

Low Moisture Silage Good Bet For Higher Quality Forage

The lack of good hay-making weather in Northeastern states makes low moisture silages an attractive bet for higher quality forage.

This observation was made recently by C. H. Gordon, Animal Husbandry Research Division, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Beltsville, Md. Gordon spoke at the 11th annual Northeast Fertilizer Conference sponsored by National Plant Food Institute and northeastern land-grant universities.

The efficiency of handling and preserving low moisture silage, improved palatability, and adaptability to a mechanized harvesting and feeding operation are additional plus factors for this type of forage, he said.

The major disadvantage of low moisture forage, said Gordon, is susceptibility to air spoilage so that careful attention must be given to providing airtight storage.

The animal researcher was optimistic about low moisture silage potential primarily because of the reduction in labor involved and the promise of improved forage quality.

State Black And White Show Features 347 Head

The highest win recorded by local Holstein breeders at the 15th Annual Black and White Show in Harrisburg this week was the reserve best udder championship. Fultonway Ivanhoe Lolita, third place Aged Cow, won the award for J. Mowery Frey Jr., 401 Beaver Valley Pike. Frey received the R. Austin Backus Trophy from Charles Backus.

The grand champion of the 347 head show was Royal Haven Marksman Marcia, the first place four-year-old shown by Lynn A. Miller, Towanda R2. Marcia was a Penn State Marksman Reflection daughter.

Reserve grand champion was the first place aged cow, Woodbine Ivanhoe Mollie, shown by Spring Valley Farm, Airville.

A two-year-old owned by H. Wayne Locke and George Page Jr., won the grand and senior championships in the bull show. The reserve grand and reserve senior titles went to a seven year old bull owned by Cary Brothers, Smith Brothers, and Clyde Wilson.

The junior champion bull title went to a senior yearling, owned by Donald V. Sclipt and James Howes. The reserve title was won by a junior yearling, entered by Hubert S. Miller.

A senior junior yearling heifer, owned by Allen Dairies, won the junior champion female title, and the reserve title went to a 4-H junior yearling, owned by Robert Whiteford.

Frey presented the premier breeder banner award from Fultonway Farms to Robert Gitt, Littlestown R2. The premier exhibitor banner was won by George Knight III, Airville.

Elvin Hess, Jr., Strasburg served as chairman for the state-wide show.

Results of county exhibitors, by class:

Senior bull calf, 10, Robert H. Kauffman, Elizabethtown R1.

Junior yearling bull, 3, Clarence Stauffer, Ephrata R1.

Junior heifer class, 9, Earl Weaver, 4-H, Ephrata R1; 23, Clarence Stauffer.

Intermediate heifer calf, 7, Robert H. Kauffman.



RESERVE BEST UDDER. J. Mowery Frey Jr., 401 Beaver Valley Pike, Lancaster, showing Fultonway Ivanhoe Lolita received the R. Austin Backus Trophy from Charles Backus. The award was made Tuesday, at the Pa. State Black and White Show in Harrisburg. L. F. Photo

Senior heifer calf, 7, Marlene Harbold, 4-H, Mount Joy R1, 15.

J. Mowery Frey Jr., 401 Beaver Valley Pike, Lancaster.

Junior yearling heifer, 28, Linda Lou Kauffman, 4-H, Elizabethtown R1.

Senior yearling heifer, 23, Clarence Stauffer 25, Earl C. Stauffer FFA.

Dry cow, five years and over, 7, Clarence Stauffer, 11, Robert H. Kauffman and J. Robert Hess, Strasburg R1.

Two year old heifer, 7, Robert H. Kauffman, 10, J. Mowery Frey Jr., 14, Sue Kauffman, 4-H, Elizabethtown R1, 19, Robert Kauffman, 27, Clarence Stauffer, 31, Clarence Stauffer, 34, Clarence Stauffer.

Three year old cow, 4, Robert Kauffman, 7, J. Mowery Frey Jr.

Four year old cow, 7, J. Mowery Frey Jr.

Aged cow, 3, J. Mowery Frey Jr., second best udder.

Dairy herd, 7, Robert H. Kauffman.

Best three females, 3, Robert H. Kauffman.

Produce of dam, 4, Robert H. Kauffman.

Three-Year-Old Cow Tops Jersey Sale

HARRISBURG — Oxford Royal Marge, a 3-year-old cow, brought the top price in the Pennsylvania State Jersey Sale Wednesday, Sept. 25 at the fifth Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show.

The buyer, Joseph Yakich, of Spring Mills, RD 1, Pa., paid \$720 for the first freshener consigned by Oakhill Farm, Cambridge, Ohio. The animal is sired by Hearty Louises Oxford Dreamer and is out of Hearty Louises Royal Maitha.

Thirty-four head of top Jersey cattle were sold for a total of \$15,110 averaging just under \$445 per head.

Other top selling animals included three two-year-olds, each selling for \$700. At least two of these animals will join new owners on Pennsylvania farms.

Vaughan's Starry Bride, nominated for the Jersey Jug Futurity and consigned by Vaughan Farm, Newport, R.I., was sold to Frank T. Bezek of Waymart, RD 1, Pa.

Spring Side Valor Linda, consigned by A. N. and R. E. Harris, of Milan, Pa., was purchased by Rebecca R. Colpetzer, of Tyron, RD 1, Pa. Rebecca's brother, Tom, showed the grand champion Jersey in Monday's FFA competition.

Animals sold in Wednesday's sale were eligible for entry in Thursday's Pennsylvania All-American Jersey Show.



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