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Scranton' scores the first 6-E in Holstein history

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KUTZTOWN — How does it feel to own a history-making cow, the first Holstein to ever be classified 6-E?

"It's nice," admits Kutztown-registered Holstein breeder Ray Seidel.

On December 15, the Seidel family's "Miss Ivanhoe Scranton," at 19 years of age, was scored 94-6E by Holstein classifier Tom Dum, Jr., who graded the Ker-

chenhill herd in the regular scoring visit.

Excellent status can first be granted to animals after they're beyond the 2-year-old heifer status, and the number of "E" designations increases as animals mature through age increments if they are deemed physically worthy of that score. Less than a dozen animals have gone 5E, with none ever before reaching the sixth Excellent grade.

A daughter of the famed

Osborndale Ivanhoe, Scranton first scored EX-91 during her second classification back in 1967.

Probably her most memorable year came in 1969, when she won the aged cow class and the grand championship at the prestigious Central National Dairy Show at Madison, Wisconsin, and topped that by garnering the All-American award.

For several seasons during the late '60s and early '70s, Scranton was a familiar individual in the

championship-spot at Pennsylvania shows. She backed up her show honors with impressive milk production, and has a lifetime to date of over 193,000 pounds milk and 8,200 pounds fat.

During the last decade, several of her sons went into service with the AI industry. Her daughter by Ideal Fury Reflector, "Kerchenhill Ruffian," is at Hilltop Hanover Farms, Yorktowne Heights, New York, and scored EX-91.

Prior to her scoring with the Kerchenhill herd, Scranton was at Em-Tram, Inc., Elizabethtown for embryo flushing and transplant work. One bred recipient returned home to the Kutztown farm with her, and is due to calve early next year.

In a quiet understatement, Seidel simply says, "She's been a wonderful cow — a once-in-a-lifetime cow."



Nineteen-year-old Miss Ivanhoe Scranton, an Osborndale Ivanhoe daughter owned by the Raymond Seidel family, Kutztown, became the first Holstein cow to ever merit the classification 6-E.

Reagan signs Farm Bill; unloads surplus cheese

WASHINGTON D.C. — President Reagan signed the 1981 Farm Bill into law on Tuesday at noon and also announced a widespread distribution of surplus cheese to the nation's needy.

The \$11 billion Farm Bill culminated months of struggle between the administration and U.S. Congress, with the more vocal protests from key U.S. House democrats.

"This legislation is the result of many months of hard work both in the Congress and the administration. The strength of our economy is our reliance on the

market place," announced Reagan.

The bill includes four-year price support programs for wheat, feed grain, dairy products, cotton, rice, peanuts, soybeans, sugar and wool. A one-year extension food stamp program is included as well as grain reserve programs, soil conservation incentives, protec-

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