

Bradford Holstein club holds annual meeting

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EAST TROY — George Page, Jr., Robert Whipple and Leigh Sturdevant were reelected for a three-year term as directors of the Bradford County Holstein Club at the annual dinner meeting held November 4, at the East Troy Baptist Church. Eighty were in attendance.

Richard Kingsley, president, conducted the business meeting and introduced Orville Yoder, County Extension agent, who congratulated member William Brown for having the highest black and white Holstein herd average in the state with 29 cows, 23,437 pounds of milk, and 903 pounds of fat. A red and white Holstein herd from Bradford County owned by Bill and Ginny Davis also placed

highest in the state for that breed with 66 cows, 17,101 pounds of milk, and 639 pounds of fat.

Yoder also announced that the Landa Hulslander Memorial will be a new 4-H building located on the Troy Fair Grounds. Donations may be sent to Lavetta Comstock, at the Bradford County Extension office in Towanda.

Jean Sheeley, Bradford County Dairy Princess, was recognized. She told about the REAL seal promoted by the American Dairy Association to be stamped on dairy products so the consumer can tell the imitation from the real thing. She praised her alternates, Laurie Hollenback, and Carol Berger for helping her during a busy year of appearances and parades.

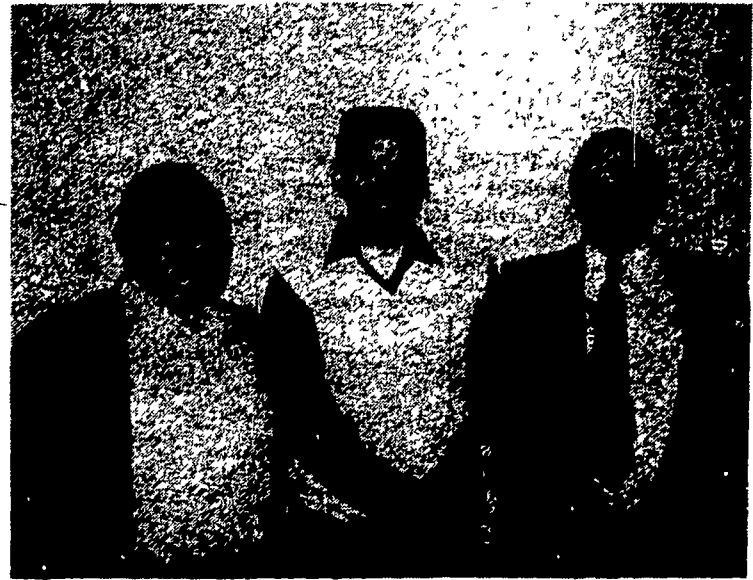
Douglas Hershey, State Holstein Association fieldman, spoke

briefly asking for consignments to be sold at the Ag Arena Sale, December 11. He announced that the state convention will be February 25, 26, 27, and the state calf and heifer sale will be March 31.

Hershey also encouraged that memberships be paid early for rebate from the State Association.

Kingsley introduced his brother-in-law, Austin Noble, from Auburn, New York, who narrated a slide picture show about big game hunting in the Yukon. Prize trophies taken were moose, caribou, white ram, and elk.

Membership in the Bradford County Holstein Club is currently 317. Other directors are John Macafee, James Howard, William Brown, Ben Jackson, Lynn Miller, and Richard Kingsley.



George Page, Jr., left, Robert Whipple, center, and Leigh Sturdevant, were reelected directors of the Bradford County Holstein Club at last Wednesday's meeting.

Double-standard drug use not tolerated, testifies NPPC

DES MOINES, Ia. — "The double standard of food safety permitted by the current regulations governing the importation of meats should not be tolerated by U.S. livestock producers," stated John Saunders, president of the National Pork Producers Council. A precedent setting position was taken by the Council in backing legislation requiring uniform safety requirements for all meats, foreign and domestic.

"We believe the same standard of safety should apply to the consumer's entire food supply, whether it is produced domestically or in a foreign country," said Saunders following a meeting of the Council's Executive Committee.

Members of the committee expressed their support for the Farm Bill amendment proposed by Congressman Glenn English, (D-OK), or a compromise between the

English amendment and a similar, but more restrictive amendment, proposed by Senator John Melcher, (D-MT).

The English amendment would prohibit the importation of meat from livestock produced with the use of drugs or chemical substances prohibited from use in this country. The amendment also provides for a one year phase-in of the order, and allows the President to notify Congress he will set aside the restrictions if he determines it will cause serious damage to the exportation of U.S. agricultural products.

Melcher's amendment would prohibit the importation of meat from livestock produced with any drugs and chemicals other than those approved for use in this country.

Saunders emphasized that consumer safety was the Council's primary objective. "If a drug or chemical is recognized by the U.S.

government as being unsafe and is prohibited from entering the food supply, then consumers are entitled to the same protection from unsafe substances currently entering the food supply from imported meats.

"As long as the ban exists for U.S. producers, all other meat

suppliers should also be forced to comply," added Saunders.

As a part of the discussion currently taking place on the Farm Bill, these two amendments are in Conference Committee where compromise wording, acceptable to the House and senate, is being developed.

NPPC will ask its producer members to urge their Congressmen serving on these Conference Committees to support the English amendment, or its compromise wording, and eliminate the double standard of drug use in foreign and domestic meat production.

Wean foals properly

NEWARK, Del. — Weaning is the process of separating the foal from its mare when it is mature enough to thrive on a normal diet.

Customarily, foals are weaned at about five to six months of age, says Delaware Extension equine specialist C.M. Reinour. If a foal is in any way weak or ill, it should not be weaned until it has completely recovered. The act of weaning almost always places a stress on the foal's system, causing

a set-back in growth.

There are two generally accepted methods of weaning. In the first, the foal is kept in a stall on its own for a day or two after the mare has been removed to a far-off section of the farm. After the foal has become accustomed to the separation from its dam, it is put in another pasture with other foals that have been weaned.

The second method of weaning is carried out in the pasture. One by

one, each mare is removed from a large herd of mares. This process has been very successful in large operations, and in most cases appears to cause the least disturbance to the foal.

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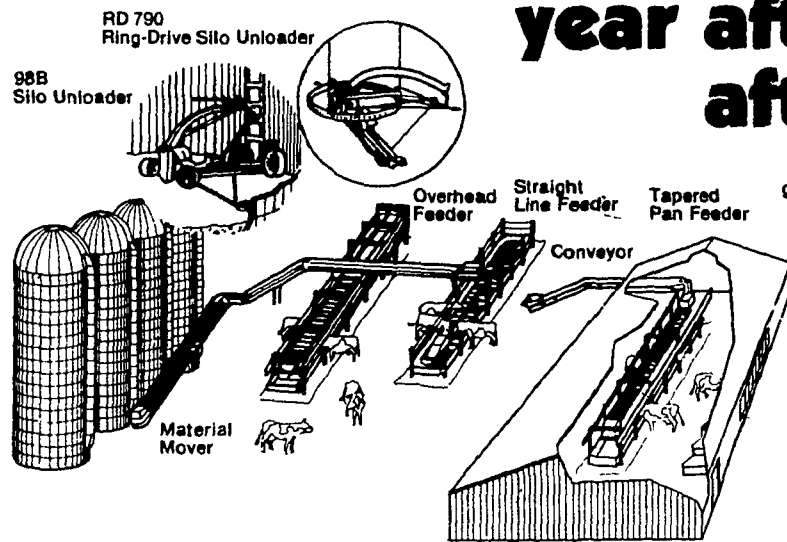
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