

Present corn, soybean awards at farmer-businessman dinner

—by Pam Bishop

The 10th annual Farmer-Businessman dinner was held at the Delaware County Pavilion last (Monday) evening, sponsored by the Agriculture Committee of the Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce.

About 170 people attended the annual event, which focuses on bringing the business people and those in the agricultural industry together.

Dick Danielson, Ag Committee chairman, was the master of ceremonies for the evening, while Chuck Kolbet, president of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors provided the welcome.

Kolbet said the Animal/Agriculture Committee that has formed is critical to the state.

"Animal-agriculture provides 166,000 jobs in the state of Iowa," commented Kolbet.

In addition, Becky Swanson, Manchester Chamber of Commerce manager, spoke a few words of welcome and Larry Mensen, president of the Delaware County Pork Producers, provided the invocation.

The speaker of the evening was Sheldon Farwell, head hog buyer for FDL, Dubuque. He has worked over nine years for the company and prior to that worked for Oscar Meyer.

Farwell spoke on hog slaughtering and marketing pork through a slide presentation.

"How has it (pork business) changed?" questioned Farwell, who continued, "It's changed from a semi-boneless to a boneless ham. It's changed to a leaner ham, with the skin off."

He continued, stating that persons can find ham with

Farwell, "She wants a convenient product, nutritious, and one that tastes good."

He continued stating the pork business needs to change as an industry. "We have to stay competitive, to know where the costs are and where we're headed," commented Farwell, who said, "The poultry business is putting a lot of heat on us. To compete, we have to squeeze tighter."

He said there's more importance placed on the leanness and muscle thickness of a hog, as well as the length of the pig.

"The ideal hog at FDL is one that weighs 245 pounds, has less than one inch of fat, and has very thick muscle," explained Farwell.

Soybean and Corn Contests

The Iowa Master Corn & Soybean Grower's Contest was established over 50 years ago with the following objectives: "To promote the use of good seed, to encourage the development of new techniques, and to promote the use of good cultural

practices in crop production for the betterment of Iowa Agriculture."

The Manchester Jaycees, as local contest sponsors, presented the following soybean participants with a plaque: Rick Bruggemann, Todd Boss, Curt Maurer, Steve Sheppard, Earl Zumbach, Jerome Ries, Beswick, Beswick, and Todd, and Doran Zumbach.

The runner up with a yield of 57.29 bushels is Vernon Gudenkauf and the Delaware County Champion is Arden Fischer, with a yield of 66.83 bushels.

Those in the corn contest were: Jim Knipper, Rick Bruggemann, R&S Garner Farms, Arden Fischer, John Kluesner, Richard Nieman, Robert Feldmann, Leroy Mullis, Steve Sheppard, Bernard Loecke, Doug Schulte, James Richter, Russell Goerdt, Donald Pottebaum, Kevin Ries, Ken

Ries, Robert Scharlmann, Scharlmann Bros., Curt Maurer, Dan Moorman, Duane Nieman, Beswick, Beswick and Todd, Vernon Gudenkauf, Richard Domeyer, Steve Lueken, and Doran Zumbach.

The Delaware County Conservation Tillage Champion with a yield of 182.49 is Phil DeShaw. The runner up is Steve Ries, with a yield of 189.82 bushels, and the 1991, District 6 and State Corn Champion with a yield of 224.72 bushels is Francis Childs.

Other Awards

Keith Krause, Delaware County District Conservationist, presented the Wind Break Award to Marvin and Sandy Rossow of Milo Township.

Krause also presented the second annual Delaware County Conservation Award to Russell and Virginia Bradke of Delhi.



Corn, soybean winners

CORN AND SOYBEAN WINNERS were announced at the annual Farmer-Businessman dinner in Manchester Monday evening. Dick Danielson, Ag Committee chairman (far left) and Barb Sailer, of the Manchester Jaycees (far right) presented the awards to Phil DeShaw, Delaware County Conservation Tillage Champion; Arden Fischer, Delaware County Master Soybean Champion, and Francis Childs, 1990 District 6 and State Corn Champion. (Manchester Press photo)



Wind Break Award winner

MARVIN CALONDER, chairman of the Delaware County Soil & Water Conservation District (far left) and Keith Krause, Delaware County District Conservationist (far right), presented Marvin and Sandy Rossow of Milo Township with the Wind Break Award at the annual Farmers-Businessman dinner at the Delaware County Pavilion Monday evening. (Manchester Press photo)