

Junior dairyman winners announced

Junior Dairyman Contest Questions

1. True or False - A low line milk line results in reduced vacuum fluctuations at teat end compared to high line milk line.

2. What traits are completely controlled genetically in cattle?

A. Milk production B. Mastitis C. Horns D. Number of lactations.

3. What percent does a paternal grandsire contribute to the inheritance of the calf?

A. 25 B. 35 C. 50

Hopefully, if you were to ask these questions of any of the 110 contestants in the 1979 Junior Dairyman Contest, they would correctly answer 1.) True, 2.) C., and 3.) A.

This is just a sample of the extensive knowledge of the entire dairy industry that the 14-19 year old 4-H and FFA members had to know for the contest.

The first part of the contest involved eleven dif-

ferent stations for the contestants to complete.

Four of these stations are classes to be judged. One of a class of commercial dairy heifers, one of dairy steers, another of dairy goats and also a class of hay to be judged. Two of the stations involved identifying dairy products and there was a station to identify different grains and feed stuffs used in dairy rations.

A written exam covering questions on management, herd health, dairy products, genetics, nutrition and the general dairy industry filled another two stations.

The final two stations involved identifying different milking systems and their parts and questions about the milking process.

Upon the completion of all of these stations, the team and individual placings were announced.

The Baltimore County 4-H Team won the team division and beat out second place Cecil County 4-H team by

two points. There were 32 teams competing.

Team members from Baltimore were Milton Anderson, Scott Wilson and William Warns, Junior.

Eric Knutson, Mark Krauss and Don Moore made up the Cecil County Team.

Chester County, Pa. was third, Harford County 4-H finished fourth and York, Pa. 4-H was fifth.

The top ten individuals were announced but their final placing would not be determined until they competed in four more advanced stations.

Buck Schaeffer from Maryland Artificial Breeding Cooperative headed up a station on Reproduction. Buck asked questions about A.I., the reproductive tract and breeding.

Billy Heath worked with them on proper Fitting and Showing Techniques, while Marlin Hoff's station dealt with overall management. After reading a made-up

situational farm operation, the contestants had to discuss what changes could be made to improve this set-up - the pro's and con's and why.

One final personal interview was with Grove Miller, from the Maryland State Fair Board and Farm Bureau, and Herb Wessel, President of MCMP that

covered milk marketing and other facets of the industry.

After totaling points from

these and adding it to their

previous score, the top ten

individuals were as follows:

1. Milton Anderson,

Baltimore County 4-H; 2.

Fritz Wainwright,

Burlington, N.J. FFA; 3.

Patty Greek, Red Lion, PA

FFA; 4. Keith Stoltzfus,

Chester Co., PA 4-H; 5. Billy

Warns, Baltimore Co. 4-H; 6.

Julie Amos, Harford Co. 4-

H; 7. Ed Breckbill, Chester

Co. PA 4-H; 8. Eric Knut-

sen, Cecil Co. 4-H; 9. Bob Prigel, Hereford FFA; 10. Jeff Burkholder, Lancaster Co. PA.

Milton Anderson won his choice of \$1,000 or a Registered Holstein Calf. This award was presented by Cold Springs Farm, the Marlin Hoff family.

Everyone participating seemed to have a good time as well as learn more about dairying. Be sure to watch for information about next year's contest.

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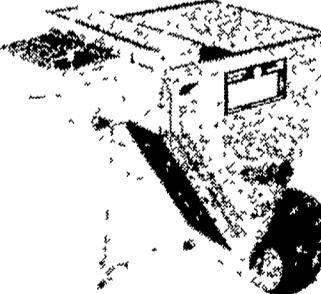
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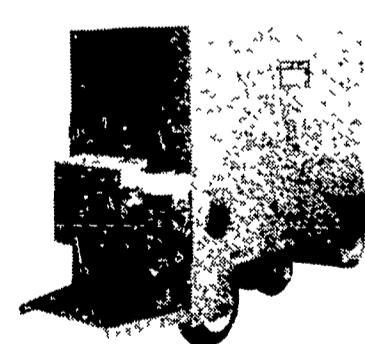
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