



At first Holstein show of 1982

Snider, Weimer score Spring victories

BY DONNA TOMMELLEO
HARRISBURG — The 1982 dairy show season arrived Thursday afternoon as more than 270 Holsteins paraded in the Farm Show large arena for the 29th Pennsylvania Holstein State Spring Show. When the dust settled, an aged cow, owned by Obie Snider of Imler, walked off with the grand champion banner and Jennifer Weimer of New Oxford collected the lion's share of the Second Annual Futurity with her 3-year-old.

Before the show, Holstein breeders across the nation kept the bidding lively for more than 300 Pennsylvania Holsteins during two annual sales — the State Calf and State Bred Heifer Sale. A pair of Ca-Lill Standout Cavalier daughters topped each sale with bids of \$5,700 and \$4,900, respectively. Read more on the high-priced pair along with the complete sale story on page A31.

Obie Snider's grand champion Singing Brook DT Betsy Excellent 93 was among the cream of the crop in a class where few of her competitors were grand champions from previous shows.

Her formidable competition

included Grand Champion of the 1981 State Show Parkacres Sun Ivy owned by Queens Manor and John Parks of Jamestown and Brookville. The recent Farm Show grand champ Huntsdale Count Crystan Madame, owned by Tom and Cindy Sheaffer of Carlisle also stood high in the line.

But judge Ron Long of Plains, Ohio, cast the winning nod at Snider's cow and the first grand champion of 1982 was crowned.

Long chose the 6-year-old Double Triune daughter on her balance, style and correctness on feet and leg. He said it would be hard not to admire the high, wide rear udder the champion exhibited. As evidence of her excellent mammary, Snider's Holstein, also best owned and bred in the show, has top records to 25,000 pounds of milk and 1,110 pounds of fat.

Snider, later named Premier Breeder of the show, explained the top cow has a 1,000 pound fat daughter. Another daughter gained fame as the first animal sold in the historic Penn State Ag Arena Sale.

The show also featured a class of fancy 3-year-olds in the Second Annual Futurity. Jennifer Weimer's Elsie Weim-Sharr

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The 1982 grand champion of the State Spring Show tries on the champion wreath for size. Singing Brook DT Betsy was crowned Thursday evening in the Farm Show Complex and bested a field of more than 270 entries. Joining the champ in the winner's circle are,

from left to right: Donald Seipt, class sponsor; Marion Alsdorf, Pennsylvania Holstein Association president; Bruce Snider at Halter; Obie Snider, owner and breeder; Charlene Rohrer, state dairy princess; and show judge Ron Long.

Noxious Weed Bill passes Senate

BY SHEILA MILLER
HARRISBURG — It was a busy week for agriculture on Capitol Hill as legislators worked on key legislation affecting the farm community in their last week of sessions before the Easter recess.

One major victory for farmers was achieved as the Senate voted 47-1 on Tuesday to pass the Noxious Weed Bill, H.B. 1429.

The legislation which will give more freedom to the Secretary of Agriculture to designate weed control areas and require land owners to undertake prescribed weed control or destructive measures, adds the controversial multiflora rose to a list of other noxious weeds in the state. Other

weeds labeled as noxious include marijuana, chicory, Canadian thistle, and Johnson grass.

H.B. 1429 is now on the Governor's desk for signing. Before leaving the Senate floor, however, the Noxious Weed Bill was amended to reverse the level of penalties for persons violating the law.

In its original form, the Bill inflicted stiffer fines for individual landowners who failed to comply with an order to control or destroy noxious weeds. It called for these people to be guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree and called for a fine not exceeding \$2,500 or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

For landowners who then went on to interfere with state agents or with their respective municipality officials in getting rid of the weed problem, the penalty called for only a summary offense and a fine not exceeding \$300 or imprisonment not exceeding 90 days, or both.

According to a spokesman for Sen. Edward Helfrick, chairman of the Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, the senators felt these penalties were reversed for the magnitude of the offense and so they amended the bill. Now noncompliance with the law is deemed a summary offense with

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obstruction of the law being carried out carrying a misdemeanor charge.

Helfrick's Senate Ag Committee also acted on two important bills passed over to them last year by the House. The Right to Farm Bill,

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At NEMA Egg Conference

Alien owners flutter feathers

CENTERVILLE — "Is foreign investment in our egg business cause for concern?"

That was the question posed to a panel at Thursday's Northeast Egg Marketing Association's Egg Producers' Conference, held here in Lancaster County at the Quality Inn.

Somewhat ironically, the first panelist to field this question was Juergen Behles, vice president of Hy-Line Indian River Company of Johnston, Iowa. He quickly confessed, although his accent was a dead giveaway, that he was a German.

Behles stated that what is happening in the U.S. today reminds him of what took place in Europe 20 years ago when U.S. companies took over industry. Playing down the impact of foreign investment in the nation's egg

industry, Behles cited statistics which indicate only 4-5 percent of the 250 million layers in the U.S. are owned by foreign investors.

What triggered the increase in foreign investment in the U.S. during recent years. According to Behles, it was a decrease in value of the American dollar, along with lower interest rates in Europe. He added that many foreign investors are being lured into buying U.S. land and companies through encouragement from state and federal governments.

Another attraction to the foreign businessman is the economic and political stability of the U.S., said Behles. "The United States is a safe and predictable place to invest money," he stressed, comparing this situation with the instability of other parts of the world

that are threatened by Communist takeover.

Behles predicted a slowdown in foreign investment here in the U.S. due to the recovery of the dollar and also because of restrictions being placed on investors in foreign countries, limiting the amount of money they take away from their homeland economies.

Still another deterrent is the number of states that have enacted laws which prevent foreign investors from purchasing agricultural land, said Behles. (In Pennsylvania, H.B. 1159 was introduced April 7, 1981, passed by the House, and moved to the Senate where it remains in the Senate Ag Committee, under study. This bill would restrict aliens from purchasing farmland in excess of 100 acres in the state,

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NE dairy session eyes support plan proposals

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN
HERSHEY — The importance of prompt action by the dairy industry to help shape its changing future was brought home to co-op and extension leaders at the Northeastern Dairy Conference held this week in Hershey.

In addition to the need for industry input within the next 30 to 60 days into proposed new

legislation to change the dairy support program, the Conference audience also heard explanations of two proposals which have already been introduced.

These two programs include those of the National Milk Producer's Federation and a bill put forth by James Jeffords, congressman from Vermont. The

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