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Kolb sweeps New Holland Holstein Show

BY DONNA TOMMELLEO
NEW HOLLAND — Melvin Kolb, Lancaster, swept top honors during Wednesday's New Holland Holstein Show and Sale, which averaged \$2,340 for the top 100 animals sold.

Show judge Ed Fry, Chestertown, Md. looked at more than 250 Black and Whites before tagging Kolb's 5-year-old Gaydale-Nelson Matt Vicky as grand champion. Sired by a Fond Matt son, the grand champ carries a 4E 92 score on her pedigree and boasts a top record of 19,388 lbs. of milk and 698 lbs. of fat.

In the following sale, the grand champ sold for \$8,000 to M. Thomas Sheaffer, Carlisle.

However, Kolb's reserve grand champion was the sale-topper. The big black Holstein, Rodney Cindy, brought \$9,000 before she stepped off the sale block. Canadian breeder Glenn Snyder purchased the 5-year-old Nelacres Johanna Senator daughter.

Kolb's animals collected four more blue ribbons before the show ended. His 3-year-old Elevation daughter topped the dry com-

petition. The young cow scored with an Excellent mammary this year and is currently bred to SWD Valiant.

In the 2-year-old springer class, Kolb placed first with his Milestone daughter out of an Elevation.

Kolb took another blue in the 2-year-old fresh division with Susie Q Royalty of Dun-Did. The first-calf heifer is sired by Birch-Hollow Royalty and out of C Rose Manor Ultimate Susan.

Kolb collected his final blue with a grade springer.

Landisburg dairyman Alfred Albright was another big winner of the day. His entries placed first in the mature dry and mixed fresh classes.

Kelly Bowser, Worthington also took home a blue in the 3-year-old fresh class.

Additional results from New Holland Dairy Show follow:

Mature Fresh
1. Melvin Kolb — Grand Champion; 2. M. Kolb — Reserve Grand Champion; 3. Alfred Albright; 4. and 5. M. Kolb

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Dennis Kolb is at the halter of Gaydale-Nelson Matt Vicky, the grand champion of the New Holland Dairy Show, Wednesday. Owned by Melvin Kolb, Lancaster, the 5-year-old 4E 92 Holstein later sold for \$8,000 to M. Thomas Sheaffer, Carlisle in the following sale. Lancaster County Dairy Princess Alternate Robin Balmer displays the champion's awards.

Grangers oppose water mgt. program

BY PATTY GROSS
Staff Correspondent

ALTOONA — Delegates representing 44,000 Grangers converged on Altoona this week for the 109th annual Pennsylvania State Grange session. The members of the 565 local granges met to establish their legislative platform for the upcoming year.

State Grange Master Charles Wismer from Trappe, Montgomery County, at the close of the four day session said, "only some minor revolutions were voted down by the more than 800 voting delegates. Committee recommendations on major issues were usually accepted." Two-hundred resolutions were introduced during the active state session.

During the final days of the policy making session the State Grange voted to oppose House Bill 1483, a controversial state water management plan. Instead the

delegates decided to form a committee to negotiate water policy with the state legislature.

"It is our feeling that water management is such a complex matter that a water committee appointed by the State Grange could best negotiate policy to look out for the interest of the state's rural population," Wismer stated. Grange delegates went one step more and adopted a package of items that should be considered in negotiating a water management plan:

✓ All surface and ground water should be inventoried and the inventory kept constantly updated;

✓ In a drought emergency, agriculture should be assured of essential amounts of water needed for crops, livestock, poultry and orchards;

✓ In drought emergency, any farm, industry or municipality

that practices storm water retention or recycles secondary-treated sewage effluent should be given preferential allotments on withdrawal;

✓ That any irrigation system that uses trickle irrigation be allotted 50 percent more water

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Ag Act offers farmers security

BY DEBBIE KOONTZ

LEBANON — As part of the ongoing, turtle-paced process of strengthening and securing Pennsylvania agriculture, the Agricultural Area Security Act (Act 43 of 1981) which took effect on August 29, is slowly moving to the "consideration" stage in many townships and small communities throughout Pennsylvania.

One such area which has now been introduced to the Act is Lebanon County. About 40 landowners and planning commissioners turned out for a briefing Thursday night at the Lebanon Courthouse to hear Stanford Lembeck, land use specialist from Penn State, describe the program.

According to Lembeck, the

program has been in the planning stages for 5 or 6 years but has been a reality for only two short months.

"There is no place that I know of in Pennsylvania that has already initiated the program, so there is no experience of it yet to speak of," he said.

He went on to point out that a comparable program has been working in New York state for about 10 years; the only difference being that the areas are called "districts" and each are reviewed after eight years compared to Pennsylvania's seven-year review.

According to Lembeck, by participating in an agricultural area, farmers would work together to help conserve and improve agricultural lands for agricultural production. Participating farmers

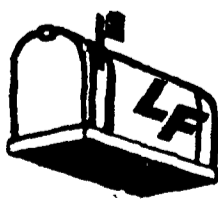
are also entitled to special consideration from local and state government.

And as tradition goes, any program with so many merits as Lembeck described is going to be approached with skepticism. Such was the case Thursday night. Most questions on the program expressed the concern landowners had about obligations after becoming an active member.

According to Lembeck, once you become a participant — which you can become only after a proposal has been submitted, the public is informed, the planning commissioners meet, a hearing is held, and the program is adopted — you are held to the agreement for only

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