

# Wolffs begin last leg of 1981 dairy show season

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**QUARRYVILLE** — There's more than just leaves blowing in the wind these days.

There's the excitement and anticipation of the final dairy show in the 1981 season. Clippers continue to buzz in the barnyard as several Pennsylvania exhibitors ready their show string for the North American Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Ky., next month.

Hollow View Farm, an 83-acre Guernsey dairy near Quarryville is presently the scene of such preparatory activity. And owners J. Scott and Elsie Wolff will pour their combined 33 years of show experience into their two entries for national Guernsey competition.

Motorists passing by the Wolff farm may not notice anything different, but a closer look of the front pasture reveals one well-dressed Guernsey grazing among her birthday-suted herdmates.

The blanketed bovine, Leaders L Champ Loraine, will wear her autumn attire up until showtime. Elsie explained that by blanketing Loraine weeks in advance, they will eliminate the longer-haired winter coat that begins to sprout in cooler weather.

As a result, the Guernsey's coat should stay clean and smooth, alleviating much blending when clipped.

Although the North American spells the last trip around the show ring for many animals, it will be the first time out for the Leaders Champion daughter.

"She's a well-blended animal with good feet and legs," says Elsie. The Wolffs explained Loraine's absence from the showing this season was due to her freshening date.

Lorraine freshened last Saturday with her second calf, only 11 months after her first calf, which she had at 24-months of age. As a result of her impressive calving interval, Loraine was dry for many of the larger shows, such as the All-American and the Maryland State.

"There just weren't any 2-year-old dry cow classes," Elsie explains.

However, there were senior yearling classes this year and the Wolffs have a fine entry in their ribbon-winning heifer Hollow View Favor Petunia.

Petunia is not a novice in showrings. This year the Wolffs exhibited the senior yearling at the Maryland State and All-American shows collecting a second and a fourth place, respectively.

The Housleys Dari Favor daughter was born in January 1980 putting her about 4 months younger than the oldest animals in the class.

"She's making the trip because of her size and scale," Elsie says of the big heifer.

This year's show marks the third North American for Hollow View animals. Scott and Elsie collected ribbons for third place senior calf honors in 1978 and 1979.

But before the long 15-hour road trip begins, the Wolffs take care of

final preparations. Two-weeks prior, the animals receive shipping fever vaccines. About the same time, Scott begins trimming feet. This would be enough time for any tenderness to subside before showtime.

"Of course, you try not to get the feet tender at all," Scott adds.

The animals receive their show clips about two days before departure.

However, not all pre-show work is physical. Inside, Elsie makes sure all paper work is in order. This includes sending out entry forms, and securing health and registration papers.

Meanwhile, there is still much packing to do. Elsie's list includes halters, blankets, brushes, buckets, feed, bedding, medical supplies to name a few items.

"The first thing to pack," she says from experience, "is health and registration papers."

This year, Elsie will make the long trip without Scott who will stay and work the farm. Instead, she'll haul Loraine and Petunia with other Guernsey breeders' entries.

The animals will be checked frequently on the road to make sure they remain standing, explains Elsie.

Upon arrival, the animals won't be unloaded until a nice soft bed of straw is provided.

"We've been really lucky," says Scott. "After unloading, our animals usually lie right down."

Only after the cows have been milked, fed and watered can the weary human travelers tend to their own needs.

"It's (showing) a lot of work," says Scott.

Elsie nods in agreement but says she is eager to meet with other Guernsey breeders and exchange ideas.

As proof of their work, plaques that recognize outstanding animals in the breed hang along the walls in the house.

One such outstanding animal, Holly View C. Jethro, claimed Grand Champion Bull honors for three consecutive years at the All-American. The bull also received All-American honorable mention in 1974 and 1975.

Long before the grand champion is tagged next month in Louisville, the Wolffs and several breeders nationwide will have spent many hours halter-breaking, clipping, trimming, washing and doing whatever it takes to make a champion.

"You always try and do your best," says Scott.

And for the hard work necessary to pursue the best, the Wolffs and other exhibitors are rewarded with not only ribbons and banners but the satisfaction of promoting their breed. What could be more worthwhile?

More than 60 Pennsylvania dairy entries are expected to compete in Louisville. A list of state exhibitors follow (does not include late entries):

Holstein — Vel-Rus Farms, Cochranon.

Guernsey — Terlin Farms, Elizabethtown; Carey C. Wolff, Millville; Scott and Elsie Wolff, Co-Hill Farms, Scenery Hill.

Jersey — John Allford, Milan; Bruce Andrien, Jr., Thorn; Bryan Blatt, Annville; Michele Borket, Martinsburg; Lisa Chapman,

Columbia; Thomas Clark, Enon Valley; Carol Dreisbach, Hamburg; James Heeter, Shade Gap; Patricia Jenkins, Toughkenamon; Stephanie Kocher, Mansfield; Faith Lafferty, Lykens; Lisa Lusk, Charbror; Karla Martin, Chambersburg; Jody Minor, Wash;

Carolyn Norman, Liberty; Pennsylvania Junior Jersey Club, Troy; Cynthia Piwowar, Umontown; Bruce Rhein, Pine Grove; Julie Robison, Coal Center; Leon Sollenberger, Everett; Judd Troxell, Middleburg; Todd Wivell, Mansfield.



What will all the well-dressed cattle be wearing this fall? Well, if they're heading south for the North American Livestock Exposition in Louisville next month, they'll be wearing the latest in blankets. The garmented-Guernsey is

Leaders L Champ Loraine, one of Scott and Elsie Wolff's two entries. The blanket will prevent her winter coat from growing in, resulting a smooth and clean show coat.



Elsie and Scott add the finishing touch to one of their heifers. The Wolffs explain they

generally clip their animals about two days before the show.



Paper work is just as important as barn work. Elsie makes sure she's got a spot in the

ring by completing the necessary entry forms.

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