

At Gaithersburg, Maryland

# Big Holstein event slated

For nearly 30 years, through 1974, the Holstein-Friesian Association of America sponsored annual fall and winter planning and educational seminars for fieldmen, state association officials and other interested persons in its 15 geographical districts throughout the U.S.

In the Southeast district, those meetings have been held for the past six years in conjunction with the annual Southeast Show Window sale of bred cows and heifers from registered Holstein bloodlines. Participating states have included Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina.

Now a policy change by the

national association has caused discontinuation of the educational meetings in their previous format. But a combination of breed association officials in the Old Line State and representatives of the Cooperative Extension Service at the University of Maryland in College Park has kept the Southeast district educational meeting alive.

The result is an array of nationally recognized speakers for an afternoon and evening meeting set for next Wednesday (Nov. 5) at the Montgomery county fairground in Gaithersburg. It will serve as a prelude for the seventh annual district sale, beginning at 11 a.m. on

Thursday (Nov. 6) at the same location.

Theme for Wednesday's educational meeting is "Breeding the Long-Term Dairy Machine — While She Lasts, You Last." The event will commence at 1 p.m. with registration and refreshments in the new auditorium across from the fairground dining hall.

A functional breed type demonstration is scheduled in the auditorium and nearby livestock barns from 1:15 to 4:30 p.m., with a social hour at 6:30 p.m. and buffet dinner at 7 o'clock in the dining hall. An evening panel discussion will feature three recognized authorities on mating services for dairy cattle.

Finale for the day's event will be a "fun night" under the supervision of Robert D. Raver, county Extension

agricultural agent in Montgomery County.

Signs showing the exit for the Montgomery County fairground are posted along Interstate highway 270 between Rockville and Frederick. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

Additional program information is available from Robert D. Raver at the county Extension office in Gaithersburg; phone: (301) 948-9070, or from John L. Morris, Extension dairy science specialist at the University of Maryland in College Park; phone: (301) 454-3932.

Manager for the Thursday sale is A. Doty Rensburg of Jefferson (Frederick County); phone: (301) 473-8214.

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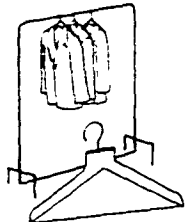


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