Maryland Holstein Association Honors Members



Scholarship winners were presented to, from left, Brent Shafer, Gary Brauning III, Brett Haines, Katherine Herbst, and Barbara Schenning (holding award is Ann).



Intermediate record book awards were presented to, from left, Malorie Rhoderick, Jessica Hernandez, Emily Yeiser, Erin Magness, and Tracy Web.



Additional intermediate record book awards went to, from left, Davis Schwartzbeck, Jacob Pieper, T.J. Remsberg, Ben Calimer, and Ryan Haines.



Junior record book awards were presented to Laurel Moore, Sarah O'Brien, Sarah Davis, Aubrey Schwartzbeck, Allyson Lethbridge, and Amy Yeiser.

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HAGERSTOWN, Md. — "They are holding me personally responsible for keeping foot and mouth disease out of Maryland," said Dr. Roger Olson, state veterinarian in Annapolis.

Olson spoke late last week at the annual Maryland Holstein Convention at the Four Points Sheraton in Hagerstown, Md. He was speaking as Secretary of Agriculture Hagner Mister's representative.

Olson noted the biggest risk for this country are travelers who are "bringing in uncooked meat products," he said, to international airports.

Beagles are out in force in airports. "One found a sausage at BWI the other day," he said.

USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is keeping full track of what is going on around the world.

"I don't want to depress you," he told about 360 association members and friends at the awards banquet. "But it's a seri-

ous situation."

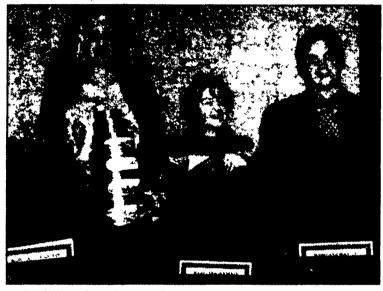
Last time there was a serious problem with foot and mouth disease in the country was 1929.

Olson emphasized the efforts of many people to distribute the message about the importance of biosecurity on the farm.

At the convention banquet, with the theme, "Monumental Past, Victorious Future," several members were honored for achievements.

The 2000 Distinguished Service Award was presented to Charles and Judy Iager, Fulton,

Charles and brother Gene and (Turn to Page A34)



Additional junior production awards went to, from left, Jami Savage, 2-, 3-, 5-, and 6-year old cow records; Holly Wright, 4-year-old cow records; and lifetime production to Jacob Pieper.



Honorable mention Distinguished Junior Member (DJM) awards for record books went to, from left, Courtney Smith, Jenny Herbst, Katle Herbst, and Andrea Hood.



Senior DJM finalist awards went to, from left, Justin Watt and Gary Brauning.