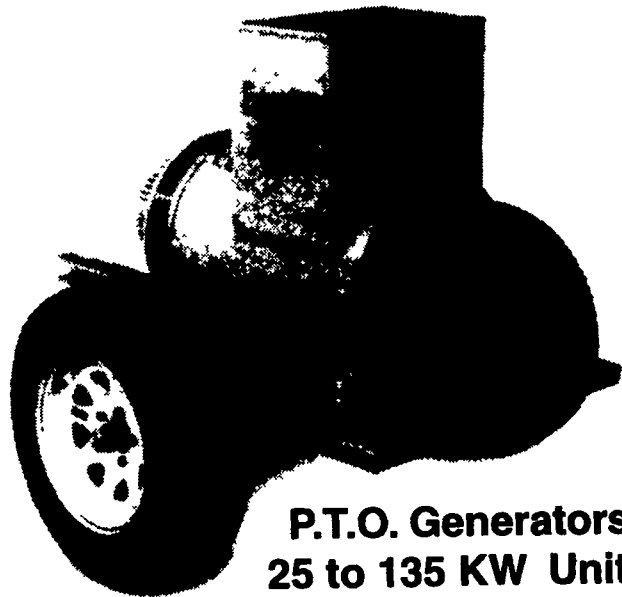
In addition, five of the organization's eleven districts also elected representatives for the state board of directors. The results are as follows:

- District #2: Karen Watt of Orleans County
- District #4: Bob Chadeayne of Schuylar County (re-elected)
- District #6: Bill Von Matt of Oneida County
- District #8: Andrew "Jock" Williamson of Washington County
- District #10: Chris Kelder of Ulster County.

The Promotion and Education Committee of New York Farm Bureau also voted on their state representative, re-electing Judi Whittaker of Broome County, who will be formally appointed at the next board of directors meeting.



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