

\$20,000 cow wins Guernsey show

The yellow breed has a rising star

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HARRISBURG — The Guernsey breed of dairy cattle is considered by some to be vanishing from the American agricultural scene, but fellows like Tweet Snider will never be convinced of that.

Snider has been associated with top quality Guerneys for all of his life — having grown up at Snider Homestead Farms, one of the most renowned Guernsey farms in the state. For the past four years, however, he's been employed as manager of South Penn Farms, which is located near his home farm in Bedford County. Although South Penn Farms, owned by Donald P. Moran, was the home of Angus cattle, Snider's love for Guernsey cows convinced Moran that the barns and pastures should be filled with the yellow dairy breed of cattle.

On October 1 of last year a brand new Guernsey farm came onto the Pennsylvania dairy scene and they're making waves which are being noticed all across the nation. The recent Pennsylvania Farm Show is just one more example in a long list which establishes South Penn Farms and manager Snider as a power to be reckoned with when top cows are discussed. The Farm Show's Guernsey champion was — you guessed it — exhibited by Snider.

Happy Hill AFC Lorna, a 5-year old, was the grand champion. Within the last few months that Snider and Moran have had her, she has stood first at the Pennsylvania All-American, the Maryland State Fair, and now the Farm Show. The stylish cow is also an All-American 3-year old for 1977.

Purchased by South Penn Farms last Fall for a record \$20,000, the champion cow is a national class leader in milk production for 3-year olds. Her record stands at 22,200 pounds of milk and 1021 pounds of butterfat, produced in 305 days. She's currently milking 118 pounds of milk per day, says Snider, after having freshened last October.

The sire of the winning cow is Apple Brook Fames Corporal.

The recently established Guernsey herd at South Penn Farms is stabled in a new barn equipped with 80 Show-Ease stalls, and pipeline milkers. Two hundred acres of fields devoted to corn and hay help supply the nutritional needs of the cattle. Snider makes it a point to give them the best of care. That's one of many reasons the farm came home from the Farm Show with the Premier Exhibitor banner.

Snider considered this year's Guernsey show at the Farm Show to have been one of the best in years. He's been a regular participant for the past 20 years. According to him, this year's show was up in both quality and quantity, which is just one more sign that the

Guernsey cow is here to stay.

Showing the reserve grand champion at this year's Farm Show was Rutter Brothers of York. Tim Rutter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Rutter, was at the halter of the animal, named Pineplane Champion Cherie, a 7-year old. Young Rutter also had the junior champion, a senior yearling named Rutter Bros. Du Kes Susie. The reserve ribbon was won by Ginger Sechrist of Fayetteville.

Following are the placings of the open Guernsey show:

Heifer Calf

1. Kevin Callihan, Imler;
2. John Marchezak, Bentleyville;
3. Jeff Benedict, Waynesboro;
4. David Briggs, Burgettstown;
5. Bernard Snider, New Enterprise.

Junior Yearling

1. Bernard Snider,
2. Donald Moran, New Enterprise;
3. Ginger Sechrist,
4. Jason Ivic, Bentleyville;
5. Renee Fava, Scenery Hill.

Senior Yearling

1. Timy Rutter,
2. Ginger Sechrist,
3. Ruth Benedict, Fayetteville;
4. Alisa Marie Fava, Scenery Hill;
5. John Marchezak

Junior Get of Sire

1. John Marchezak,
2. Jeff Benedict.

3 or 4 Year Old Dry Cow

1. Bernard Snider,
2. John Marchezak,
3. Bernard Snider,
4. Rutter Brothers,
5. Donald Moran.

Aged Dry Cow

1. Donald Moran,
2. Bernard Snider,
3. Peggy McDonald, Imler;
4. Marion Benedict,
5. Michael Benedict, Waynesboro.

Two Year Olds

1. Marvin Miller, Strasburg;
2. Donald Moran,
3. Bernard Snider,
4. Darryl Rohrbaugh, New Freedom;
5. Cindy Rutter, York.

Three Year Olds

1. Timy Rutter,
2. Donald Moran,
3. Deborah Lehman, York;
4. Donald Moran,
5. Bernard Snider.

Four Year Olds

1. Patricia McMurray, Bentleyville;
2. Brian Lehman, York;
3. Renee Fava,
4. Renee Fava,
5. Donald Moran

Aged Cows

1. Donald Moran,
2. Barry Lehman, York;
3. John Marchezak;
4. Donald Moran,
5. Alisa Marie Fava

Open Get of Sire

1. Donald Moran,
2. Ellsworth Lehman, York,
3. Cindy Rutter

Dairy Herd

1. Donald Moran,
2. Deborah Lehman,
3. Patricia McMurray,
4. Michael Benedict,
5. Bernard Snider

Best 3 Females

1. Patricia McMurray,
2. Bernard Snider,
3. Brian Lehman,
4. Marion Benedict,
5. Timy Rutter

Produce of Dam

1. John Marchezak,
2. Jeff Benedict,
3. David Briggs

Premier Breeder

1. John Marchezak



Tweet Snider, at the halter of a \$20,000 champion Guernsey, is serving notice that his breed of dairy cow is on the way up.



Looking a bit tired after a day of competition, Timy Rutter's reserve grand champion Guernsey longs for the comfort of the straw.

Lehigh Co. takes seven apple awards

HARRISBURG — Lehigh County rated the highest in apple displays at the Pennsylvania Farm Show with two orchards in the county taking seven out of 13 of the best-of-show awards offered last week. Mohr Orchards, Orefield R1, earned the best bags, best try of 20, best roadside pack (8-15 pounds), best roadside pack (16-24 pounds), and best gift pack.

Hausman Fruit Farm, Coopersburg R2, took the State Horticultural

Association Award, and two best bushel awards.

The Franklin County Horticultural Society earned both the best county exhibit and the Gabriel Heister awards.

From Dauphin County, Strite's Orchards, Inc., Harrisburg, earned two top honors — the best overwarp tray and the best pears.

Friday and Haacher Farm, from Roaring Spring R1, Blair County, was judged as having the best plate of five.

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