

## *Veteran Dairy Team To Lead MDIA*

FREDERICK, Md.—Three veteran dairy producers, representing four generations of family dairy production, have been elected to lead the Maryland Dairy Industry Association (MDIA) in 2003.

Robert Ramsburg of Walkersville was elected MDIA president. He is a fourth generation dairy farmer and farm leader, whose 370 acres and 100 Holstein cows provide milk to Dairy Farmers of America (DFA). Ramsburg is a board member of the Frederick County DHIA, life member of the Frederick County Farm Museum, board member of the Frederick County Farm Bureau, former state chairman of the Maryland Farm Bureau Young Farmers, and former Young Cooperator. He succeeds Myron L. Wilhide of Detour as MDIA president.

James (Jimmy) Stup, Jr., also of Walkersville, was elected MDIA first vice-president. Stup's Teabow, Inc. dairy operation has recently expanded to 700 dairy cows, with a new state-of-the-art milking parlor and free-stall barn. The 750-acre third-generation family farm includes a modern manure

handling system that sets an example for farming operations in the environmentally sensitive Glade Valley area. Milk is shipped to Maryland & Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative Association.

Jeffrey Wivell of Emmitsburg is MDIA second vice-president. His family has been in Maryland dairy production since 1910, and now farms in partnership with three other families, with 500 dairy cows on 400 acres. Milk is shipped to Dairy Farmers of America (DFA).

Boyd Cook, retired executive with Dairymen, Inc., of Boonsboro (Washington County) continues as secretary and ex-officio member of the MDIA Board of Directors.

Also elected to the MDIA Board of Directors are three new decision-makers representing various Maryland geographical areas. New directors include Fonda Rowe, an executive with Tri-State Farm Automation of Hagerstown; Lester C. (Bucky) Jones, Jr., principal of Jones Dairy Service, Inc., Massey (Kent County); and Steve Matthias, regional representative with Agway, Inc. of Westminster (Carroll County).



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