

Chester County Conducts 4-H Dairy, Dairy Goat Awards Banquet

WEST CHESTER (Chester Co.) — The Chester County 4-H Dairy and Dairy Goat Awards Banquet was conducted Thursday, Nov. 16 at the Goshen Fire Hall.

A buffet style roast beef and ham dinner was served to 120 4-H'ers and their families and friends.

The Manor Dairy Club was in charge of the affair, and various 4-H members conducted the meeting with Rebecca Nolan of Cochranville serving as master of ceremonies.

Russ Albright of Mid-Atlantic Farm Credit gave the group an update on the Romano 4-H Center of Chester County. Another successful 4-H roundup week was conducted in August, including the dairy show, hosting 130 dairy animals. A very successful 4-H Center Benefit Auction was

conducted in late September. The money raised at this event will be used to cover current expenses and construct new facilities.

The banquet culminated with entertainment provided by the Chester Valley Dairy Club. Meredith Baily of West Chester hosted "Who Wants to be a Dairy Farmer?," a spinoff of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?." "Various club members served as contestants and others helped with the "special effects lighting." The skit even included a visit by Cathy Lee Gifford, who was really Kevin Harrop of Chester Springs outfitted in a dress, wig, and high heels.

Dairy goat awards were presented to the high individual project book scores in each club based on the quality and completeness of their book and their

performance throughout the 4-H year. Veronica Bates of Gradyville captured the High Achievement Award for the Chester County Kids Club. In the New London Club, Erin Whitesel had the top project award. The Jessica Bohmier Memorial Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Chester County 4-H Dairy Goat Program went to Erin Whitesel. Awards were also presented to the fitting and showing champions and the breed champions from the Chester County 4-H Dairy Goat Roundup last summer.

The top achievement award for dairy based on the total project score was won by Tri-Community member Christy Guest of Pottstown with her Holstein cow project, Century-Oak Tesk Joanie. In conjunction with this award, Christy also received a

rotating plaque given by Mildred Seeds of Downingtown, in memory of her parents, George and Mary Seeds. Other achievement award winners included Kaitlyn Kulp of the Tri-Community Dairy Club receiving a first-year trophy. In the Manor Dairy Club, Katie Bates of Gradyville was the winner with Kacie Hershey of Cochranville taking first-year honors. Meredith Baily, West Chester, captured the award in the Chester Valley Club and Emily Neilson of Chatham was the first-year winner.

The Outstanding 4-H Dairy Volunteer Award, established in memory of Ken Brown, a dedicated 4-H dairy parent, was presented to Sharon Nolan of Cochranville. This award was determined from votes cast by the 4-H dairy members.

Production Awards, based on M.E., 305 day records, 2X, were given to the top entries in six breeds. The Ayrshire winner for milk and protein was Pure-Ayr Jan Donna Marie with 24,062-pounds of milk and 819-pounds of protein, entered by Elizabeth Young of West Grove. Meredith Baily of West Chester won the milk and protein production award for Linebacks with Pocopson Meadow Jewel, delivering 21,217-pounds of milk and 650-pounds of protein. Christy Guest, Pottstown, had the high Holstein for milk and protein, Century-Oak Tesk Joanie, with 33,677-pounds of milk and 1,036-pounds of protein. Erica Lloyd of Pottstown captured the high milk and protein award for Jerseys with ELS Brook Berretta Jaycie, producing 21,476-pounds of milk and 746-pounds of protein. In the



Christy Guest, Chester County Dairy Achievement Award winner.

Brown Swiss breed, Erica also received the high milk and protein award with Brownwitch Con C Krystal, achieving 26,978-pounds of milk and 806-pounds of protein. Julie Sollenberger of Spring City had the high Guernsey for milk, French Creek Diamond Ann, with 17,334-pounds of milk. Trophies were also given out to the 2000 4-H dairy roundup show winners and fitting and showmanship champions.

Farm Credit awards to dairy members for excellence and leadership in a wide variety of 4-H activities went to Julie Sollenberger of Spring City for the senior award, a \$50 savings bond and a \$25 cash award went to Julie's brother, Colin Sollenberger, as the junior winner. They were presented by Russ Albright from Mid-Atlantic Farm Credit, ACA, Avondale.

\$10.9 Million For Safer Pest Management

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman recently announced \$10.9 million in grants for pest management programs.

"These grants will be used to research safe and effective strategies for managing destructive farm pests," said Glickman.

Grants were awarded in four separate pest management programs.

More than \$4.3 million in grants will be awarded to four newly created regional pest management centers to provide an information network that responds quickly to the public's pest management needs. The centers, announced by Glickman in October, include the University of

California-Davis, University of Florida, Michigan State University, and Pennsylvania State University. They will partner with USDA to identify, prioritize, coordinate, and facilitate research, education, and extension programs.

More than \$3.7 million will fund research at the University of California-Berkeley, the University of Florida, Kansas State University, and Michigan State University to develop safer pest management options in all aspects of crop production from the planted seed to the marketed product.

More than \$1.8 million will support the discovery and implementation of pest management

alternatives for commodities affected by the methyl bromide phase-out. The awardees include the University of California-Davis, University of California-Riverside, University of Florida, University of Idaho, Michigan State University, and North Carolina State University.

Approximately \$1 million will help scientists at the University of Idaho, Iowa State University, University of Massachusetts, Oklahoma State University, and Oregon State University to assess safer pest management options for at-risk crops or cropping systems.

Information on the individual grants is available at <http://www.usda.gov/news/releases/2000/12/fy00pest.htm>.



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