

## Pep-L-Lea Farm hosts Chester Holstein breeders

**BY PAT KAUFFMAN**  
**OXFORD** — Showcasing a brand new freestall cold housing barn for dry stock, Bob and Jane Pepple, Oxford, hosted the Chester County Holstein Association's annual field day Thursday evening.

The first animals into the new barn were three classes of cows for guests and members to judge. Winners in the judging were:

Men's division — 1. Marlin Getz, 2. Donnie Hostetter, 3. Gideon Stoltzfus, Jr., 4. Stan Guest, 5. Lester High.

Women's division — 1. Sue Lamborn, 2. Janet Beiler, 3. Deloris Elliott, 4. Ruth Kauffman, 5. Susie Weaver.

Youth — 1. Bonnie Lamborn, 2. Tom Kearns, 3. Leonard Stoltzfus, 4. Clyde Good, 5. Jennifer Beiler.

Lloyd Ebersole, assistant manager of Sire Power was on hand to judge the three classes of animals.

Explaining his new facilities, Bob Pepple said he wanted freestalls and a chance to let the animals out in the grass. The building features all natural ventilation.

Pepple said he raises more young stock than some people, since he raises bulls for his family's commercial herd. The barn has 53 freestalls and a center area

which was planned as a place to house bull calves or could be used for Embryo Transplant heifers.

Pepple said that while they have experimented with ET to some extent, he wasn't ready when the barn was built in May to commit himself to it, so the barn was planned to be flexible.

A 72 foot travel belt with a plow has been positioned in the lot to allow him the flexibility he needs to feed different groups of cattle.

Pepple said the barn is the result of a conglomeration of ideas from other people that they liked. The barn is approximately 50x100 feet and is cold housing with a lot of approximately the same dimensions housing the feed plow. A new 20x60 foot silo has yet to be filled.

Work on the new structure started in May and Pepple said they have no plans of expanding their herd, only handling their dry stock more efficiently.

The Pepples farm 200 acres with the main crops alfalfa/orchard grass, corn for silage and high moisture corn.

Herd average is around 18,500 pounds of milk and 720 of fat. Jane Pepple said they are not yet satisfied with their production. She said it seems to have leveled off the past couple of years.

A calf donated by Joel Brown was raffled during the evening. Mel Stoltzfus suggested to his friend, Glenn Freese that Glenn put up a buck so the two could go halves on a dollar chance. The new 'syndicate' won the calf and donated it to the Chester Holstein club.

Mike Weimer, newly appointed director of special programs for the PA Holstein Association, challenged the crowd to recruit members for the state breed association. Weimer said that at least a ten percent increase should be a feasible goal for the group.

Yvonne King, Chester Dairy Princess, and Betsy Wollaston, the alternate, gave brief remarks to the crowd and scored a hit with the younger group as they handed out pencils and cow erasers.

And Harold Bare, Chester association president, said that the association changed to evening meetings, about four years ago. While it may not work for every county, he said he saw a big increase in attendance over those past few years. He said the evening agenda had less conflicts with farm work.

A crowd of more than 200 people visited with friends and dairy agents, and enjoyed the cool night time air



Part of the crowd of approximately 200 people that assembled at Pep-L-Lea Farm Thursday night. Chester association president, Harold Bare, said that since they switched to evening meetings about a four years ago, many of the farm work conflicts have been eliminated and the crowd on hand was about average for the past years.



Bob and Jane Pepple, hosts for the Chester Holstein field day are shown in the front row. Others left to right are: Mike Weimer, new director of special programs for the PA Holstein Association; Lloyd Ebersole, judge for the evening; Dieter Kreig, speaker; and Harold Bare, president of the local association.

## NEMA looks at effects of heat, egg output

**MAYTOWN** — Bill Rent, General Manager of Northeast Egg Marketing Association (A Cooperative encompassing the eleven Northeastern States), Wednesday took a look at the effect of the Nation's heat wave on our egg supply.

The heat wave which started on June 26 in most parts of the country has had a rapid and dramatic effect on egg production.

At temperatures in excess of 90 degrees, chickens start to suffer and as temperatures rise numerous things happen. Under the worst circumstances they die from heat prostration, he said.

If they escape death their consumption of food decreases and egg production drops markedly. Along with the drop there is a shrinking of egg size. Eggs that in normal weather would be extra large become large, large become medium, etc.

If the hen is near her normal molting period, she may drop her feathers and go out of production for approximately six months.

With that little bit of background, Rent reviewed what has happened as reported by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Nationally, as of Monday, July 21, losses reported were eight million broilers and approximately a million laying hens. Represented in the laying hens were 678,000 breeders. The loss of breeding stock is extremely bad as it often represents valuable stock that has taken years to establish genetically.

The price of eggs certainly

will rise. The loss of hen numbers from heat is not the only reason for escalating prices. Projected reduced grain yields has increased the price of poultry feed by \$14 a ton in the last three weeks.

Let's consider briefly what a dozen eggs is. It is 1.5 pounds of the highest quality protein (egg protein is the standard by which other proteins are measured). An egg contains all vitamins

except Vitamin C. No other natural food can make that claim.

"We must start to realize that eggs at \$1.00 per dozen or \$1.25 a dozen are a tremendous protein buy, and that this is the price that should have been for some time. Producers have been losing one million per day for months and consumers have been the big winner. At \$1.00 per dozen, they are 67 cents a pound," he said.

## February calf brings \$9000 at sale

**KUTZTOWN** — The 1980 Sire Power Sale was held recently at the Kutztown, Fairgrounds. Eight-six head sold for an average of \$3575 in a sale representative of many top Sire Power sires.

Topping the Sale at \$9,000 was a strong pedigreed February calf consigned by Kingstead Farm, Damascus, Maryland. This Elevation calf is the next generation of the great 'BESS Family' at Kingstead.

Her dam, Kingstead Arlinda Bess is VG (87) and a record at 4-9 358d 26800 milk 3.8 percent and 1015 fat. Kingstead RORAE Libby-ET was purchased by OC Smith and Norman Hill, Jefferson, Maryland.

Of the six high selling animals, five were by Elevation and one by Jet Stream. The sires of consignments for the 1980 Sale was 57 Elevations, 12 Jet Streams, nine Kingpins, eight Jerrys, six Jemins, four Vans, three Jobs, two Doctors, and one New Hope daughter.

The second high selling animal was a bred heifer, Kish-Creek Tulip. She was consigned by Jacob K Zook and purchased for \$7000 by Glen Peachey, Milroy, Pa.

Two animals tied for third high selling at \$6600. A Very Good Elevation daughter just fresh and milking 100 pounds a day was purchased by Lester and Wilma Strite, Hagerstown, Maryland. Her Jemini daughter sold for \$1750 to Samuel Stoltzfus, Honey Brook, Pa.

The other \$6600 animal was Stoney-Lea Jet Stream Emy. This Jet Stream daughter was consigned by Richard Remsburg & Son, Jefferson, Maryland and purchased by Richard and Virginia Yule, W. Winfield, NY.

General Manager, W.L. Campbell welcomed one of the largest attendances ever to the 1980 Sire Power Sale. "Lew" encouraged breeders to take advantage of the quality and selection of consignments.



A Job daughter out of a first freshening Simson Burkgov Snowman dam, milking 61.8 pounds on her first test, was raffled off Thursday evening. The winning ticket was purchased by Mel Stoltzfus, center, with Glenn Freese dollar, right and put up for auction. The animal was purchased by Calvin Blank, left, for \$275 which will go into the Chester Holstein treasury.