

35-Year Members Honored

MMPA President Ken Nobis recognized the following MMPA members as 35-year members at the State Annual Delegate Meeting on March 18. He commended them for their dedication to the dairy industry and MMPA.



Brown City-Marlette Local
Bob Parr, Brown City

Chippewa Local
Gerald Cottle, Pickford

Dairyland Local
Betty Walker, Fenwick

Ewart Local
Edward Aris, Big Rapids
Frank Vanderwal, Lake City

Grand Rapids Local
Gary Butler, Sand Lake
Robert & Ruthan Hawkins, Sand Lake

Ingham County Local
David Lott, Mason

Jackson County Plus Local
Ruth Crouch, Grass Lake

Mid-Michigan Local
John Feldpausch, Fowler
Patrick Zvonek, Elsie
Paul Zvonek, Elsie

Muskegon Local
William & Shirley Cox, Ludington
David Hackert, Ludington
Matthew & Nancy Mauer, Scottville
Philip Sommerfeldt, Custer

What MMPA looked like in 1973, when these members joined:

Glenn Lake was president
Jack Barnes was general manager

MMPA was 57 years old
Today MMPA is 92 years old

MMPA had 5,626 members in 1973
As of Sept. 30, 2007 MMPA has 2,295 members

The average producer shipped 478,774 pounds of milk in 1973
MMPA members shipped, on average, 2,382,258 pounds of milk in 2007

The average value per shipper was \$32,148 in 1973
The average value per shipper last year was \$422,549

The average price of milk was \$6.71/cwt. in fiscal year 1973
The average price of milk was \$17.74/cwt. in fiscal year 2007

MMPA marketed 2.7 billion pounds of milk in 1973
MMPA marketed 3.7 billion pounds of milk in the last fiscal year

Highlights from the 1973 MMPA State Annual Meeting:

- At the 1973 MMPA State Annual Meeting, MMPA President Glenn Lake called for dairymen and other farmers to tell their story to consumers and lawmakers. He told delegates "Farmers have a record to be proud of, so tell it that way."
- A resolution was passed by the delegate body that stated "Legislative and regulatory actions by government are affecting dairy farmers to a greater and greater degree at a time when rural America is losing more and more of its political strength. We feel therefore, that it is imperative for dairymen to use all responsible means available to make sure their voice is heard by lawmakers and others in government on issues affecting their livelihood."

Saline-Ann Arbor Local

Eugene Feldkamp, Saline
Willard Kohler, Jr., Clinton
William Lutz, Saline

St. Clair-Macomb Local

Edward Hudzinski, Brockway
Paul Vermeesch, Lenox

Sunrise Local

Russell Nelkie, Tawas City

Upstate Local

Robert Ricksgers, Alden

West Huron Local

Gary Protzman, Cassville
Michael & Lorene Zagata, Sebewaing