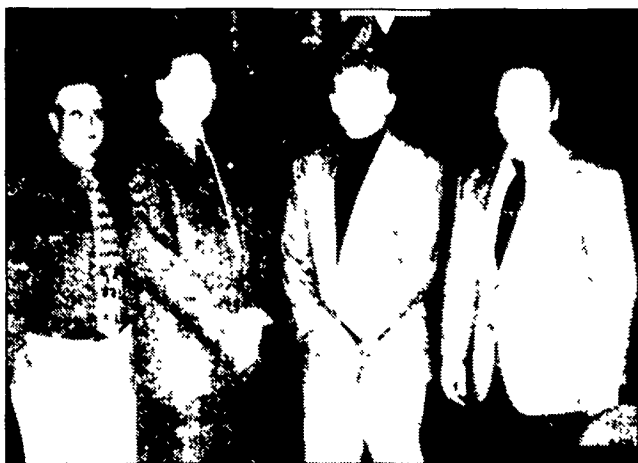


Pa. Holstein Association Presents Awards



PA Holstein Association 2002 officers, from left, David Bitler, treasurer; Dean Johnson, past president; John Burket, president; and Rick Allen, vice president.



Progressive Breeder Award winner, front, Douglas Seipt, Rebecca Jackson, Debbie Decker, Keith Decker, and Jay Houser. Back, Kenneth Umble, Dean Jackson, Dale Hostetter, and John Meyer.



Progressive Genetic Herd Award winners, front, Lori Bonzo, Karl Brandt, and Barbara Lentz. Back, Myron Bonzo, Daniel Ulmer, John Meyer, Frank Conyngham, and Kenneth Umble.



Membership Solicitor Award winner, Paul Hartle, James Houser, Jay Houser, Renee Bates, and Willard Hitchcock.



Progressive Breeder Award winner, front, Lori Bonzo, Jacob Shaffer, Cindy Shaffer, Jodi London, David Bitler, and Phoebe Bitler. Back, Myron Bonzo, Gary Lentz, Jeff Shaffer, Jim London, and John Meyer.



2001 All-Pennsylvania winners, front, Andrew Stoner, James Grove, Nicholas Wolff, and Chris Wood. Back, David Walton, Kathy Walton, John Rader, Dale Hostetter, and Bradley Coffman.



Progressive Breeder Award winners, front, Vernon Yoder, Patti McLaughlin. Back, David Walton, Duane Hershey, Paul Hartle, John Lapp, David McLaughlin, and John Meyer, CEO Holstein USA.



Progressive Genetic Herd Award winners, front, Karen Riedel, Reid Hoover, Robert Mong, and Ray McMillen. Back, John Meyer, Ron Riedel, Duane Hershey, Marlin Shultz, Dennis Wolff, and John Lapp.



2001 All-Pennsylvania winners, front, James Grove, Tobin Stuff, Chris Wood, and Beckie Williams. Back, David Walton, Kathy Walton, Rhodena Eckstine, Pam Morse, and Ronnie Morse.

300 Attend Ag Preservation Seminar

QUARRYVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — About 300 producers and agri-industry representatives attended a free agricultural seminar on ways to preserve the family farm here Tuesday evening at the Solanco Fairgrounds.

The seminar, hosted by Beiler-Campbell Realtors and Christ Taylor, included seven speakers who addressed ag preservation by selling development rights, and spoke about easements, tax issues, and family transfers.

Speakers included Jay Clark, Esq., Blevins and Clark; Anders Alfelt, Octoraro Watershed Association; Christ Taylor; Samuel Goodley, Esq., Byler, Goodley, Winkle and Hetrick; June Mengel, Lancaster County Agricultural Preservation Program; Kevin Baer, Chester County Agricultural Preservation Program; John Goodall, Brandywine Conservancy; and Jeff Swinehart, Lancaster Farmland Trust.

About a third of those who attended were from Chester County and the remainder from Lancaster.

Baer, of the Chester program, spoke about how similar the county's preservation program was to Lancaster's, with one difference: they use a ranking system to prioritize the farms, he said. That system gives a certain ranking percentage to class soils, development pressure, farmland potential, and resource cluster.

Both Lancaster and Chester county representatives explained how to preserve the farm. The preservation boards of the counties provide actual money compensation when the development rights are sold.

Lancaster's program, according to June Mengel, includes more than 500 farms on 48,000 acres already preserved. State funding comes from cigarette taxes and Growing Greener legislation, mostly from landfill tipping fees and other sources. The county program has preserved 70 farms the past year alone, more than triple the rate of a few years ago, because of increased funding.

To be considered for preservation, farms must petition



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their township to set up an Ag Security Area. The farm must be at least 10 acres in size and zoned agriculture.

According to Baer, there are various ways to accept the

payoff once preservation has been approved. The price makes up the difference between the market value and the ag value of the land.