



DART volunteers, from left, are Gary Heckman, Jim Ferguson, Brian Reed, Tom Oyler, Kirk Sattazahn, Dennis Milhoan, Andy Terrell, Beth Grove, Scott Owens, and John Williamson.

Dairy Advocacy & Resource Team Meets

MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.) — Dairy industry representatives from southeastern Pennsylvania met Sept. 11 to form the Dairy Advocacy & Resource Team (DART).

DART is a project of the Pennsylvania Dairy Stakeholders to bring together the sales and service personnel working in the dairy industry. The groups' close ties with producers will aid in delivering a positive message about the Pennsylvania dairy industry and encourage participation in the many educational programs available. The goals are increased production per cow and greater profitability for producers.

Over 60 professionals from the sales and service sectors of the dairy industry attended the meeting.

"We thought that the best way to encourage producers to adopt new technology and business methods was to have this influential group take the message to them directly. It is more than encouraging to see this many people so interested in the growth and viability of our Pennsylvania dairy industry," Pennsylvania Dairy Stakeholders President Gary Heckman said.

Those in attendance identified the following as issues that should be addressed by the team: milk quality, forage quality, "real world" expansion process and management, labor issues, business succession, accounting and records, business decision-making, risk management, and community and public relations.

The group also questioned how

to package educational information and decided that each program must have a specific target audience.

Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Dennis Wolff and Penn State Dairy Alliance's Bradley Hilty spoke to the group about the concept of the Dairy Advocacy & Resource Team and why it is needed in the state. Heckman and Alan Bair, director of dairy industry relations for Penn State, also spoke to the group representing the Pennsylvania Dairy Stakeholders.

"Strength in dairy is important to all segments of the dairy industry from producers to processors and consuming public. We need strong and profitable dairy farms to keep the infrastructure and to encourage the next generation of producers in Pennsylvania," Wolff said.

The concept of DART is to organize local "chapters" made up of sales and service personnel working together to get valid information to producers and to encourage those producers to remain progressive in their businesses. "We would like to get this group started and then move on to another region of Pennsylvania. It is our hope that soon there will be DART chapters throughout the state," Heckman said.

Bair presented the industry professionals with several tools available for use in assisting and educating producers. Milk Production Records for Management Control charts allow producers to record production per cow each day to track those management

changes that influence milk production the most. The charts are available through the Dairy Alliance office at (888) 373-7232 or HYPERLINK "mailto:mmoyer@psu.edu" mmoyer@psu.edu. The Dairy Development web site (HYPERLINK "http://dairydevelopment.psu.edu" http://dairydevelopment.psu.edu) lists consultants producers can contact for help with any aspect of milk production. The Dairy Alliance calendar (at HYPERLINK "http://dairyalliance.psu.edu" http://dairyalliance.psu.edu) shows producers what educational events are going on around the state. Industry professionals should also consult this calendar before scheduling programs to avoid date conflicts with other meetings.

According to Heckman, each DART chapter will have volunteer "leaders." Volunteers from last week's meeting include Suzanne Demeester, Elanco Animal Health; Jim Ferguson, University of Pennsylvania; Dan Gard, Monsanto Dairy Business; Beth Grove, Penn State Cooperative Extension; Tim Horn, Pennfield Feeds; Dennis Milhoan, Lancaster Dairy Farm Automation; Scott Owens, AgChoice Farm Credit; Tom Oyler, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture; Brian Reed, Ag Veterinary Associates; Glenn Shirk, Shirk's Dairy Sense; Andy Terrell, MidAtlantic Farm Credit; and John Williamson, TeamAg.

For more information, contact the Pennsylvania Dairy Stakeholders at (717) 948-6328.

Angus Breeders Vie For Honors At Pennsylvania Show

HUNTINGDON (Huntingdon Co.) — Angus exhibitors showed 106 entries at the 2003 Pennsylvania Angus Breeders' Show, July 5 in Huntingdon. Willard Lemaster, College Park, Md., evaluated the 82 heifers, 16 bulls and eight cow-calf pairs.

Rains Skylight Pizazz NIFPN won grand champion female honors. Dale Rains, Mercer, exhibited the February 2002 daughter of Northern Improvement 4480 GF. She first won junior champion.

Gambles Famous Lady 859 was named the reserve grand champion female. She's an October 2002 daughter of Famous 7001. She first won senior heifer calf champion. Holly Gamble, Clinton, Tenn., and Mountain Valley Angus, Lititz, exhibited the winning entry.

Bill Dean, New Castle, exhibited the grand champion bull. Krugers 20 Belles of D C C is a September 2002 son of B C Sasquatch 20-20 4139.

Dale Rains, Mercer, exhibited the reserve grand champion bull. Rains Charles in Charge RFRT is an April 2002 son of Gdar Russ 8346.

J E A Widespread Mascara won grand champion cow-calf pair. She's an August 1998 daughter of Whitestone Wide-

spread MB, and she had a February 2003 daughter of Bushs Flashback 880, at side. Jennifer Hower, Bethlehem, exhibited the winning entry.

Herman Hake, Etters, exhibited the reserve grand champion cow-calf pair. Weaverland Scaara Charley is a January 2001 daughter of Sitz Traveler 8180. She had a January 2003 daughter of W V F HB Atlantic Natl Merit, at side.

A complete list of winners follows:

- HEIFERS**
 Senior heifer calf champion: Holly Gamble and Mountain Valley Angus.
 Reserve senior heifer calf champion: Jennifer Hower.
 Intermediate champion heifer: Dale Rains.
 Reserve intermediate champion heifer: Bill Dean.
 Junior champion heifer: Dale Rains.
 Reserve junior champion heifer: Marshall McKean.
 Senior champion female: Katrina Frey.
 Grand champion female: Dale Rains.
 Reserve grand champion female: Holly Gamble and Mountain Valley Angus.
- BULLS**
 Grand champion bull: Bill Dean.
 Reserve grand champion bull: Dale Rains.
- GROUP CLASSES**
 Best six head: Weaverland Valley Farms.
- PREMIER BREEDER**
 Weaverland Valley Farms
PREMIER EXHIBITOR
 Dale and Brenda Rains

Agriculture Secretary Announces Reappointment Of Dairy Farmer To Conservation Commission

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — State Secretary of Agriculture Dennis C Wolff this week announced that a Clearfield County dairy farmer has been reappointed to the 11-member State Conservation Commission (SCC).

Wolff said dairy farmer Ross Orner of Rockton was recently confirmed by the state Senate to another 4-year term on the SCC. Wolff said Orner has been a valued member of the Commission.

First appointed to the SCC in 1994, Orner is a farmer-representative on the SCC. He operates a 525-acre (owned and rented) dairy operation with his brother Dave, cousin Frank, and uncle Russ. Together, the three families milk about 100 head of Holstein and registered Guernsey dairy

cattle, and keep about 85 replacement animals. They raise about 178 acres of corn, 170 acres of alfalfa-grass hay, 30 acres of grass hay, and use 75 acres for rotational grazing and pasture. Another 100 acres of forest is managed primarily for hardwood production.

The Orners also operate a unique worm-based composting system (vermi-composting), utilizing two flow-through red worm beds. The compost and byproducts are marketed commercially.

Orner first was appointed to the Clearfield County Conservation district as an associate director in 1984, and then in 1988 was appointed as a district director. He served as chairman of the Clearfield County Conservation District from 1991 until 2002, when he stepped down to reassume a position as an associate district director.

Correction

Lancaster Farming is responding to misinformation supplied about a story that appeared on pages A34-35 of the Nov. 8 issue.

According to David Dennis, Arrowhead Springs assistant manager, one of the principle owners is Edmund, not Edward. Second, Arrowhead Springs runs a fee-fishing operation, not a free-fishing operation. Third, the Pennsylvania Game Commission has had nothing to do with the local co-op. That co-op is spearheaded by Steve Homyack, a dentist in Denver and resident and landowner on the South/Texter Mountain.

Lancaster Farming relies heavily on the accuracy of reports supplied to the newspaper.

Office Closed Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 27, Lancaster Farming office is closed. The office will reopen Friday, Nov. 28.

For the Nov. 29 issue, there are some deadline changes:

Public Sale and Mailbox ads, 5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 21.

Classified, Section D ads — 4 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 25.

Classified, Section C, Farm Equipment ads, 4 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 25.

Section A ad deadline 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25.

General News — noon, Wednesday, Nov. 26.

Cumberland Co. 4-H Dairy Roundup Winners Compete In State Junior Dairy Show

SHIPPENSBURG (Cumberland Co.) - The top winners of each breed in the recent Cumberland County 2003 4-H Dairy Roundup at the Shippensburg Fairgrounds competed in the Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show Sept. 22 in Harrisburg.

Amy Packard, Elizabethtown, selected the following breed grand champions in Cumberland County: Jennifer Zinn, Newburg, Ayrshire; Aaron Cornman, Boiling Springs, Brown Swiss; Brian Nailor, Mechanicsburg, Guernsey; Aaron Cornman, Boiling Springs, Holstein; Scott Walton, Carlisle, Jersey; and Brian Nailor, Mechanicsburg, Milking Shorthorn.

The results of the breed competitions follow:

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| <p>AYRSHIRE
 Junior Champion: Michael Woods.
 Reserve Junior Champion: Janel Zinn.
 Senior Champion: Jennifer Zinn.
 Reserve Senior Champion: Janel Zinn</p> <p>GRAND CHAMPION
 Jennifer Zinn</p> <p>RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION
 Janel Zinn</p> <p>BROWN SWISS
 Junior Champion: Sarah Wickard
 Reserve Junior Champion: Kern Wickard.</p> <p>Senior Champion: Aaron Cornman.
 Reserve Senior Champion: Sarah Wickard.</p> <p>GRAND CHAMPION
 Aaron Cornman</p> <p>RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION
 Sarah Wickard</p> <p>GUERNSEY
 Junior Champion: Brian Nailor
 Reserve Junior Champion: Michael Woods.</p> <p>GRAND CHAMPION
 Brian Nailor</p> <p>RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION
 Michael Woods</p> | <p>HOLSTEIN
 Junior Champion: Melissa Detman.
 Reserve Junior Champion: Clayton Weber.</p> <p>Senior Champion: Aaron Cornman.
 Reserve Senior Champion: Morgan Creek.</p> <p>GRAND CHAMPION
 Aaron Cornman</p> <p>RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION
 Melissa Detman</p> <p>JERSEY
 Junior Champion: Ton Fuller.
 Reserve Junior Champion: Manah Paynter.</p> <p>Senior Champion: Scott Walton.
 Reserve Senior Champion: Ton Fuller.</p> <p>GRAND CHAMPION
 Scott Walton</p> <p>RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION
 Ton Fuller</p> <p>MILKING SHORTHORN
 Junior Champion: Madison Miller
 Reserve Junior Champion: Madison Miller.</p> <p>Senior Champion: Brian Nailor.
 Reserve Senior Champion: Brian Nailor.</p> <p>GRAND CHAMPION
 Brian Nailor</p> <p>RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION
 Brian Nailor</p> |
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