

On Selecting the 4-H Heifer Calf

(Continued from Page 33) men refer to the animal as having good or bad in some of these points, consequently dairy- Choose an animal that has



Mark Witmer, Willow Street RD1, shows the end result of good calf selection, the Grand Champion Guernsey at the South Central 4-H Dairy Show.

straight legs and a level top line. The calf should have a teat placement that is wide and symmetrical. The calf should appear thrifty, be clean-cut, and show evidence of developing a deep body capacity.

We cannot always get a true idea of the type and conformation of a calf even at three or four months of age, so we should observe the dam and sire and any sister, if possible, to get some indication of what the calf may look like when it matures. Good management also has an influence on what the calf will look like as a cow. A 4-H dairy calf needs the best possible care if it is expected to mature into a high producing cow of good dairy type.

A new rule which has just been made in the ownership of a 4-H dairy club animal is that all animals must be in the club member's name before May 1 of the year in which they are participating; it was formerly before July 1; therefore, we hope all will check the date of transfer of these animals to be sure they are dated between the middle and end of April.

PFA Women's Committee Holds Ladies-Day-Out

The Pennsylvania Farmers' Association Women's Committee held their Ladies-Day-Out meeting May 27 from Noon to 3:30 at Hostetter's Banquet Hall, Mt. Joy.

This "All Pennsylvania Luncheon and Program" featured foods grown in Pennsylvania. It was attended by 120 members of the PFA Committee and guests from Lancaster County and neighboring representatives from PFA Women's Committee of Dauphin, Chester, Berks, and Adams Counties.

Miss Marion O'Neil, information specialist on marketing and consumer services, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, showed slides and talked on consumer protection. Mr. Eugene McDowell from the PFA staff

spoke on "PFA Past, Present, and Future, etc."

Other features on the program were demonstrations on deboning chicken by Mrs. Donald Rank and Mrs. Lili Ann Kopp, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wivell, Columbia RD1, and cake decorating by Mrs. Roy Sauder of Mount Joy RD2.

Also readings entitled "Foods for the Gods" and "Half way to the Moon" were dramatized.

Mrs. Clyde Wivell was chairman of the committee for the event and acted as Toastmaster. Other committee members were Mrs. Lewis Bixler, Mrs. Roy Gleider, Mrs. Robert Kauffman, and Mrs. Verla Hostetter.

● Holstein

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"Regina" was bred in the Frey herd. She was sired by Gray View Crisscross 1578594 (EX), a bull that has earned a Gold Medal Sire recognition.

A Registered Holstein cow owned by John W. Eshelman & Sons, Red Rose Research Center, Lancaster, has completed a production record exceeding 30,000 pounds of milk.

Bonnie Comet Ormsby 55479-51 (VG) actually produced a total of 30,090 pounds of milk and 1,034 pounds of butterfat in 305 days.

Her record started at the age of 7 years and 4 months. On a two times-per-day milking schedule, she averaged nearly 46 quarts of milk each day throughout her testing period. The Eshelman Holstein was bred in the herd of Helmuth R. Krause, Highland, Wisconsin. Her production is more than three times that of the average dairy cow.

"Bonnie" was sired by Ideal Raven Ormsby 1261422 (VG).

Adding to her first yearly production record exceeding a half ton of butterfat is Willowland Imperial Brenda 5481286 (VG), a Registered Holstein cow owned by Gideon K. Stoltzfus, Atglen.

With her 305-day lactation over the 1,000 pounds of butterfat mark, she continued to milk for a 364-day record of 25,820 pounds of milk and 1,260 pounds of butterfat. "Brenda" started her lactation at the age of 6 years 11 months and was milked twice daily. This record ranks among 2,911 similarly completed by Registered Holstein cows on official test.

Willowland Imperial Brenda was bred in the Stoltzfus herd and sired by Polytechnic Imperial Montvic 1238640 (VG), a bull that has earned Silver Medal Production Sire recognition.

The 2,883rd yearly production record exceeding a half ton of butterfat has been completed by a Registered Holstein cow. Smyrna View Apollo Lois 5624-377 (VG), owned by Nathan E. Stoltzfus, Gap.

The Pennsylvania Holstein's official record of production totalled 22,113 pounds of milk and 1,013 pounds of butterfat in 365 days. She started her lactation at the age of 5 years 10 months and was milked twice daily.

"Lois" was bred in the Stoltzfus herd. She was sired by Hilltop Apollo Ivanhoe 1399824 (VG), a bull that has earned a Gold Medal Sire recognition.

Pennsylvania State University supervised the weighing and sample testing of the production of these record cows in cooperation with the Dairy Herd Improvement Registry program of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

Milk Is Leading Drink

A project of the Seven-Up Co. marketing department (Supermarket News, April 6) revealed that the highest per capita consumption of drinks is milk at 540 eight-ounce glasses, down from 563 in 1961.

Soft drinks passed beer in 1963 and overtook coffee in 1969 with a record of 418 eight-ounce bottles per customer.

BUT the highest per capita consumption still is milk!

FACTS ABOUT FARMING

The nation's farm equipment inventory is valued at over \$26 billion, according to the New Holland Division of Sperry Rand.

Milk Keeps in Cartons

Does Milk keep safely in cardboard containers or cartons as long as in bottles?

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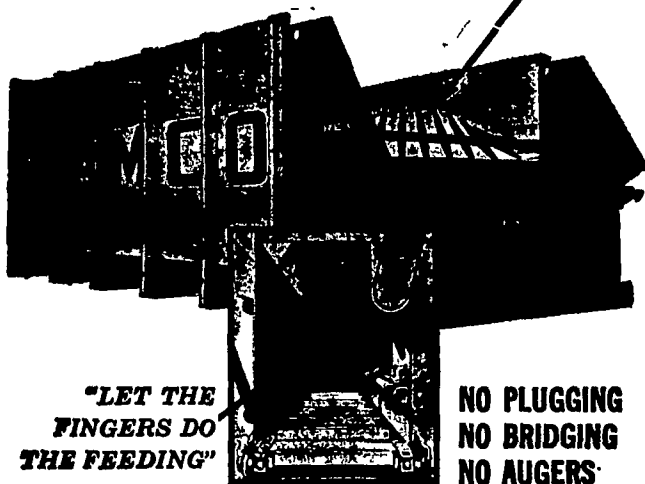
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