

Menhennetts

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"To register an animal," she explained, "one must prove that it is a purebred animal from a registered herd either in Canada or Britain."

"We will then register the animal and keep records for reference in the future."

Along with the registration duties, the association is also interested in promoting the breed and increasing sales within the United States.

"The breed is such an impressive one that we feel certain when others learn of the breed they will become

interested in purchasing the animals," Mrs. Menhennett commented.

Two main problems have seemed to hamper the breed's acceptance in the United States, however, being strict importation laws and people's lack of knowledge of the Clun's and their abilities.

A fear of sheep "scrapies" an infectious disease, has caused severe importation restrictions on sheep coming from overseas. This has been a limiting factor to those breeders who wish to import animals from herds in the

British Isles and Scotland. To avoid the quarantines and herd restrictions, many like the Menhennett's have gone to Canada in search of breeding animals.

Mrs. Menhennett explained that she has been pursuing some angles to soften restrictions however she has met with little response.

"The USDA is very much afraid that direct import from overseas might result in disease and thus are keeping strict import laws in effect."

Mrs. Menhennett has had Congressman Eshelmen helping her with import inquiries but as of yet there have been no major developments.

Although recognition of the Clun's in the United States has been another deterrent, the Menhennetts hope that within the future more promotion will help the breed become well known.

Mrs. Menhennett is anxious to get a showing division open for the Clun's at the Farm Show, however it will be some time yet, since more breeders with numerous animals to show are required.

Until that time, however, the Menhennett's will be involved in showing their Shropshire animals, and will be participating in the sheep show at the Pa. State Farm Show this coming week in Harrisburg.

Sextant

John Hadlev, Englishman, invented the sextant in 1731. An instrument for measuring angular distances, the sextant "shoots" the sun or a star to determine its altitude above the horizon.

High Producing Herds Honored

Ten Registered Holstein herds in Pennsylvania have been singled out for special production and type recognition by the Pennsylvania Holstein Ass'n. These ten herds had the high milk production or type classification average in the state for their herd size category.

Receiving production recognition were the following herds:

Mowry Farm, Clarence & Kenneth Mowry, Roaring Spring, Pa. - High Herd Average 130 lactations, average - 18,896 lbs. milk, 3.6 percent fat 683 lbs. fat.

Valley Wide Farm, Raymond Coursen, Spring Mills, Pa. - High Herd Average 81-100 lactations, 93 lactations, average - 18,827 lbs. milk 3.6 percent 686 lb. fat.

Hillglen Farm, Clarence Cornman, Jr., Newburg, Pa. - High Herd Average 30 or less, 14 lactations, average - 17,270 lbs. milk, 3.7 percent fat 646 lbs. fat.

Pack-Herd Holsteins, Richard & Marilyn Packard, Troy, Pa. - High Herd Average 31-50 lactations, 35 lactations, average 20,065 lbs. milk, 3.9 percent 792 lbs. fat.

Sinking Springs Farm, Inc., Herman Stebbins, York, Pa. - High Herd Average 51-80 lactations, 58 lactations, average 20,696 lbs. milk, 4.0 fat 836 lbs. fat.

These lactation averages are the average individual cow production for all cows in the herd completing records during the 1974 DHIR testing year. Type classification is awarded on the basis of the average of age - the adjusted individual classification scores of all members of the herd. The term Breed Age Average (BAA), expressed as a percentage, refers to the average age adjusted scores of each herd when compared to the national breed average (100 percent BAA).

Singing Brook Farm, Obie Snider, Imler, PA. - High BAA - 100 head or more 112 herd average 104.8 percent

BAA. Gor-Wood Acres, Gordon Wood, Mansfield, Pa. - High BAA - 51 - 80 head 51 head average 107.2 percent BAA. Penn Spring Farm, Robert H. K a u f f m a n , Elizabethtown, Pa. - High BAA - 30 head or less, 28 herd average 106.5 percent BAA.

Cocalico Holsteins, Paul B. Zimmerman, Ephrata, Pa. - High BAA - 31 - 50 head 34 head average 108.0 percent BAA. Amity-Acres, Robert & Dale Tillinghast, Gillett, Pa. - High BAA - 81 - 100 head 95 head average 104.4 percent BAA.

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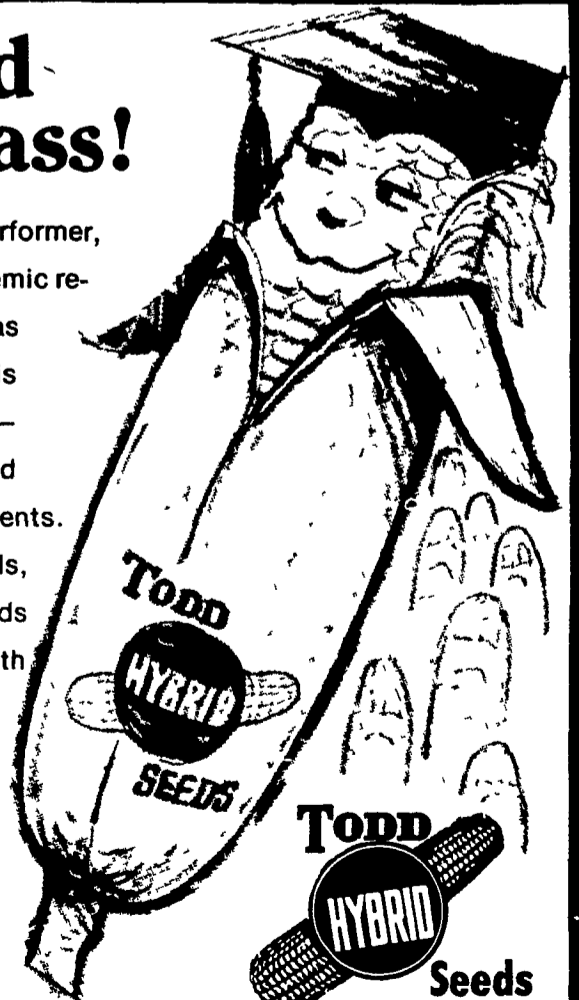
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