

Calf Award, Judging Contest

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 the most know the least" about milk marketing, he warned that

the industry is on a dangerous trend toward declining food content in its product.

Noting there has been considerable discussion on pricing milk according to protein and butterfat content, he said that any future pricing formula should have tied to it "minimum standards for milk sold on the street in the bottle."

He said studies show consumers prefer solids not fat levels of about 9.5 per cent. But he noted that state standards vary considerably and one major dairy state has no standards at all. He said the industry needs minimum standards for both solids not fat and butterfat.

In discussing the fat surplus situation, Dawdy said the common assumption is that animals producing high fat levels are causing the problem. But he contended that closer analysis shows that the problem simply stems from too much milk, particularly lower quality milk which doesn't hold its own in the market place.

Dawdy also discussed the need of the industry to develop higher producing cows, particularly through the development of a reliable sire program that will make top quality bulls available to the breed.

He urged dairymen themselves to develop syndicates to work with the breeding services to develop bulls.

He explained that for every



Among those who participated in the Guernsey Field Day program are: left to right, Mrs. Jesse Balmer, women's division judging winner; Melvin Breneman, men's winner; Clark Coates, youth winner, and Max Dawdy, secretary of the American Guernsey Cattle Club, speaker.



Ricky Lee Kreider shows the Guernsey calf he received from the Raymond Witmer herd at the Guernsey Field Day recently.

five bulls an AI service acquires, only one ever proves out. This makes development of good bulls prohibitively costly to the services and requires the help of dairymen themselves to cut the costs. He indicated the syndicates can do this

Max Smith, Lancaster County ag agent, noted that Agricultural Progress Days will be held August 31-September 2 in Center County and he said farmers should try to attend.

Smith also urged farmers who find corn blight spreading above the ear to consider a spray program, either from the air or ground, as a means of saving the crop from total loss. This spray program should only be considered if 10 blight lesions are found above the ear, he said. The spray should be applied weekly until the crop matures.

Miss Sue Kauffman, Lancaster County Dairy Princess, urged

dairymen to set the example for others by using their own product, particularly by ordering a glass of milk when they eat out.

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Jesse Balmer, Lititz RD4, headed the field day. The upcoming Guernsey sale August 19 was noted.

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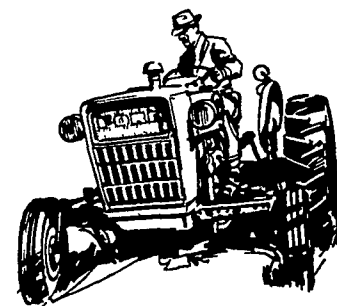
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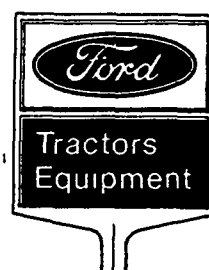
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