

Ayrshire breeders

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winner was Matthew Edwards. In the woman's there was a tie between Sue Kulp and Elsie Wolff. And in the men's division, the winner was Earl Keefer.

With the exception of Ardrossen Farms, Villanova, the Conebella Farm is probably the oldest Ayrshire dairy farm in the state.

Started in the 30's by Charles Gable's father, C. Harold Gable, the operation has grown to its present size. The farm has 198 acres planted mainly in corn and alfalfa.

Conebella Farms has received 23 consecutive breeder awards and has developed 36 cows with over 100,000 pounds of milk, and six of these exceeded 150,000 pounds.

The current DHIA rolling herd average on 61 cows is 13,995 pounds of milk and 596 pounds of fat, with a 4.3 percent test.

On July 27, 1981, nine animals in the herd scored 90 points or better with an official average of 81 points. Conebella Ora Renee scored 94 points.

The free stall heifer barn was built in 1972 and the main barn remodeled in 1980. The main barn is a stall barn equipped with pipeline milkers. The managers are flush with the feed alley and finished with glazed tile.

The managers in the heifer barn are also lined with glazed tile. The 8-foot-wide service alleys are maintained with a barn cleaner. Ventilation provided by four fans was more than adequate and even though all the doors were open a fly was hard to find.

President Keefer made his remarks after lunch after a fine rendition of popular and gospel songs by The Goodwill Barbershop Quartet, a local group.

Keefer said the dairy business was headed for a period of challenge and uncertainty. The population will increase by 1% over the next five years but there will be a greater percentage of senior citizens—low consumers of milk—and a smaller percentage of people under 19 years of age. Therefore the trend will be toward

less not more milk consumption per capita.

In 1974 milk was the number one beverage in this country. Today it ranks fourth behind soft drinks, coffee, and beer. The dairy industry invested 21 million dollars in advertising this past year while soft drinks invested 181 million and beer 225 million dollars.

While milk demand is falling he said, milk production is increasing 2½ times faster than cow numbers are decreasing.

"We, today, are not producing for the market place, but for the government". The alternatives for the dairyman he stated is to cull cows, take a close look at the bottom 5 to 7 percent of your herd, step up advertising by from 50 to 100 percent, reduce your debt load to lessen the pressure for poorer quality and higher production.

For the Ayrshire cow to compete successfully in the future it must become larger with good feet and legs, and have an improved ability to convert more milk from larger amounts of roughage and less grain.

Smaller cows which are profitable now will not be able to compete in the future. The export of feed grains and the production of alcohol from corn will make cheap feed a thing of the past.

Doug Dodds, Executive Secretary for the association told the group that, while he didn't have a crystal ball, he felt that cows close to production age would bring a good price in the fall, there would be a soft market for heifers with some time to go. He also mentioned that the forced sale of an Ayrshire herd in Wisconsin averaged \$2530 per cow.

Milton Brubaker gave out 41 production awards for the association. 30 were the individual cows and 11 were herd awards. Mielke Heinz for Ardrossen Farms collected 21 certificates.

One of the awards was for top herd in the state which produced an average of 16,784 pounds of milk with 687 pounds of butterfat and a 4 percent test, for the 119-cow operation at the Villanova farm.

USDA quarantines to contain Fla. medfly outbreak

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has established emergency regulations to restrict movement of 81 kinds of produce and plants from the Tampa, Florida, area to prevent the spread of Mediterranean fruit flies.

According to Assistant Secretary of Agriculture C.W. McMillan, the regulated produce and plants can serve as Medfly hosts.

The quarantined area includes a 48-square-mile area in Hillsborough County, centered in the Ybor City section of Tampa. The area is bounded on the north by Hillsborough Ave. (U.S. Rt. 92), on the east by Williams Road, on the south by a line ½ mile north of state route 676A and on the west by Nebraska Ave.

McMillan said a public hearing to receive comment on the action will be held September 15, at 10 a.m. in the Ybor Room, Curtis Hixon Convention Hall, 600 Ashley Drive, in Tampa.

"This quarantine action, coupled with a parallel action by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, is designed to contain the Florida

outbreak while we work with the state to eliminate it," said Greg Rohwer of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. "Previous outbreaks of the pest in Florida in 1929, 1956, 1962 and 1963 were all eliminated."

Regulated items include tomatoes, peppers, apples, apricots, avocados, some kinds of oranges and lemons, cherries, grapes, grapefruit, mangoes, peaches, pears, and many other kinds of fruits, vegetables, nuts and ornamentals.

"These regulations were made necessary by the trapping of three Medflies in a trap in Ybor City another approximately 1½ mile away," said Rohwer.

Today's action became effective as soon as it was signed by agency officials because of the emergency nature of the infestation.

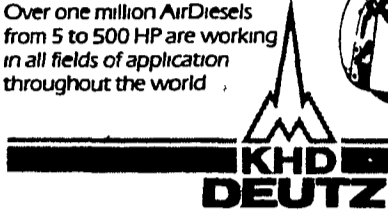
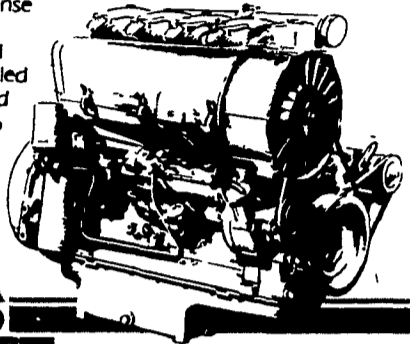
The public is invited to testify at the hearing or send written comments, until October 13, to Regulatory Support Staff, PFC, APHIS, USDA, Federal Building, Hyattsville, Md., 20782.

Details of the action appear in the August 14 Federal Register.

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Farm Equipment

Tractor - Oliver 1855 row-crop Diesel with full cab (100 HP) 1200 hrs. J.D. 2030 Diesel with winter enclosure and full options with 146

loader (65 HP) 1500 hrs. J.D. 820 Diesel (35 HP) 1900 hrs. Good rubber on all. Silage - N.H. 782 two-row adjustable-head corn chopper, Kools KB 57 Blower, Dion Silage Wagon (previous forage equipment only used for 2 seasons) Dion Wagon with top. J.D. 115 Chuck Wagon, Grove Wagon. Hay - Gehl 1500 round baler. J.D. 14T square baler. J.D. 640 rake. J.D. 1207 mower-conditioner (7'). N.I. 279 Cuditioner (9'). N.H. 3 pt. bale mover with push-off. Cultivation - 7 shank Taylor Wade chisel plow. J.D. 16", 3 bottom plow. Combination: Lely Rottera, 4-row A.C. corn planter, 200 gal. front-mounted tank, hydraulic pump and spray boom for one trip secondary tillage, complete herbicide incorporation and corn seeding. Irrigation - Heinzman, Traveler Model 3335 w/660' Angus hose, 1200' of 5" x 30' aluminum pipe. Hale PTO pump. Misc. - Farmhand 880 Tub Grinder w/small grain attachment. Little Auggie w/scales, '77 Chevy 1 ton dual wheels, 4WD, removable pipe racks. 15 KDW Winco PTO Generator. N.H. 327 Spreader (130 bu.). Ford 9' scraper blade, International 76 pull-type combine (7'). Honey Wagon. A.C. all crop grain drill (7'). MF model 27 subsoiler with underground cable laying attachment. 50' PTO transport grain auger, 48 ½ ton Chevy flat bed. 60" Howard Rotavator with new set of blades. Hand-powered buckwheat cleaner. Equipment is in good shape and field ready. Sheep Feeding - 21, 8' indoor self-feeders. 40 2' x 8' portable hay/grain/silage feeders made of pressure treated lumber. 6 all-steel no-waste round bale feeder (sides slide in). 4 all-steel adjustable creep gates. 8 Smedley Hog feeders. 10 outdoor salt feeders. Bulk tank. Cattle Feeding - 6 round bale feeders, 3 calf-creep feeders, 4 lick tanks. Sheep Handling - Poldenvale portable corral and chute with gates, fanny stops, 3-way cutting gate and 2 fiberglass foot baths. Hess sheep crush flip crate. Archfield scale. Shaft driven electric shearing machine. Lambing pens and Fortex buckets. Maple Syrup - Small Bros. 12'x2½' wood fired evaporator. 8' backpan with raised flues and 4' flat syruping-off pan. 2 floats, sap inlet regulator, steel arch, fire bricks 8 x 4 x 1½ and 8 x 2½ x 2 sap storage tanks. No small items.

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