

Sanitarians Present Award

RESTON, Va. - What do countless years of dedication to the dairy industry get these days?

For Jerry Ensor of Maryland & Virginia Milk Producers, the answer is simple. Ensor recently received the "Sanitarians Award" presented by the Pennsylvania Association of Food and Environmental Sanitarians (PAMFES).

The award was presented during the PAMFES Annual Conference, May 15-16 at Penn State University. The honor was bestowed on Ensor for his commitment to the industry and the dairy farmers he serves in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

The plaque presented to Ensor reads, "For the unfaltering discharge and wise administration of duties, recognition of responsibility, zealous interest, and tireless devotion in the field of dairy sanitation, and exemplary conduct as a sanitarian."

Now that may sound pretty impressive, and a bit of a mouthful, but Ensor said, "It was a great feeling and I was really surprised. I've had a rewarding career and it has been a pleasure working with dairy farmers."

"The PAMFES Awards and Resolutions Committee selects a field representative with years of experience that are successful at what they do," said Eugene

Frey, PAMFES secretary. The committee reviews a person's love and service for the industry, and how they help farmers become successful. "We select a person that does a good job and has a good rapport with the farmers they work with," Frey said.

Ensor's background and successful career reflect his extensive knowledge and experience in the dairy industry. He has served as a field representative with Maryland & Virginia Milk Producers for 17 years, and previously for Maryland Cooperative and Dairymen, Inc. Ensor began his career calibrating farm tanks and as a lab technician for Maryland Cooperative.

"During the past 35 years, I have worked in nine counties in Pennsylvania and five counties in Maryland," Ensor said. "I've driven many, many miles, sometimes 60,000 a year."

Ensor resides in Westminster, Md., and his field territory includes York and Adams counties in Pennsylvania and Frederick, Carroll, and Baltimore counties in Maryland. He was raised on a dairy farm in Forest Hill, Md., and was a member of the winning Maryland 4-H Dairy Judging team that competed in Iowa and Bristol, England. He and his wife Ruth have four children and seven grandchildren.

Dairy Expert Dr. Hutjens Speaks At Producer Meeting

GETTYSBURG (Adams Co.) — Renaissance Nutrition, Inc., along with Biotal and Mycogen, featured two outstanding speakers at a recent dairy producer's meeting.

Speakers included well-known Dr. Mike Hutjens from the University of Illinois, and a regularly featured author in such publications as Hoard's Dairyman and Dairy Today, and Richard Bennek, a specialist in agronomy and dairy science from Mycogen Seeds. The dinner event was held on Tuesday, May 22, and attended by a large number of producers from south-central Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Topics presented included: 11 Management Factors That Can Make You \$33,000; More Income With An 80 Cow Herd; Forage Quality And Fermentation Profiling; and Importance Of Selecting Hybrids For Silage.

Producers, along with other guests, were invited to participate in the discussion, as well as to ask questions pertinent to the topics presented. Prior to this dinner event, Dr. Hutjens spent the day touring area farms and providing insight into a variety of management and nutritional concerns. Accompanying Hutjens was Biotal's John Zmich and Renaissance Nutrition Consultant David Kehr.

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House Approves Miller's Agriculture By-Product Technology Bill

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Continuing its commitment to support 21st century agriculture in the commonwealth, the House approved legislation introduced by Rep. Sheila Miller (R-129) to encourage the use and development of improved methods of managing manure and other agricultural by-products.

"This is great news for the agriculture industry and for our environment," Miller said. "We must continue to improve our farming practices if we are to remain competitive and maintain agriculture as the number one industry in Pennsylvania."

"Protecting the environment is also important because farmers rely so heavily on the quality of our land and water resources," she said.

The bill, first introduced in 1999, requires the Department of Agriculture to evaluate new

by-product management practices and promote the education and use of those practices through loan and grant programs.

"Better by-product management results in the production of energy, pathogen-free fertilizers, animal feed supplements and clean water," Miller said. "It also helps increase revenues for agricultural producers."

House Bill 674 also creates the Agriculture By-Product Technology Board, which will work with the Department of Agriculture to research and evaluate new technologies. It will be responsible for assessing regional manure and by-product reduction needs and for encouraging cooperation among the agricultural community, industry and local government regarding the use and development of the new technologies.

The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration.

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