

MMPA Honors 35-Year Members

President Elwood Kirkpatrick recognized the following 20 MMPA members as 35-year members at the MMPA Annual Delegate Meeting on March 16. He commended them for their dedication to the dairy industry and MMPA.

Annual
88th
Meeting



What MMPA looked like in 1969, when these members joined:

Glenn Lake was president
Jack Barnes was general manager

MMPA was 53 years old
Today MMPA is 88 years old

MMPA had 6,811 members in 1969
As of September 30, 2003, MMPA has 2,588 members

The average producer shipped 370,060 pounds of milk in 1969
MMPA members shipped, on average, 1,813,990 pounds of milk in 2003

The average value per shipper was \$20,092 in 1969
The average value per shipper was \$220,281 in fiscal year 2003

The average price of milk was \$5.64/cwt. in fiscal year 1969
The average price of milk was \$12.14/cwt. in fiscal year 2003

MMPA marketed 2.5 billion pounds of milk in 1969
MMPA marketed 3.2 billion pounds of milk in the last fiscal year

The 1969 MMPA Annual Report stated:

“The value of public relations activities by farmer organizations such as MMPA stems from the fact that 95 percent of today’s population lives in urban areas. Many urban dwellers have never been on a farm and the vast majority are unfamiliar with agriculture and the problems faced by those who provide them with their food and fiber.”

In the President’s Report section, Glenn Lake said:

“The past year we realized an all-time record average gross price for all member milk. The price of \$5.64 for 3.5 milk at a point of delivery was 97 cents per cwt. or 20 percent higher than three years ago... Of course, as every member knows, much of the income improvement has been gobbled up by spiraling costs.”

Alma Local

Leonard Doolittle
Edwin Ensz

Brown City-Marlette Local

Joyce McPhail

Dairyland Local

Clayton Rasmussen

Ingham County Local

Timothy D. Marion

Lapeer Co. Plus Local

Richard Howe

Mid-Michigan Local

Charles Wadell

Muskegon Local

Jerry W. Powers

St. Clair - Macomb Local

Max E. Lamb
Wanda Neuman
William A. Rowley II
Larry E. Simons

Saline-Ann Arbor Local

James H. Bohnett
Gene Girbach
Gary Girbach
Paul H. Marion

Sandusky Local

Roger Frostic

Southern Sanilac Local

Robert J. Sleda

West Huron Local

J. Sidney Smith

West Michigan Local

Alvern Poest