

Stoltzfus, Red Rose Herds Make Top July DHIA Records

A registered Holstein cow owned by Job Stoltzfus of Elverson R2 completed the highest 305 day lactation, according to the latest report of the Red Rose Dairy

Herd Improvement Association.

Anna produced 19,110 lbs. of milk with a 3.9 per cent test for 752 pounds of butterfat for the year.

The herd of the Red Rose Research Center, 226 Pitney Road, Lancaster had the highest butterfat average for the month with the 15 registered holsteins averaging 1,437 lbs of milk and 60 lbs. of butterfat with a 4.0 per cent test.

The registered Guernsey herd of Raymond and Louise Witmer, Willow Street R1 was second with an average of 1,152 lbs. of milk and 58 lbs. of fat and 5.0 per cent test on 45 cows.

Only six other herds in the association made over 50 pounds of fat per cow for the month. They were Wilbur Hiestand 2.5 Holsteins; Hiram Aungst, 20 Holsteins; Titus M. Hurst, 20 2 Holsteins; J Mowrey Frey Jr. 32 7 Holsteins, I Eby Hostetter, 19 9 Holsteins; and John S. Shelly, 26 6 Holsteins.

Face Fly Control Is Developed

The face fly is a relatively new pest to livestock producers in the United States and until new chemicals were developed the flies have had their own way. Recently three materials have been developed to help take care of face flies, according to university entomologists.

The three treatments include pyrethrins with MGK repellent, pyrethrins with tabatrex; and DDVP bait. Application should be made as directed on the label of the material used specialists advise.

The flies are black and slightly larger than house flies. They cluster on the faces, around the eyes, nose and lips of cattle.

When large numbers of face flies attack cattle they can cause a serious drop in milk production with dairy cows or weight losses in beef cattle.

Many cases of pink eye in dairy and beef herds in the county have been reported recently. Evidence seems to indicate that the infection, as well as some other eye diseases, is spread from one animal to another by the face fly.

Field Brome Is Good Cover, Pasture Crop

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Field brome grass is gaining in popularity in this country and is adapted to southeastern Pennsylvania; it is related to smooth brome grass but is a winter annual instead of a perennial. Field brome can be used as a winter cover crop or for fall and early spring pasture. It can best be compared to domestic ryegrass since they have similar growth habits and uses, it is more winter hardy in Pennsylvania than domestic ryegrass.

If sown in late summer or early fall, field brome produces a low-growing, dense, leafy ground cover before winter; this grass has a heavy fibrous root system, hence improves soil structure when plowed down as a cover crop. It will not form seed the year sown, so seed heads are not produced until late June, since most plowing is done prior to this time, it will not set seed and compete with other crops.

When seeded alone field brome grass is seeded at 15 to 20 pounds per acre, in mixtures with legumes the rate is 10 to 12 pounds per acre. It may be seeded in the last cultivations of corn, in August on a prepared seedbed, or after the removal of silage corn in early September. The earlier the seeding in the fall the greater will be the ground cover, it should be seeded by Sept 20th for best results.

Local producers interested in stretching the pasture season might consider this crop; killing frosts or freezing will not make the forage toxic to livestock. In addition, it is very important to keep the fields covered during the winter months with some cover crop. Farmers who have been disappointed with the results of domestic ryegrass might try field brome grass this fall.

Judges Named For Penna. Stock Show

Harrisburg — The Pennsylvania Farm Show Commission this week announced that a slate of outstanding judges has been obtained to place livestock at the fourth Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition, Nov 7 through 11 at the Farm Show Buildings here.

Beef cattle judges include

Robert A. Long, University of Georgia, Athens; Adam McWilliam, Chino, Farm, of Chestertown, Md.; Glenn Bratcher, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater; Lee Leachman, Ankony Farm, Rhinebeck, N. Y.; and Stanley Anderson, Texas Tech, Lubbock.

D. S. Bell, Wooster, Ohio; James Outhouse, Purdue U, Lafayette, Ind.; and James M Davidson, University of Wyoming, Laramie, will judge sheep.

Judging swine will be Jack Kelly, North Carolina State

College, Raleigh; J C H of Oklahoma State University, Stillwater; Alan V 'iams, Iowa City, Iowa, Rex Whittmore, Burlingame, Calif.; Carcasses will be judged by Robert W Bray, University of Wisconsin, Madison; Gregory Gagarin, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, and Byron Good, Michigan State University, Lansing, will judge the Horse Show.

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