

Fultonway Holstein Is 'Iron Grandma'

A Lancaster County Holstein put stands at 203,982 pounds of milk and 8,408 pounds of butterfat. The "iron grandmas" which have lifetime production exceeding 100 tons.

The outstanding animal is Bayfield Ty Grawin Johanna 3932472, owned by J Mowery Frey & Son, Fultonway Farms, Lancaster. At 15 years and one month of age, the animal's out-

The local Holstein joins a select group of nearly 450 cows of the breed to be recognized as "iron grandmas" by the Holstein Association—cows having produced nearly 100,000 quarts of milk in their lifetimes.

Milk and butterfat records of more than 127,000 Registered Holstein cows on official test were added to the Holstein Association's files last year. Production testing is a herd improvement program which aids dairymen in maintaining a more profitable operation.

All are included in the herd tested for Nathan E. Stoltzfus, Gap.

Valley Run Archie Nelda 6230640, a four-year-old in the herd tested for Arthur D & Mary K Wenger, Manheim, produced 19,890 pounds of milk and 729 pounds of butterfat in 305 days.

pounds (4,103 quarts) of milk and 325 pounds of butterfat by the average U. S. dairy cow, notes the National Holstein Association.

Production testing is made available through the cooperative efforts of the state and local testing associations and Holstein-Friesian Association of America. Dairymen enrolled in the program pay for the service.

Holstein Association Lists New Classification System

A policy of reclassification within the Holstein Association's popular Descriptive Type Classification program was adopted at the recent meeting of the Association's Board of Directors. Meeting in advance of the 85th Annual Convention of the Holstein Association in Boston, the Board adopted a program of complete reclassification of all young animals within the program to become effective January 1, 1971.

Staff members of the Association have been studying various approaches to the complete re-scoring and reclassification of Registered Holsteins to type during the past year. Based on these studies, all animals will be reclassified by type through the first classification after each animal reaches five years of age. As has always been true in the Association's Classification program, all animals in a herd being classified must be presented for classification along with all females owned by the applicant at respective of the location.

This change in the Classification program is a major departure from previous Association policy under which animals could be raised in their official score after once being classified, but could not officially be lowered in classification score.

It is expected that 80 per cent of the animals in each herd being reclassified will be given a new score and a new series of descriptive classification codes compared 57 per cent of the animals in each herd under the old program to be classified for the first time or raised in classification score.

The new policy under which classification scores may be lowered as well as raised and descriptive codes changed for animals until they approach maturity will provide a more realistic evaluation of each animal with the result that Herd Summaries for Type as well as summaries of the daughters of sires will be more accurate and more realistic.

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Wenger Holstein Given 2E Body Classification

Arthur D and Mary K Wenger, Manheim, Pennsylvania, have been notified by Holstein-Friesian Association of America that a Registered Holstein cow in their herd has received an "E" designation for body type conformation.

On the basis of her again being classified "Excellent", Valley Run Reflection Kitty 5451786 has been awarded ZE designation.

This phase of the Holstein Association's herd improvement service provides special recognition for "Excellent" cows that continue to score "Excellent" as they grow older. A cow may be designated 2E, or 4E according to her history of previous "Excellent" classifications within specified age brackets.

Among the 87,200 Registered Holsteins scored for body type last year, less than two per cent attained "Excellent" status. Thus, the achievement of multiple "E" designation makes the individual cow a more valuable asset for herd improvement purposes in the dairyman's breeding program.

Meanwhile, three Lancaster County farmers have forwarded the results of their herd classifications by an official classifier of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

Dairymen enrolled in this herd improvement program receive a numerical score for each animal evaluated. The True Type Holstein represents the-

tical perfection and has a value of 100 points on the classification score card. Each animal is scored receiving a rating of Excellent (90 points or more), Very Good (85 through 89), Good Plus (80 through 84), Good (75 through 79), Fair (65 through 74) or Poor (64 points or below).

Including animals previously scored, the Valley-Lane Farm herd of Alvin K Bollinger, Lititz RD-4, has 1 Excellent, 2 Very Goods and 9 Good Pluses.

Including animals previously scored, the Hershvale Farm herd of Donald L Hershley, Manheim, 7 Very Goods and 20 Good Pluses.

Including animals previously scored, the Harold M. Shenk, Manheim, herd has 2 Very Goods and 15 Good Pluses.

To provide a more complete image of each animal, the classifier also uses comparative terms to describe 12 major parts of the animal's physical characteristics. This "word picture" serves as a guide for planning a breeding program to improve the herd.

The information from the classification of the herd will be summarized by the Holstein Association on its high speed computer. Returned to the breeder, these reports provide useful information for selection in the herd. The data is also published and available as reference for the herd improvement programs of Holstein dairymen everywhere.



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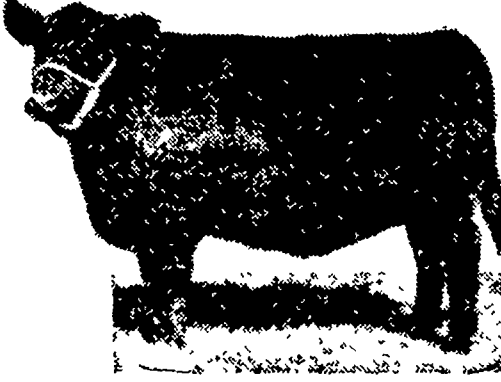
Sunshine Blossomette Ivanhoe 5881154, a five-year-old in the herd tested for Heibert & Rhelda Royer, Lancaster, produced 19,110 pounds of milk and 789 pounds of butterfat in 360 days.

Con-Noll Expectation Peg 6480611 a three-year-old produced 16,283 pounds of milk and 633 pounds of butterfat in 365 days.

Donegal Apollo Eva 6712724 a two-year-old had 16,966 pounds of milk and 532 pounds of butterfat in 365 days.

Smyrna View Apollo Duke 6385104, a three-year-old, had 18,993 pounds of milk and 656 pounds of butterfat in 365 days.

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