

Local Holsteins Recognized

The Holstein-Friesian Association of America recently announced outstanding records for some local Holsteins, including a new "iron grandma" and two new 2E animals.

Joining a select group of over 500 Holsteins recognized as "iron grandmas" for having a lifetime milk production of over 100 tons or 200,000 pounds is Roaring Maples Dean Bessie 4229148 (GP), owned by Roy H. and Ruth H. Book, Ronks.

During her 15 years 3 months, Bessie has produced 206,858 pounds of milk and 8,503 pounds of butterfat. That's nearly 100,000 quarts of milk!

Bessie's highest record in a single year was started at the age of 8 years 6 months. Milked twice daily for 365 days, she produced 21,190 pounds of milk and 871 pounds of butterfat, and 1,812 pounds of solids-not-fat.

Solids-not-fat, the many other nutrients found in milk, are now being measured as a part of the Holstein Association's Total Nutrient Testing program. This is just another example of efforts put forth by breeders of Registered Holsteins to offer the consumer a more nutritious can of milk.

Receiving 2E status were: Alnat Toitilla Ivanhoe Ginger 5647818, the well-known show ring champion owned by J. Mowery Frey & Son, Lancaster, and Inka Loudon Hill Supreme 6356974, owned by Galen W. Crouse, Stevens

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 2,3, or 4E according to her history of previous "Excellent" classifications within specified age brackets.

"Ginger", who has a lifetime production of 104,800 pounds of milk and 3,707 pounds of butterfat in 1,836 days, started her highest production record at the age of 7 years 7 months. This record totalled 28,280 pounds of milk and 1,037 pounds of butterfat in 365 days.

"Supreme" has a record made as a three-year-old of 20,690 pounds of milk and 832 pounds of butterfat in 305 days in the Dairy Herd Improvement Registry program.

Among the 99,361 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.

Elsewhere, the Holstein-Friesian Association has reported two local animals have received Gold Medal Dam status. They are:

Hill Girt King Posch Peach 4944863 (GP), now owned by Nathan E. Stoltzfus, Gap, bred and formerly owned by Harry G. Haskell Jr., Chadds Ford, and Pietje Rippling Brook Merna 6362480 (VG), now owned by Joseph Tramor, Honey Brook, bred and formerly owned by Homer Schwandt, Elmira, Ontario

The Gold Medal Dam status is based on an animal's ability to transmit outstanding milk production and desirable body conformation.

"Peach" has a lifetime production of 103,452 pounds of milk and 4,044 pounds of butterfat. Her qualifying daughters have attained the following type and production levels (ME basis): Con-Noll Destiny Posch (GP) with four records averaging 16,327 pounds of milk and 619 pounds of butterfat, and Con-Noll Apollo Pam (GP) with three records averaging 15,867 pounds of milk and 663 pounds of butterfat. Con-Noll Ideal Plum (GP) qualified her dam on the basis of type, while still another daughter, Con-Noll Flashy Promise qualified "Peach" on the basis of production with four records averaging 16,787 pounds of milk and 644 pounds of butterfat.

"Merna" qualified as a "super brood cow" with the mature equivalent average of four records being 17,780 pounds of milk and 701 pounds of butterfat. Her two daughters qualifying for both type and production (ME basis) are as follows: Verna Rippling Brook, classified (EX-2E) which indicates she maintained the "Excellent" classification scoring 90 points or more on two different occasions as she grew older, with a single record of 19,113 pounds of milk and 744 pounds of butterfat, and Dunwood Rag Apple Maple (VG) with three records averaging 17,371 pounds of milk and 648 pounds of butterfat. Dunwood R A Milly (GP) qualified her dam on the basis of type, while still another daughter, Dunwood Marie, qualified "Merna" on the basis of production with her single record of 18,647 pounds of milk and 692 pounds of butterfat.

IH Introduces Tractor

International Harvester Company recently announced its new "look of power" in the new 133 PTO hp. International Farmall 1468 tractor.

Features of the new 550 cu in displacement V-8 diesel power tractor include a new type axle for easier steering, new instrument gauges, hydraulic couplers, optional cabs and Isomount isolators to cut vibration and noise. Spin-on throwaway filters make servicing easier. Dry-type air cleaners protect the engine. New type Wedge Lock wheels let the operator change treads by loosening just one bolt per wheel. A deluxe comfort seat that raises and lowers hydraulically is standard.

The sturdy IH V-8 diesel has a governed range of 900-2400 rpm. A Bosch injection system with multi-hole injection nozzles controls combustion for maximum power with good fuel economy and reduced smoke emissions.

Across the

Editor's Desk

Editor's Note: Boyd C. Gartley, director of member and public relations for the Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative, presented the following editorial commentary on WCAU TV in Philadelphia on December 20.

In a recent WCAU editorial, emotional rather than factual information was presented.

Dairy farmers who are members of Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative, support the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board, the Milk Marketing Law, and J. Ln Huber, 100 percent. The Milk Marketing Board has a consumer representative, and the law mandates that dairy farmers agree that consumers should be represented.

The milk price system in Pennsylvania has enabled consumers to reap benefits of efficiency and a continuous supply of milk. Milk prices are fair to all segments of the public. The Pennsylvania Milk Marketing program has provided and orderly market for consumers.

To eliminate price controls on consumer prices, Dr. William Butz, economist at Pennsylvania State University, studied 25 markets throughout the United States and concluded that, following the abolishment of control, indicates that consumer prices have risen considerably more rapidly in the markets in these states than in the representatives sample of 25 markets.

Testimony of one of the representatives in the remand hearing in New Jersey, (and this information is before the New Jersey Supreme Court at the

present time) tends to support the findings of Dr. Butz in the "Model Cities Study", and I quote the study, "it indicates that the prices in the ghetto areas of Philadelphia were generally lower than those in similar areas of New Jersey. Thus, even though New Jersey has a much lower minimum price, the consumers in the disadvantaged areas of the state had to pay higher prices than the consumers in like areas of Pennsylvania, which has a much higher level of minimum prices."

Farmers continue to work a 7-day week. Milk is a highly perishable product. We cannot haggle over prices while the product spoils and consumers suffer. Dairy farmers ask for a fair return which must be high enough to meet necessary health standards required in the producing and processing of milk.

The enactment of the Milk Law was because of low returns to producers, decreased effectiveness of collective bargaining, destructive competition, and danger to public health and welfare.

Conditions have not changed, the need is more urgent than ever. Dairy farmers want consumers to be a part of every change in the milk industry, and favor the appointment of someone who knows milk pricing rather than the appointment of someone who "thinks" he knows. When consumers are informed of the facts, they have always supported the Milk Marketing program and its amendments.

Dairy farmers invite the news media to sit down at their convenience and ask questions. We

will share the facts, whether it relates to Pennsylvania or New Jersey.

There is nothing to hide in a quart of milk.

Editor's Note: We've all heard about the prospects for fuel shortages and we're all too well aware of the growing problems of manure disposal. What could be neater than solving both problems at the same time? Here's the suggestion under a Pittsburgh dateline from the December issue of Agri-News, the publication of CIBA-GEIGY Corporation:

Scientists at the Pittsburgh Energy Research Center of the US Bureau of Mines have devised a means of converting animal manure to fuel by heating it under pressure with carbon monoxide to produce oil. Three barrels of oil can be produced from a ton of dry manure.

One researcher noted, "If all animal wastes could be collected and converted to oil, it would satisfy about half of this country's oil needs, or about 2.45 billion barrels of oil annually. In effect, it's a way to harness the sun's energy in an economical manner."

Another scheme for using animal wastes has been developed in Devonshire, England, where automotive fuel has been processed from chicken and pig manure, although any organic waste will suffice.

The fresh manure is composted briefly and placed in a digester where methane gas is generated by bacterial action. To complete the process, a simple gas converter has been devised by Harold Bate, Devonshire, which will feed methane into the carburetor of a car. Total installation cost of the converter is less than \$100.

Besides solving the animal waste disposal problem, the manure-powered car contributes to cleaner air, methane gas affords nearly complete combustion — about 97 per cent — while gas only gives about 27 per cent combustion with the remaining unburned fuel being emitted in the car's exhaust.

In addition, the manure-powered vehicle is efficient and inexpensive to run. Bate estimates the equivalent of one gallon of premium gasoline costs 3c and causes very little wear on the car.

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