

Three-Springs Shorthorns

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① Springs Farm travelled to nine events throughout the East including the National Milking Shorthorn Show, held in Madison, Wisconsin. At the National Show, Young took top honors in the Aged Cow class and Junior Calf class.

Because of the new Shorthorn image that showmen and dairymen like Young are promoting, the new Ilwaras are gaining respect and popularity in the industry, even among the non-Milking Shorthorn breeders. Young added that the Ilwaras are proving that the breed is competitive and compatible in the show ring and in the milking parlor along with all the other breeds.

"Surprisingly, over one thousand grade-Holstein breeders in the United States are crossbreeding using Ilwara semen. And over 95 percent of all Milking Shorthorn cattle have Ilwara influence running through their veins," reported Young.

② He explained that one reason for the gained popularity is the

minimal feed intake and the sizeable milk output. Young pointed out he could feed less to an Ilwara Shorthorn than to a Holstein, and the Shorthorn would milk the same amount as the Holstein with a higher butterfat count. Presently, Three Springs Farm is milking 49 Ilwara Shorthorn and according to Young he is shipping more milk out than previously.

The Ilwara's hardiness is another quality that is cherished by Young and is a definite plus for the breed he said. "These red cows are just healthier and ward off infection easily. After the switch back to the Shorthorns my veterinary bill declined by two-thirds," he stated. "These two cost cutting factors are a savings to any dairyman, especially when the cows are building the savings without extra expense."

Weren't there any problems with these "down-under" breed builders?

"Even with the Ilwara's

unquestionable qualities, there was some controversy." Young remembered several years ago, when the Australian cows were still a novelty to the United States, one such controversy developed among the breeders.

The National Shorthorn magazine decided to add the name, Ilwara, to the title which is now "The Journal of Ilwara and Milking Shorthorns," Young recalled. He added that many of the die-hard dual-purpose breeders were very disturbed by the change and created quite a stir in the Association.

"It will take time, but the Ilwara Shorthorns are winning ground daily, because there are no gimmicks or fiction in their promotion.

"My wife, Linda, my daughter, Chris, who is a Cumberland County 4-H Dairy Club member and my son, Jimmy, are all proud to stand by the "red and roan beauties" — their performance tells it — they're excellent in our eyes."

Holstein is nat'l class leader

LANCASTER — Willow Maple Farms, Newmanstown, has been notified that a registered Holstein cow presently in their herd has been recognized as the national class leader in milk for senior aged cows.

Her record, which started at 14 years of age, is 32,256 pounds of milk and 1,111 pounds of butterfat, produced in 365 days. This is an official test record made under the supervision of the Dairy Herd Improvement Registry of the Holstein Friesian Association of America, Brattleboro, Vermont.

The cow, Willow Maple Reflection Mae, is also recognized as the class leader in milk production for the state of Pennsylvania. She has 13 lactation

records totaling 295,000 pounds of milk, and 10,616 pounds of butterfat. Her highest single lactation record was made at eight years of age, when she produced 37,865 pounds of milk in 375 days. She produced 1,276 pounds of butterfat that same year.

Willow Maple Farms, owned by Harold and Donald Bollinger, Newmanstown, has furnished sires for several nationally known Artificial Breeding Cooperatives. One is in France, one at Western Herd sires in California, and four in local herds.

Two bulls are in service at Atlantic Breeders Co-op., Lancaster, one at NOBA, Tiffin, Ohio, and one is presently contracted to Carnation Genetics, California.



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