

York-Adams Guernsey breeders meet

LITTLESTOWN — Guernsey breeders and their guests from a five county radius plus Maryland converged at the farm of Mervin and David Myers, Finey Lane Guernseys, Littlestown, last Tuesday for the York-Adams Guernsey Breeders' Association annual summer meeting.

The event, which traditionally was held as an evening chicken bar-b-que, was expanded this year to include judging contests and farm visits to Finey Lane and Green Manor Guernseys, which is owned and operated by John and Ginger Myers also of Littlestown.

Finey Lane Guernseys has had the highest fat-production herd for the breed in the state for the past two years and was high herd for milk in 1980. In 1981 they were third for milk and first for fat and protein in Pennsylvania with 56.6 cows averaging 13,947 pounds of milk and 694 pounds of fat. Their 1980 fat average of 705 pounds of butterfat made them the first Guernsey herd in the state to break the 700-pound fat barrier.

Mervin Myers explained that at Finey Lane they are "very butterfat conscience and choose their bulls accordingly." Myers stressed that with component pricing on the horizon high testing milk would be imperative for capitalizing on this marketing trend.

Following lunch, the group

convened at the farm of John and Ginger Myers, Green Manor Guernseys. Prior to marriage, John had been in partnership with his father Mervin, and Ginger had been employed by the Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders' Association as a field representative.

A relatively young operation started in December 1980, Green Manor Stables had one cow that was of special interest to many of the guests — Sniders Frince Lily. This record-making daughter of Lyreme May Rose Frince has made three consecutive national class leading records and has won the Tarbell Trophy twice as the breed's highest fat producer.

Prizes donated by local agribusinesses and A.I. units provided the awards for those who bested their competitors in the judging contest. Serving as official judge was Lee Yost, Business Manager for the Fa. Guernsey Breeders' Association.

In the Guernsey judging contest, two perfect marks were scored in the Men's Division with Phil Laughman, York, and Mike John, Lancaster both scoring 100 points. Capturing the Ladies' Division with a score of 98 points was Ruth Benedict John, Lancaster. Shawn Lee Brown, Mercersburg, won the Youth Division.



Winners in the judging contest at the York-Adams Guernsey breeders' field day pose with Jennifer Behney, far right, Adams County Dairy Princess. The winners, from left to right,

were: Shawn Lee Brown, Youth Division; Phil Laughman and Mike John, Men's Division; and Ruth Benedict John, Ladies Division

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