

Fun, facts, feasting await Holstein conventioners

BALTIMORE, Md. — A group of nearly 3,000 national Holstein Association members, their families and other industry leaders are expected to congregate in Baltimore, this week, to participate in the 96th annual convention of the Holstein Association of America.

Maryland Holstein Association Convention Chairman Marlin Hoff reports. "We've been actively working for more than two years on plans to bring the national convention to Baltimore."

Visiting dairymen, from coast to coast, will have the opportunity to sample seafood from Maryland's shore, visit local Holstein farms, and tour nearby Washington and Annapolis.

Delegates will act on the business of the national Holstein Association and everyone will have a chance to bid on some fine Holstein cattle at the national sale, according to Hoff.

The convention program will feature the proposed details of the 1981 farm bill, new cow indexes, future Association activities, policy revisions and USDA animal health priorities.

The annual business meeting and the national Holstein sale will be held in the new \$50 million Baltimore Convention Center. Centrally located, the center is connected to convention hotels and Baltimore's Inner Harbor project with its many shops and restaurants.

The Convention Chairman said social activities will be held on Sunday and Monday, before the business meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday. The national sale is scheduled for Tuesday.

Special arrangements have been made to visit Maryland Holstein farms within a one-hour drive of Baltimore on Sunday. Buses will take visitors to such well known

farms as Kingstead, Maple Law, Rinehart, Lovdal, Killdee, Long Green, Fair Hill, KingLea, Sunset View, and Hickory Hill.

Buses will return in time for conventioners to attend the President's Reception and dinner. Association President Ivan K. Strickler will welcome delegates and their families to a traditional Maryland crab feast.

With close proximity to the nation's capital, it's only natural that Holstein guests will have the opportunity to spend a day in Washington, D.C. A tour of the city features a guided tour of Capitol Hill on Monday with stops at the Supreme Court and the Library of Congress. The Jefferson Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, the Kennedy Center, the Department of Agriculture and Embassy Row will be part of this trip.

In the afternoon, tourists will have a choice of three walking tours: FBI building, Smithsonian Institution, or Mount Vernon, historic Virginia home of George Washington. An optional day trip to Annapolis, home of the U.S. Naval Academy, and capital of the state, may be taken by guests.

Maryland hospitality will extend to Holstein juniors throughout the convention days. They also will be able to enjoy a round of tours to Washington or Annapolis with the chance to swim, canoe and hike in the beautiful Catoctin State Park.

On the more serious side, juniors may attend workshops dealing with embryo transfers, feeding and nutrition, milking procedures and advertising and promotion.

On Wednesday, the second annual Holstein Dairy Bowl, a contest of teams testing dairy knowledge, will conclude the junior activities. The six distinguished junior members will be recognized at the convention banquet that evening.

At the first Early Bird session, held on Tuesday, Senatorial Economist William Bailey and House Staff Agriculture Director Fowler West will discuss the national farm bill.

On Wednesday, at the second Early Bird session, USDA Extension Dairyman Basu Eastwood

will speak on cow evaluations with special emphasis on the new, four source cow index developed by USDA.

On Tuesday, the two-day annual meeting of the national Holstein Association will convene with delegates present to elect officers and four directors to replace those whose terms have expired. Two of the directors are eligible for reelection for a second term. Delegates also will act on other business to come before the convention.

Harry C. Mussman, director of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, will address the convention assembly on Tuesday afternoon. In 1971, Mussman

joined USDA and became deputy administrator in the meat and poultry inspection program. Later, he filled a post with APHIS, then served with the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization before returning to APHIS as its director.

On Thursday, the convention will end with the national sale. Conventioners will see some of the country's finest Holstein cattle put up for auction at the convention center.

At the 1980 convention sale a top price of \$75,000 was bid for a Holstein bull; the highest selling female Holstein went for \$36,000. An average sale price of \$10,465 was figured on the total sale receipts of \$1,230,500.

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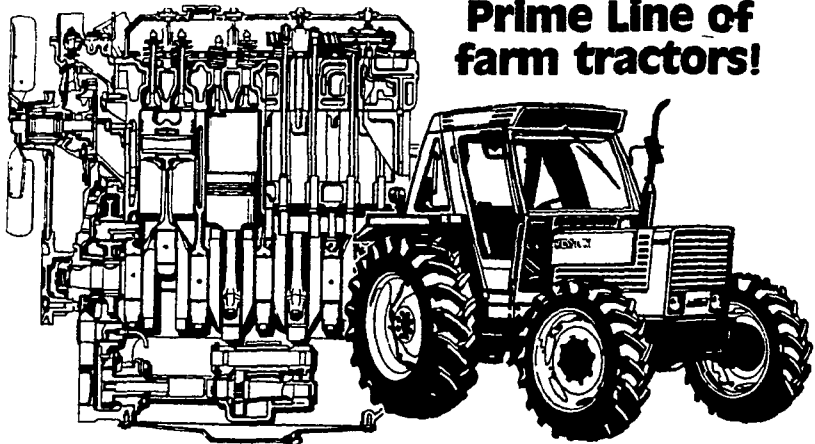
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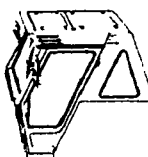


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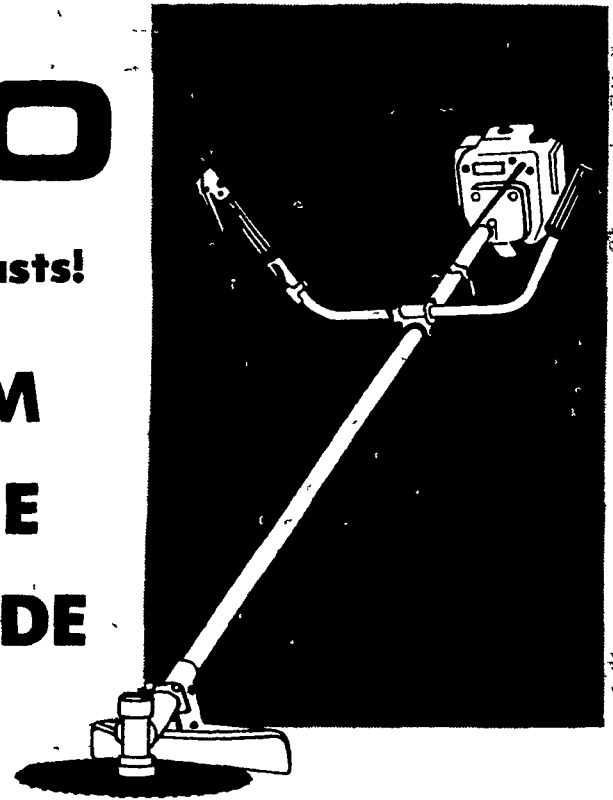
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