

National Holstein Convention begins June 27

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. - More than 1500 Holstein dairy farmers are expected to converge in Louisville, Ky., the heart of the great bluegrass country, for the 93rd annual convention of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America June 27-30.

The Galt House, will serve as convention headquarters and site of the annual meeting. Host for the four day convention is the Kentucky Holstein Cattle Club. John Kalmey, Shelbyville, Ky. is the general chairman of the convention.

Convention business

sessions will convene at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 28 and includes an open forum for the discussion of association activities and policies by all members. The business meeting will continue through Thursday. Convention delegates will act on the bylaw amendment proposals and elect officers for the coming year, as well as four directors to serve four year terms.

The Ad Hoc Committee on convention nominating procedures, authorized by the 92nd convention delegates, is proposing a bylaw amendment which establishes a seven member

committee, appointed by the president, that will nominate one or more persons for each of the offices of president, vice president and directors.

Another major bylaw amendment proposal, made on behalf of the board of directors, concerns HFA's reregistration of Holsteins registered in the herbooks of other countries.

Reflecting the increased importance of Holsteins internationally, this year's annual meeting will include the presentation of the "Joint Effort Award" to The People's Republic of Hungary. The "Joint Effort Award" recognizes the

relationship between Hungary and the U.S. as a "model of cooperation in the establishment and development of Holsteins worldwide." HFA Executive Chairman Robert Rumler will present the award to Jenó Vancsa, vice minister of agriculture for livestock, and Hungarian Agriculture Attache Jozef Nemeth on Thursday afternoon, June 29.

Tuesday, the day preceding the annual meeting, has been designated host day. Convention-goers will be taking a bus tour of bluegrass country that includes a stop at a horse farm in Bourbon County. All groups will visit either Clayborne Farm, Golden Chance Farm or Stoner Creek Stud Farm. "Each operation will be explained in detail," reports John Kalmey, convention chairman. The bus tour will also include visits to the Keeneland Race Track, The Kane Ridge Meeting House Shrine where the First Christian Church was founded, a winery, and the recently completed Horse Farm Park, where the U.S. equestrian team will defend its world title in a three day event.

The finale of the week's activities will be the '78 convention sale, managed by Alvin R. Piper and Associates, International Holstein Sales and Service, Lake Mills, Wis. It will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center. Piper

reports that 97 of the nation's finest Holsteins have been consigned to this year's sale.

Six young Holstein breeders have been selected winners of the National Distinguished Junior Member Contest, conducted by the Holstein-Friesian Association of America. They are: Pennie Smith, Monkton, Md.; Steven Vaughan, Hartsville, Ohio; Johana Merrill, Silver Springs, N.Y.; Alan Nower, Hamilton, N.Y.; Jeff Gibson, Paris, Ky.; and Janice Muther, Salinas, Calif.

These six distinguished junior members will receive an expense-paid trip to HFA's national convention, June 27-30, in Louisville, Ky., and will be given special recognition and awards during the association's annual meeting.

More than 10,000 young people are junior members of HFA. Contest entries were received from 27 states.

Milk components and estate planning will be the featured discussion topics for the "early-bird sessions," which begin at 8:30 a.m. on both Wednesday and Thursday, and will precede the convention business meeting. On Wednesday morning, HFA Vice-President Ivan Strickler, Iola, Kans., will chair a panel discussion entitled "The Bottom Line For Breeders On Milk Components." Darrell Gaugh, Boulder, Colo., chartered life underwriter and president of the National Estate Planning Institute,

Inc., will explain a practical approach to estate planning for Holstein breeders on Thursday morning.

Designed to update Holstein breeders on the issues concerning milk components, Wednesday morning's informational session includes three capsule presentations. Elmer Paper, chairman of the component pricing committee for the National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF), Stockton, Iowa, will review a discussion paper that was recently developed by the NMPF on a proposed method of component milk pricing. This paper has been distributed to NMPF members and is presently receiving considerable discussion nationwide. Donald Voelker, extension dairyman at Iowa State University, will explain the factors involved when considering nutrient components in a breeding program. Ivan Strickler will wrap up this informational session with a review the established policies and principles of the Holstein Association on pricing milk to the producer.

Darrell Gaugh, Boulder, Colorado, extends a special invitation for all the wives to accompany their husbands to Thursday morning's "early bird session". Recognizing the deep involvement of farm wives in the business, Gaugh believes they should also be involved in the decision-making

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