

Rachel Cow Is "Iron Grandma"; Rae National & State Leader

Credit for lifetime milk production in excess of 100 tons has been awarded to a Pennsylvania Registered Holstein cow by Holstein-Friesian Association of America. The outstanding food producer is Wightwick Glenafton Rachel (EX-GMD), owned by J. Mower, Frey and Son of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

"Rachel" is the 335th "iron grandma" of the breed to be so recognized by the Holstein Association. Her actual lifetime output stands at 206,723 pounds of milk and 8,531 pounds of butterfat. This commendable performance was achieved in 5,461 days since she became two years of age. This includes dry days as well as "working" time.

"Rachel's" highest yearly record was started at 12 years, 11 months of age, when she milked twice daily for 365 days to produce 21,535 pounds of milk and 899 pounds of butterfat. Her career in food production spans a lifetime of nearly 17 years.

Also the Association reports that Fultonway Ivanhoe Rae 4977152 (VG) has completed the second highest official national butterfat record made by

Mature Holsteins milked twice daily in the 365-day division of the DHIR program and the third highest official national butterfat record in this same age division and milking frequency in the 305-day division of this same program. Her official 305-day production totaled 29,946 lbs of milk and 1,425 lbs. of butterfat. She continued to milk for a 365-day record of 33,693 lbs of milk and 1,615 lbs of butterfat. These records also break previous all-time state butterfat records of Holsteins in this same age group, milking frequency, and also in both the 305-day and 365-day divisions.

Fultonway Ivanhoe Rae was bred in the Frey herd. She was sired by Osborndale Ivanhoe 1189870 (EX), a bull that has earned a Gold Medal Sire recognition.

Production Increase In Corn Silage Would Give Farmers Profit

The average Pennsylvania farmer is losing \$2,000 a year because of low production of corn silage, an official of the American Potash Institute said.

W. K. Griffith, in a talk to the Pennsylvania Crop Improvement Association, attributed the financial loss to a 12½ ton per acre corn silage yield. He contended a 40-ton yield is feasible.

If yields were increased to 40 tons, farmers could raise enough corn silage on a 20-acre tract to feed 30 additional milk cows, Griffith said.

"This would mean \$2,000 more in a farmer's pocket," Griffith said at the meeting held in conjunction with the Farm Show.

Corn silage should be harvested as rapidly as possible, Griffith told the crop improvement group. He said this produces desirable acids and conserves proteins.

The resort hotel may be crowded but there is always room for one more.

Pa. Fair Fund Disbursements Go Locally

Harrisburg — State Agriculture Secretary Leland H. Bull has announced disbursements of \$884,065 from the Pennsylvania Fair Fund to county and local fairs, youth activity groups and statewide farm organizations.

It is the largest amount disbursed from the Fair Fund since its inception in 1963. The money is provided from state harness racing funds.

County and local fair groups received the largest share, \$625,436, while statewide farm organizations shared in the distribution of \$38,566. Disbursements to youth activities totaled \$220,061 of which \$131,286 went to 4-H groups and \$88,775 to Future Farmers of America organizations.

Groups eligible to share in

the Fair fund distribution, in addition to the youth and farm organization groups, are those that conduct fairs "to advance the aims or objective of agriculture or agribusiness."

Attendance at fairs in the last year was estimated at 5,653,814.

Disbursements in Lancaster County were.

\$19,724.88 — Ephrata Fair, \$3,144.88, Manheim Community Farm Show, \$3,186.75, New Holland Farmers Fair, \$3,004.08,

WATCH SHEEP
A good shepherd watches his sheep for wool blindness, says Frank L. Kreuzberger, extension livestock specialist at Penn State University. Check the flock, and use a few quick strokes with the hand shears to take care of wool growing over the sheep's eyes.

● Farm Calendar

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at Manheim Central High School
8:00 p.m. — Information meeting on wheat, feed grain & tobacco, by ASCS at Production Credit Bldg.

Wednesday, February 7

8:30 a.m. — Crops & Soils Day, Leola Memorial Hall, Leola.

10:00 a.m. — Work Session for present clients on Pa. Ag Records Program, Farm Credit Bldg.

8:00 p.m. — New Clients on Pa. Ag Records Program meet, Farm Credit Bldg.

Thursday, February 8

9:30 a.m. — Agronomy Dealers meeting on soil testing and fertilizers, Farm Credit Bldg.

7:00 p.m. — Garden Spot Arc Welding School at school Vo-Ag Dept.

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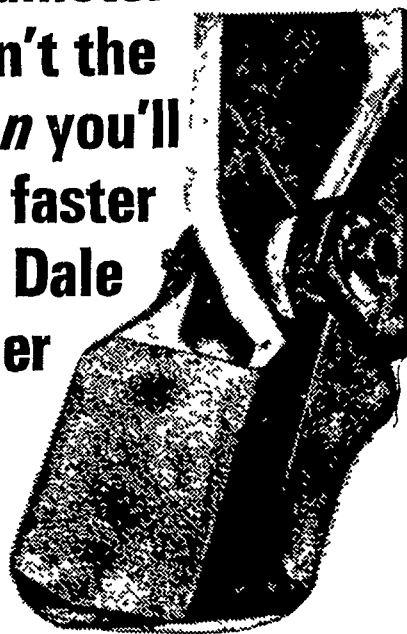
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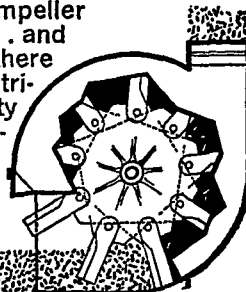
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