

Local Winners Named in 9th Annual Junior Holstein Milk, Fat Contest

Junior members of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America entered 74 Registered Holsteins in the ninth annual Junior Holstein Milk and Fat Production Contest sponsored by the Pennsylvania Holstein Association.

These 4-H and FFA youths were honored at the First Annual Pennsylvania Holstein Junior Convention in Titusville, November 20.

All production records entered in the contest were 305 days in length and they included only the last lactation completed in the DHIA testing year which ended September 30, 1970. The Registered Holsteins entered in

the contest were divided into three classes with a milk and fat division for each.

Among the local individual division winners and runners-up with animal named and production included:

2-Year and Under 3-Year Class — William Landis, Lancaster, Pataja Sequoia Paris, 18,200 milk, 675 fat, ranking third in milk, fifth in fat; Nelson E. Martin, East Earl, Mar-Cly Hector Beauty, 17,310 milk, 603 fat, ranking sixth in milk.

3-Year and Under 4-Year Class — Carol Yoder, Elverson, Rocky-Side Beauty, 19,879 milk, 520 fat, ranking fifth in milk; Earl C. Stauffer, Ephrata. Swampy-

Hollow Smokey Beauty, 19,051 milk, 773 fat, ranking fourth in fat.

4-Year Old and Over Class — Kirby Beshore, New Cumberland, Beshore General Judy, Feb, 22,073 milk, 796 fat, ranking third in milk, third in fat; Susan Weaver, Glenmoore, Marsh Acres Piney Empress, 18,608 milk, 767 fat, ranking sixth in fat.

Research-Industry Meet On Forages Jan. 27-28

The fourth Research-Industry Conference sponsored by the American Forage and Grassland Council will be held at the Sheraton-O'Hare Motor Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, on January 27-28, 1971, says Dr. John E. Baylor, President.

As with previous Research-Industry Conferences, this year's meeting will bring together authorities from all corners of the United States to lead discussions on various aspects of forages.

Special themes for the various sessions include: Making Forages More Profitable; Future Trends in Forage Consuming Livestock, and Developing More Effective Forage Systems.

The purpose of these conferences is to bring public and private workers together to discuss common problems in the total area of forages.

The finalized program will be available at a later date. Meanwhile persons desiring additional information may contact Mr. Frank G. Bamer, Executive-Secretary AFGC, P. O. Box 48, State College, Pennsylvania 16802.

Bleached Winter Celery Is Million Dollar Crop in Pa.

Bleached celery, a winter favorite in many Pennsylvania homes, is a million dollar crop in the Commonwealth, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Produced mostly in Lancaster, York, and Lebanon counties, it is marketed during the winter months — November until late February. It is valued for its yellow hearts and foliage and a sweet, nutty flavor.

One of the popular varieties of this winter celery is Penn-crisp, developed by the Agricultural Experiment Station at Pennsylvania State University.

The research was carried out by Dr. Ernest L. Bergman and associates in the department of horticulture. It is estimated that Penn-crisp make up 30 per cent of the acreage of bleached celery grown in the state.

This type of celery is bleached without digging by placing cardboard sleeves or clay tiles over individual plants. With the loss of chlorophyll, the process produces yellow hearts and foliage. In early November, be-

fore the ground freezes, the main crop is dug and stored in earthen trenches.

Penn-crisp was developed to replace Houser which was long the main variety of celery for bleaching. Houser was lost several years ago when seed stocks were not maintained. Penn H-46, another Penn State variety, was developed from Houser.

Both Penn H-46 and Penn-crisp have excellent keeping quality while stored in trenches. Penn-crisp also has excellent resistance to early blight, extreme tolerance to conditions causing blackheart — a problem for vegetable growers — and is very slow to "bolt" or produce flowers.

In the experiments to develop Penn-crisp, many field and greenhouse studies were carried out with varieties such as Penn H-46, Summer Pascal, and Emerald. Some plants of Emerald broke down with blackheart when various calcium or potassium levels were applied in nutrient solution.

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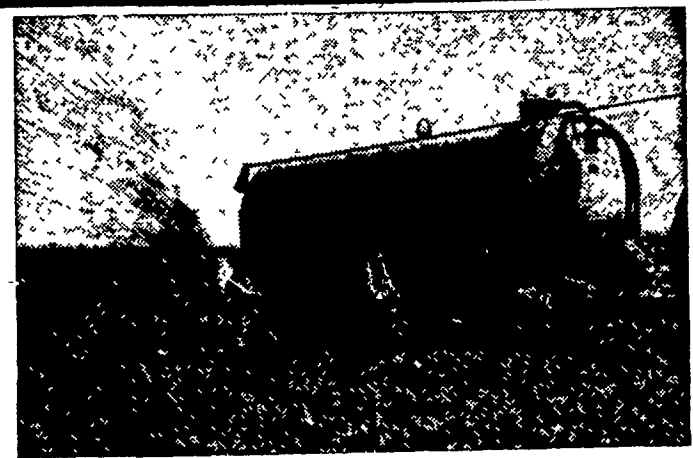
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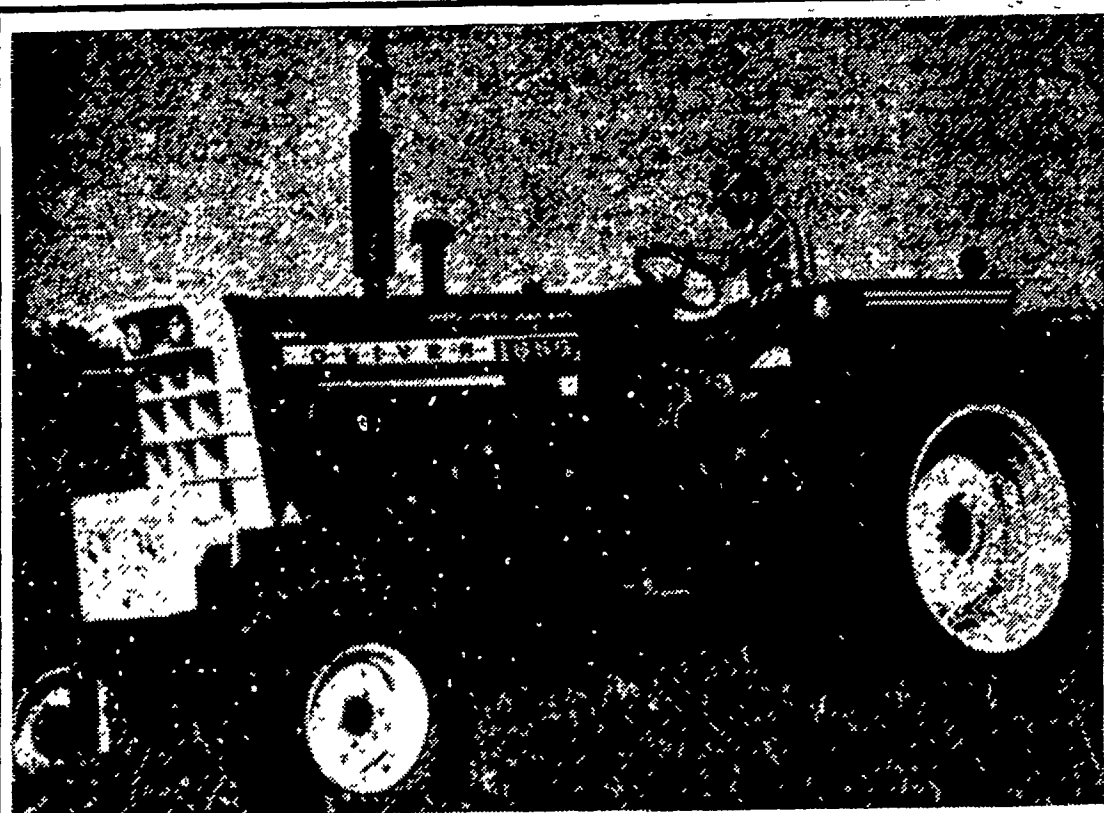
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