

Wayne County Affiliate Of PaDHIA Holds Annual Meeting

BETHANY (Wayne Co.) — The 74th Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Wayne County Affiliate of Pennsylvania Dairy Herd Improvement Association (PaDHIA) was conducted recently, at the Bethany Methodist Church Hall, Bethany.

D. Ellis Dix, Chairman, Wayne County Affiliate of PaDHIA Advisory Committee, conducted a short business meeting and then introduced the speakers for the meeting.

Gary Williams, District 11 Regional Manager for PaDHIA, made a few brief remarks about the 1999-2000 testing year. He deferred any additional comments to John Castrogiovanni and Jamie Zimmerman.

John Castrogiovanni, District 11 director, PaDHIA Board of Directors, gave an update on PaDHIA, new business alliances with New York and a new general manager. Mr. Castrogiovanni also presented the "1999 Clyde S. Robison Leadership Award" to D. Ellis Dix for his leadership to DHIA and the dairy industry.

Jamie Zimmerman, general manager, PaDHIA and New York Dairy One, introduced himself to the Wayne County group and proceeded to explain why and how the alliance between New York and Pennsylvania took place to benefit all dairymen on a milk testing program. The area serviced by the PaDHIA board of directors continues to work to keep the cost of production testing affordable.

The Wayne County Affiliate of PaDHIA finished its 74th

year on Sept. 30 with 73 herds on official production testing. The total number of cows tested for the year was 4,096 cows with an average production of 18,528 pounds of milk per cow and a total of 674 pounds of butterfat per cow. The value of milk produced per cow was \$2,808 for the year, total cost of feed was \$1,002 per cow and the net value of milk above feed cost was \$1,806 per cow per year.

Herd and individual cow production awards were also presented at this annual meeting. Awards included:

High Herd for Milk Production: Eroh Dairy, Pleasant Mount — 27,682 pounds of milk per cow.

High Herd for Butterfat Production: Rowe Brothers, Honesdale — 1,086 pounds of butterfat per cow.

High Herd for Protein Production: Eroh Dairy, Pleasant Mount — 867 pounds of protein per cow.

High Cow for Milk Production: Eroh Dairy, Pleasant Mount — "175" — 36,230 pounds of milk.

High Cow for Butterfat Production: Dave and Sheila Banicky, Thompson — "Penny" — 1,753 pounds of butterfat.

High Cow for Protein Production: Dale and Sandy Worobey, Thompson — "4294" — 1,105 pounds of protein.

High Lifetime Cow for Milk Protein Production (Based on Cows Removed From Herds): D. Ellis Dix, Pleasant Mount — "Donna" — 251,837 pounds of milk and 7,692 pounds of protein in 13 lactations.

High Lifetime Cow for Butterfat Production (Based on Cows Removed From Herds): Rowe Brothers, Honesdale — "Liz" — 10,332 pounds of butterfat in 11 lactations.

High Quality Milk Award (Low Somatic Cell Count (SSC)): La Tour Valley Farm (Mark and Bonnie La Tourette) — 101,000 (Average cell count for testing year).

High Mixed Breed Herd for Milk, Butterfat and Protein Production: Creamton Dairy (Don Jr. and Debbie Eroh and Family), Waymart — 19,556 pounds of milk, 740 pounds of butterfat and 634 pounds of protein per cow.

High Protein Breed Herd Protein Breed Herd for Milk, Butterfat and Protein Production: Chuck and Amy Theobald, Waymart — 17,045 pounds of milk, 793 pounds of butterfat and 639 pounds of protein per cow.

Some additional awards were presented to area herds for: Honorable Mention — High Quality Milk Awards (Somatic Cell Counts of 200,000 or Less) — Creamton Dairy (Don Jr. and Debbie Eroh and Family), Waymart; Charles M. Keating, Jr.; Chris Lantzsch, Honesdale; N. Gary Kravetsky, Thompson; Randy L. Howell, Waymart; James Slocum, Susquehanna and Albert G. Mignerey, Jr. Honesdale.

A group of Wayne County dairy herds were recognized for significant herd production increases for milk and/or butterfat and/or protein production for the 1999-2000 testing year.

These herds are: Clyde Eltz, Pleasant Mount; Carl Shepstone, Damascus; Riverside Farm (Chuck and Amy Theobald), Waymart; Con-Acres (Dan Conlogue), Pleasant Mount; Joe Bunnell, Honesdale; Jack and Ella Chyle, Pleasant Mount; Randy and Jean Price, Damascus; Chyle-Land Dairy (Jack and Ella Chyle), Pleasant Mount; James Slocum, Susquehanna; Rowe Brothers, Honesdale; Buck Brothers, Susquehanna; William and Barbara Yerkes, Milanville; Eroh Dairy, Pleasant Mount and Carl Robinson, Pleasant Mount.

PaDHIA Management Awards were presented to the top ten herds in Wayne County. They included:

First place: Rowe Brothers, Honesdale (123 points).

Second place: Jack and Ella Chyle, Pleasant Mount (103 points).

Third place: Joe Bunnell, Honesdale (91 points).

chased with the preregistration form for an additional \$28. Late or walk-in registrations will be accepted for \$65 as space permits.

A block of rooms have been reserved at The Nittany Lion Inn at a rate of \$72 plus tax per night for a single or double room. For special-rate room reservations, call (800) 233-7505 before Jan. 26 and indicate you are attending the Pennsylvania Game Breeders annual meeting.



Production and management award recipients include, from left to right, Chuck and Amy Theobald and son, Andrew, in front, Waymart; Kathy Eroh, third from left, Eroh Dairy, Pleasant Mount; Ella and Jack Chyle, fourth and sixth from left, Pleasant Mount; and D. Ellis Dix, Ellday Farm, Pleasant Mount.



Ella Chyle, right, Vice-Chairperson, Wayne County Affiliate of PaDHIA is shown presenting a plaque award to Mark and Bonnie La Tourette, La Tour Valley Farm, Honesdale, for "High Quality Milk Award" (lowest somatic cell count).



John Castrogiovanni, left, District 11 director of PaDHIA, is shown presenting a gold wristwatch to D. Ellis Dix, right, Ellday Farm, Pleasant Mount, Chairman of the Wayne County Affiliate of PaDHIA, as the 1999 recipient of the Clyde S. Robison Leadership Award.

Meeting To Address Game Breeders, Hunting Preserves

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — For people interested in game birds or operating a hunting preserve, Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences will conduct the Pennsylvania Game Breeders and Hunting Preserves annual meeting Feb. 25-27 here at The Nittany Lion Inn.

According to Paul Patterson, associate professor of poultry science and conference chair, the sessions will be conducted by some of the most experienced people in the field of game bird production and hunting resort management.

Beginners will learn tips on incubating and raising birds. Presentations on health challenges and management will be of interest to industry veterans, as well as those just starting up. Participants also will have the chance to talk with presenters and network with other preserve owners.

Registration begins at 7 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 25, followed by a 7:30 p.m. reception. Training and information sessions begin at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 26.

Monday morning sessions will include a diagnostic update for game birds; the how's and why's of nipple management; disease quarantines; and pheasant biology, populations, and habitat in the Northeast.

Monday afternoon sessions will feature brooding and start-

ing birds out on the right foot, a new approach to cocci management (vaccination), environmental issues and regulations with sporting clays and shot.

A banquet will be Monday evening at 7 p.m. The guest speaker, Bret Wallingford, wildlife biologist with the Pennsylvania Game Commission, will discuss "Fawn Survival of White-tailed Deer in Pennsylvania."

Tuesday morning's sessions include direct fed microbials and game bird production, public health issues and challenges, training aides for bird dogs, and practical implications of research on embryo temperature during incubation.

An afternoon session will be at 1 p.m. on necropsy techniques for game birds, followed by an informal group discussion. The conference will end at 3 p.m.

To request registration materials and a detailed schedule, call (814) 865-8301 or visit the World Wide Web at <http://conferences.cas.psu.edu>. For more information on conference content, call Paul Patterson at (814) 865-3414. Registration will be accepted by mail or fax through Feb. 12.

The registration fee is \$55. A second person from the same firm or a spouse can attend for \$45. Tickets for Monday evening's banquet should be pur-

Tobacco Results Posted

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Following is a list of the recent Farm Show tobacco contest.

TOBACCO - OPEN CLASSES

Class: 001-Type 41, Pa. Grown Seedleaf or Broadleaf Wrapper: 1. Gary Neff. 2. Garrett Neff. 3. Brian Rankin.

Class: 002-Type 41, Pa. Grown Seedleaf or Broadleaf Filler: 1. Dianne Neff. 2. Garrett Neff. 3. Mike Nissley.

Class: 003-Type 41, Pa. Grown Seedleaf or Broadleaf Binder: 1. Gary Neff. 2. Garrett Neff. 3. Dianne Neff.

Class: 004-Pa. Grown Smoking Bottom One-Third: 1. Garrett Neff. 2. Jessica Neff. 3. Robert Garrett.

Class: 005-Pa. Grown Smoking Middle One-Third: 1. Garrett Neff. 2. Jessica Neff. 3. Robert Garrett.

Class: 006-Pa. Grown Smoking Top One-Third: 1. Jessica Neff. 2. Garrett Neff. 3. Robert Garrett.

Class: 007-Champion Pa. Grown Tobacco: Garrett Neff.

Class: 008-Reserve Champion Pa. Seedleaf/Broadleaf Tobacco: Gary Neff.

Class: 009-Reserve Champion Pa. Smoking Tobacco: Garrett Neff.

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