

# Coopers, Rutters Share York DHIA Honors



DHIA honors to York County herds included awards to, from left, front, Paul Wivell, representing Perrydell Farms, John Dietz, Strickler Lane Farm, and April Cooper. Back row: Heather Crowl, York Dairy Princess and representing the Crowl herd, Terry Saylor, Jr., for Rutter's Farm, Stephanie and Suzann Pomraning, representing their family's My-T Farm.

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**BAIR (York Co.)** — Young dairy couple Scott and April Cooper and longtime family operation Rutter Brothers shared some of the top honors awarded recently at the York DHIA annual meeting conducted Dec. 1 at the 4-H Center.

The Coopers, Delta, were named high herd in the country for both milk and protein, finishing the 2000 test year with an average of 28,412-pounds of milk and 887-pounds of protein.

Rutter's Dairy's Holstein herd zoomed to the top of the herd management list with 114 points on the evaluation, which weighs a variety of factors in tallying the total score. The York dairy tied for third place as well in the management category with its well-known Guernsey herd, racking up 97 points in the tally, the same score achieved by the Cooper's Holsteins.

Leonard Greek, Delta, finished second in the overall herd management scoring, with 102 points. In fifth spot with 96 points, were Glenn and Dawn Anderson, East Prospect.

Most of the top five awards in several categories alternated among a half-dozen of the county's highest-producing herds.

Taking several honors for the first time this year was the My-T herd, Delta, owned by Myron and Teresa Pomraning, and their daughters Stephanie, Suzann and Jessica. The Pomranings, whose daughters are instrumental in helping to care for the family herd, placed first in the quality-related low somatic cell category.

Recognized for their high herd in milk and protein, 305-day records, were also Rutters' Holsteins, second with 26,775-pounds and 820-pounds protein, Smyser's Richlawn Farms, operated by the families of Rodney and Robert Smyser, third with 26,369-pounds milk and 796 of protein, Leonard Greek, fourth at 25,419-pounds milk and 789-pounds protein, and Walk-Le-Holsteins, the Leroy Walker family, fifth at 25,152-pounds milk and 785-pounds protein.

High 305-day individual records were awarded to nine breed winners. Fawn, owned by Triple J Ayrshires, topped the Ayrshire category with a milk record of 25,404. Rutters claimed two breed titles, taking the Guernsey honor with their cow Cindy, and her 27,202 milk lactation, and the Mixed Breed award with Dixie, at 26,815 milk.

Holstein titlist was Scott and April Cooper's Whoopie, with a whopping 42,241-pound, 305-day milk record. Topping the Jersey honors was #15, owned by John Dietz, and completing a record of 17,931 milk pounds. Perrydell Farms' #107 wrapped up a 26,383-pound record to top the Red and White category.

Glenn and Dawn Anderson

also earned two category honors, with Brown Swiss winner #306 completing a 29,618 record and Lineback winner #1104 with a 25,926-pound lactation. Milking Shorthorn award winner was #09 with 17,213-pounds, owned by Glenn and Gary Crowl.

Four of the five highest individual 305-day protein records were from the Cooper herd, with Whoopie at 1,249-pounds protein on her 42,241 milk pounds lactation, Marissa with 1,166-pounds protein and a 37,055-pound milk record, Mist, 1,163-pounds protein and 35,587 milk, and Danni, 1,125 protein and 37,125 milk. Rutters' Holsteins were fourth with Neon, 1,131-pounds protein and 37,030 milk.

High individual 2-year-old was Glenn and Dawn Anderson's Pat, with a first lactation of 31,747-pounds of milk. The Anderson's also earned recognition for high lifetime cow, Rosa, producing 254,033-pounds of milk in eight lactations. Second high lifetime production for the year among the county's test herds was Ada, owned by Elvin L. Deiter, completing 10 lactations with a total of 253,280-pounds milk.

Pomraning's My-T Farms winning quality award came on a Somatic Cell Count year average of 125,000. Second was Kate-Ann Farm, with 141,000, Larry Robinson, third, with 174,000, Leaspring Farm, fourth, at 187,000, and Glenn and Dawn Anderson, 209,000.

Most improved herd in protein was John Krone, Glen Rock, with a plus protein pounds of 69 and a herd protein average of 645. My-T Farm was second, with a 68-pound increase and a 523 average. Third was Cool Branch Farm, 55-pound increase, fourth was Bradley Herr, 48-pound increase and Willow Grove Farm was fifth with a 39-pound increase.

Most improved herd in milk was My-T Farm at 3,134-pounds. John Krone was second with 2,162-pounds milk. Bradley Herr was third with a 1,962-pounds increase, Cool Branch Farm with 1,866-pounds milk and Elvin Deiter at 1,827-pounds milk increase.

High protein in herds averaging over 850-pounds was Scott and April Cooper at 887. In the 750-849-pounds measurement category Rutters' Holsteins were first at 820-pounds, Smyser's Richlawn at 796, Leonard Greek, third, 789, Walk-Le Holsteins, fourth, 785, Lynn Wolf, fifth, 762, and Glenn and Dawn Anderson, sixth, 756-pounds of protein.

In the business meeting portion of the annual DHIA gathering, Ed Cottrell, Seven Valleys, was elected for a three-year term on the test cooperative's county board. Entertainment was provided by Peggy Dawson, who kept her dairy audience laughing with her "down home" country humor and tapping select members of the group to play in her improvisational kitchen band.



Encouraging musical talent that they didn't even know they had, York DHIA meeting entertainer Peggy Dawson tapped audience members for her kitchen band.

## Pa. Breeders Registering Most Angus In Fiscal Year

The 10 producers who registered the most Angus beef cattle in the state of Pennsylvania recorded a total of 779 Angus with the American Angus Association.

1. Sidney Riggs, Friedens, 118
2. McKean Bros., Mercer, 116
3. McCullough Angus, Mercer, 93
4. Sinclair Cattle Co., Wafordsburg, 89
5. South Branch Farms, Seven Valleys, 85
6. Circle Oak Farm, Gettysburg, 61
7. Frey Family Angus, Quarryville, 52
8. Pennsylvania State University, UP, 44

9. Samuel Wylie III, Breezewood, 41

10. Oak Hill Angus Farm, Avella, 40

11. Erdenheim Farm, Lafayette Hill, 40

Angus breeders across the nation in 2000 registered 271,222 head of Angus cattle, an increase of nearly four percent from a year ago.

"This increase reinforces the demand for Angus genetics in commercial herds as producers are more aware of end product quality and its effect on their bottom line," says Spader, Executive vice president, American Angus Association.

## Bay Program Partners Commit To Toxic Reductions

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — A new action plan that sets far-reaching goals for preventing the release of chemical contaminants into the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries was unveiled recently by the Chesapeake Bay Program. The Toxics 2000 Strategy fulfills the first major commitment of Chesapeake 2000, the watershed-wide restoration plan signed by Bay Program partners in June.

The strategy commits to voluntary goals that surpass current regulatory requirements and strives to achieve "zero release" of chemical contaminants into the Bay by phasing out chemical mixing zones, reducing point source loads, and adopting new measures to ensure that finfish and shellfish are safe to eat. And, for the first time, the Bay Program is setting specific numerical goals to reduce toxics from non-point sources such as stormwater and agricultural runoff.

By focusing on areas most impacted by chemical contami-

nants, including three major Regions of Concern the Anacostia River, the Elizabeth River and Baltimore Harbor the strategy calls for implementing plans to cleanup existing contaminated sediments and the acceleration of voluntary efforts to prevent future contamination.

"As one of the key commitments of Chesapeake 2000, the Toxics 2000 Strategy is designed to eliminate toxic impacts and public health concerns in the Anacostia," said Chesapeake Executive Council Chairman and District of Columbia Mayor Anthony A. Williams. "This strategy is one of the first steps toward meeting the ambitious goals of that plan."

"By agreeing to no net increase of chemical contaminants from developing lands and the phasing out of chemical mixing zones, Bay partners have committed to achieving a "zero release" goal that will ultimately reduce toxic impacts on the

Bay," said Chesapeake Bay Program Director Bill Matuszeski.

The Toxics 2000 Strategy is the result a lengthy open public process involving over 300 government, citizen, industry, environmental and scientific leaders from across the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

"The extensive public involvement and support over the past year and a half is the key to meeting the goals set forth in this strategy," said Chesapeake Bay Program Toxics Subcommittee Chair Bob Summers. "The result of this unique stakeholder-driven process is a clear strategy calling for more extensive Bay preservation and restoration efforts."

For more information about the Toxics 2000 Strategy, including an executive summary, list of participating stakeholders and links to Bay Program partners, visit the Chesapeake Bay Program website at <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/press.htm>.

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