

## Cumberland County Dairy Herd Improvement Program Presents Awards

HUNTSDALE (Cumberland Co.) — The 83rd annual meeting of the Cumberland County Dairy Herd Improvement program was recently conducted at the Penn Township Firehall.

The herd of Brymesser Farms, Boiling Springs, was recognized for its production of milk and protein. The Brymesser Farms' 240 registered and grade Holstein cows produced an average of 27,586 pounds of milk and 838 pounds of protein. Each one of

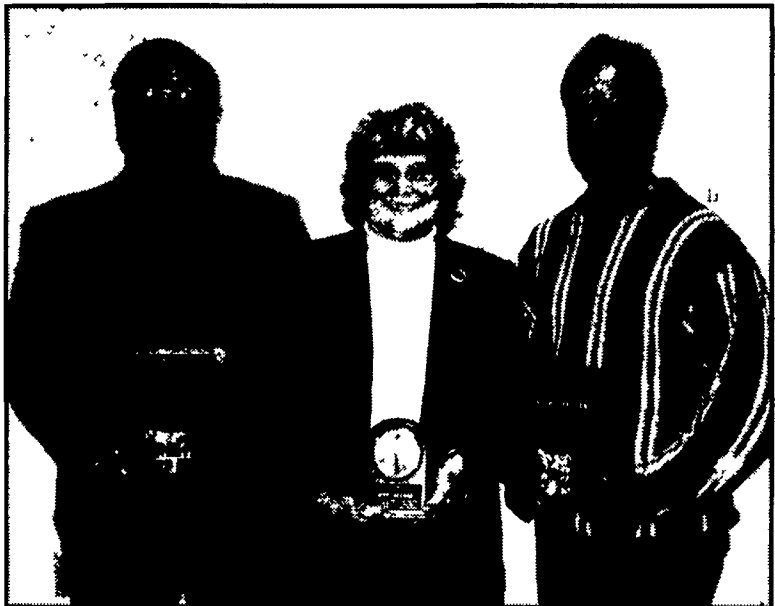
their cows produced an average of more than 13 tons of milk.

Bry-Nel Sailor Ila, a registered Holstein in the Brymesser herd, had the high milk and protein 305-day record. She produced 44,969 pounds of milk and 1,302 pounds of protein.

Jet-Rae Farm of Shippensburg was honored for having the lowest somatic cell count (SCC) yearly average in the county. Nealand Farms, Newville, received second place honors.



Rosettes were presented to two county families for having more than 750 pounds of protein per cow in their herds. Shown here are, from left, Sheldon and Michael Brymesser, Boiling Springs, representing their 240 cows that averaged 27,586 pounds of milk and 838 pounds of protein. Steve and Oscar Nealy represent Nealand Farms, Newville, whose 280 cows averaged 26,509 pounds of milk and 759 pounds of protein.



Brymesser Farms, Boiling Springs, represented by Sheldon, Maryann, and Michael, were recognized recently for having the Cumberland County high herd of 240 cows producing 27,586 pounds of milk and 838 pounds of protein. They also had the high cow in milk and protein production for the year. Bry-Nel Sailor Ila produced 44,969 pounds of milk and 1,302 pounds of protein in her last 305-day record. Brymesser Farms was also honored for having both the high 2-year-old records in milk and protein.



From left, Brymesser Farms, Boiling Springs, represented by Sheldon and Maryann Brymesser were recognized for having Cumberland County high herd, high cow in milk and protein, and high 2-year-old cows in milk and protein. Jet Rae Farms, Shippensburg, represented by Jean and Ray Thrush, were recognized for having the lowest somatic cell count (SCC) yearly average.

Rounding out the top five were Hidden View Farm, Newville; Leroy Showaker and Son, Newville; and Dave and Doug Lehman, Carlisle.

Brymesser Farms were honored for having both the high 2-year-old in protein and the high 2-year-old in milk. The high 2-year-old in protein was a registered Holstein Bry-Nel Amos 1219, producing 973 pounds of protein. The high 2-year-old in milk was Bry-Nel Amos' 1201, with 30,909 pounds of milk.

The herd of Floral Rose Farm, Newburg was recognized at the 83rd annual meeting for placing first in the Cumberland County Herd Management Awards Program. The Floral Rose Farm herd earned a total score of 100 points. Herds earned points because they excel in several herd management areas such as increase in milk, fat, and protein production; sustained production for milk, fat, and protein over last year and two years ago; somatic cell count improvement; days open; number of services per pregnancy; and age at first calving.

Brymesser Farms, Boiling Springs, placed second with a score of 98. Nealand Farms, Newville, and Lee Hoover Jr., Boiling Springs, tied for third with a score of 96. Robee Acres placed fifth with a score of 95.



Jet-Rae Farms of Shippensburg was honored for having the lowest somatic cell count (SCC) yearly average in the county. Jean and Ray Thrush are shown with the award received at the annual banquet.

## Mid-Atlantic Dairy Association Adds To Staff

PHILADELPHIA — Kara Tussey and Marcea Huemer recently joined the Mid-Atlantic Dairy Association staff.

In her new position, Kara Tussey will be a marketing specialist, creating and implementing milk vending programs in Mid-Atlantic schools and businesses, as well as a milk tanker decal installation program.

Tussey grew up on a dairy farm in Huntingdon County. She graduated in 1996 from Penn State with a bachelor's degree in dairy and animal science and a minor in agricultural communications.

Before joining the Mid-Atlantic staff, Tussey worked for Morgan & Myers, an Iowa public relations firm, as a communications associate. Prior to that, she worked for Sire Power, Inc. and the Middle Atlantic Milk Marketing Association.

"We are pleased to have Kara join our staff," said Patty Purcell, director of advertising and retail

promotions. "She will play a key role in the vending and marketing of our product."

Marcea Huemer has joined the nutrition education and marketing team and will focus on school marketing programs, including the Expanding Breakfast and Mealtime Sampler programs. She will also serve as the New Jersey liaison for Action for Healthy Kids.

Huemer, from southern New Jersey, earned a bachelor's degree in clinical dietetics from Syracuse University in 1991 and master's degree in physiology from the University of Delaware in 1995. Previous work experience includes clinical nutrition and cardiac rehabilitation and wellness programming/community marketing.

"We are really excited to have Marcea on board," said Ellen Fuller, director of nutrition education and marketing. "She is a great addition to our nutrition education team."

## Chester 4-H Dairy Roundup Names Winners



The Jersey breed produced the supreme champion at the recent Chester County Dairy Roundup. Winners, from left, are Hannah Wentworth, for Pat Jenkins, reserve junior champion; Jennifer Jenkins, junior champion; Melissa Huff, reserve grand champion; and Pat Jenkins, grand champion and supreme champion.

HONEY BROOK (Chester Co.) — Forty 4-H members exhibited a total of 120 dairy animals from seven breeds at the recent Chester County 4-H Dairy Roundup.

Breed champions were shown by the following exhibitors:

- Ayrshire: Hannah Wentworth, Quarryville;
- Brown Swiss: Becky Baily, West Chester;
- Guernsey: Kevin Sollenberger, Spring City;
- Jersey: Pat Jenkins, Toughkenamon;
- Holstein: Randy Miller, Chester Springs;
- Lineback: Mike Hicks, Unionville; and
- Red & White: Randy Miller, Chester Springs.

Pat Jenkins' champion Jersey, 5-year-old CLV Schlitz Symphony, was named supreme champion.

Bill and Mark Schnebly of Clear Springs, Md., judged the show.