

Ayrshire breeders gather at Conebella

By Lee Smith
ELVERSON — A group of 175 Ayrshire breeders and just plain folks met at the farm of Charles Gable and family last Saturday to enjoy a little fellowship and examine the dairy operation

known as Conebella Farm in West Nantmeal Township in Chester County. Charles Gable lives on the farm with his wife Josie, a son, a daughter and his parents.
 "Dairy farmers have not yet learned that our product must be

sold," was the comment of Earl Keefer, president of The National Ayrshire Breeders Association. Some of those seated in the dairy machinery shed nodded in agreement.
 The crowd was invited to take

part in some educational contests and many of them responded. There was a milk tasting contest, presided over by the lovely dairy princess of Chester County, Charlene Rohrer. The object was to guess which breed made the milk. There were a number of breeds of cow milk represented and one sample of goat milk.

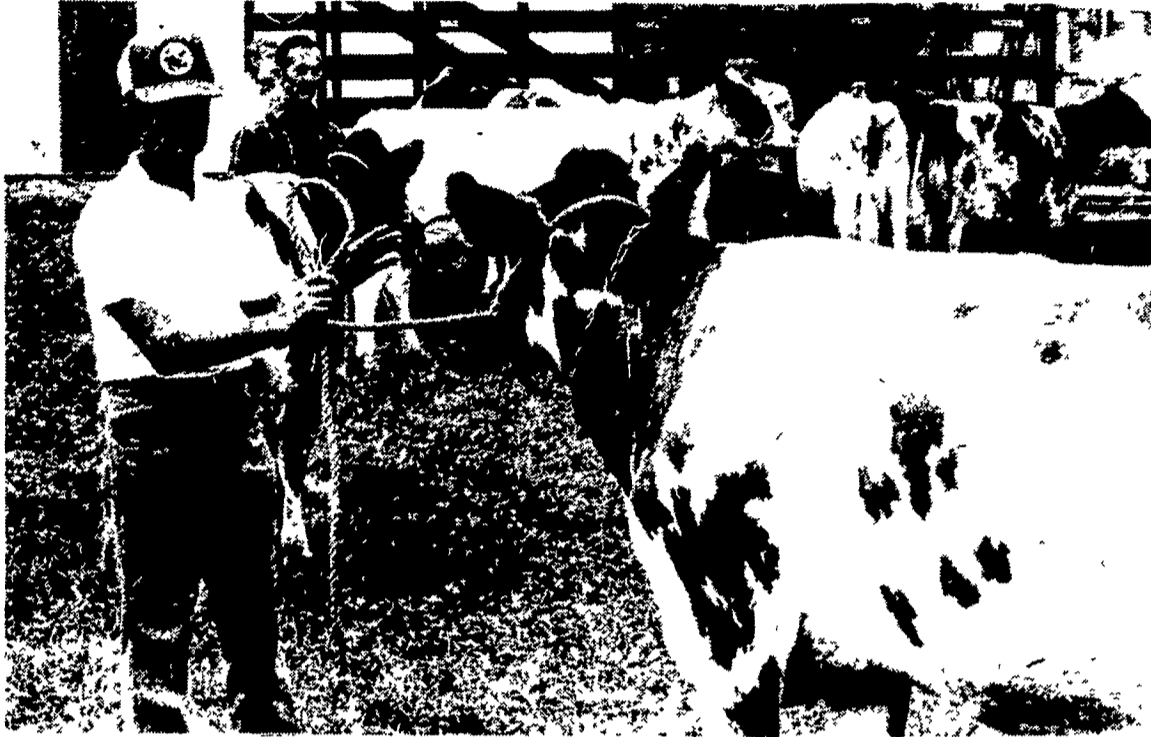
Harold Kulp, J. Dodds and Charlie Kulp shared first place honors. When the awards were presented not one person in the crowd would confess to mistaking goat milk for cow milk.

A feed identification contest was won by Roy R. Mentzer with the second place going to Laverne Mentzer.

A third contest was to judge which daughters belonged to which dam; again it was a three way tie between Eugene Kulp, Delphine Martin, and Linda Spickler.

Dairy Judging was next and the participants were to evaluate two groups of four cows, two-year-olds and aged cows, and compare their scores to the judge Peter Morris' findings. In the youth division the

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Conebella Farm owner Charles Gable leader Saturday, has received 23 consecutive a 2-year-old in the judging competition. Gables breeder awards and developed 36 cows with farm, which hosted the Ayrshire Field Day on more than 100,000 pounds of milk.



Mielke Heinz, right, a representative from Ardrossan Farm, Villanova, accepts the top producing herd award from Ayrshire Treasurer Milton Brubaker, Lititz.

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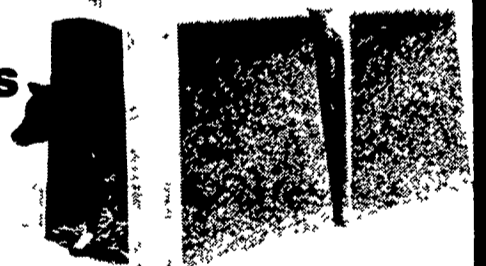
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