

## Del. dairy show season ready to roll

NEWARK, Del. — Delaware dairy farmers have already started down the Tanbark Trail — the annual dairy show circuit that culminates in the selection of the All American Dairy Cattle Winners.

Showing cows is more than just a hobby, explains Delaware extension dairy specialist George Haenlein.

Having an animal survive the county, state, and regional elimination rounds to be selected an All American Winner translates into big money. The offspring of winning animals command the highest prices.

Two animals from Delaware herds took high honors in the recent Maryland State Holstein Show — a two-year-old from

the herd of Wayne Collison, of Harrington, and an age cow (five years or older) from the herd of David Steinhauer, Clayton. Both animals had been purchased by Maryland breeders at the Delaware Holstein Sale.

The Holstein Sale is always a big event in Delaware dairy circles, according to the specialist. It's a good opportunity to promote and sell Delaware dairy stock, 90 percent of which are Holsteins.

A portion of the proceeds go into the Delaware Holstein Association treasury, which supports 4-H awards and other youth activities and scholarships. We're looking for good animals to sell at this year's sale, he says, which will be held in Harrington on July 26 at the conclusion of the Delaware State Fair.

Harrington was also the scene of the Tri-County Dairy Show, the first show of the season. Held on a recent Saturday, the show brought together 27 exhibitors from all over the state, 65 animals, and an internationally prominent cattle judge from Maryland, John Rinehart. Sixteen-year-old Crystal Gerardi, of Harrington, took the Grand Championship in both the Junior and Open Divisions.

The next round of eliminations on the way to the All American finals will be held at the county level. There will be a show in Fair Hill, Md. on May 31 for Cecil

county; a show on June 20 in Harrington for Kent and Sussex counties; and a show on June 21 at the University of Delaware for New Castle county.

Contact a county extension agent for details.

Winners of the county elimination rounds in Delaware will compete in the State Junior Dairy Show on July 22, and the State Open Dairy Show on July 23, at the State Fair. These shows are open to all dairy breeds.

Dairy goats breeders will also have a chance to exhibit at the State Fair on July 25. They can prepare for the event by attending a dairy goat workshop on June 1 in Kenton. Information can be obtained from county extension agents.

Another dairy-related event that will take place at the State Fair is the selection of a Delaware Dairy Princess to promote the industry during 1980-81.

Young women who are interested in competing for the position can attend a workshop at the University of Delaware's Clayton Hall on July 8 and 9. Contestants from Delaware, Maryland and New Jersey will join together to learn more about the dairy industry, milk, and nutrition, as well as grooming and public speaking.

Contestants must be associated with the dairy industry and must be nominated by a 4-H or FFA group.

## Horse clinics set for this weekend

HARRISBURG — Horse Sense III, a series of youth horse clinics and adult leader workshops, will be held Saturday, May 10, and Sunday, May 11, at the Farm Show Building in Harrisburg.

"Anyone interested in horses, regardless of their background or experience, should plan to attend these informative clinics," said Ag Secretary Penrose Hollowell. "Horse Sense III will serve to strengthen the understanding of the principles of horsemanship and equine management."

The clinics will feature demonstrations and training sessions regarding competition in several American Quarter Horse Association youth events, such as showmanship at halter, western showmanship, hunt seat equitation, and much more.

Horse health care and proper nutrition will also be presented, and educational and job opportunities within the horse industry will be discussed. Young people as well as adults should find the programs interesting and informative.

Horse Sense III is sponsored by the American Quarter Horse Association and the American Junior Quarter Horse Association. The first clinic was held last September at the University of Illinois at Champaign. The second clinic was held at the Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. Both clinics focused on horsemanship and management skills.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 10, at the Farm Show Building. A \$3 fee will be assessed each youth, and \$5 each adult.



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