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It's been a year of Holstein family affairs

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MANHEIM — It wasn't another "father-son act," but it was still a family affair in the Holstein competition at the Manheim Farm Show Thursday afternoon.

And it took a whole year for the family to get their act on the local dairy show stage, too.

Winners of the grand and reserve championship in the large Holstein competition at Manheim were Dennis and David Kulp, sons of Robert and Ruth Kulp, Power Road, R1 Manheim.

Dennis, 23, had the grand champ and younger brother, David, 19, had the reserve.

The brothers were both ready to come on to the local Holstein showing scene at last year's Manheim Farm Show, but a sudden wind storm that tore up the dairy tent postponed their plans for a year.

"After showing mostly at the other end of the classes, we felt we

were ready last year," David Kulp said.

"We felt we had some good entries last year and had a good chance."

But then the storm canceled the show.

In the meantime, Dennis bought his first "show cow," Stewhills Envoy Stacy, VG-85, at the Spring Promise Sale at the Guernsey Pavilion in April. Bred by Michael Stewart, Airville, York County, she went on to take Manheim's grand championship as a four-year-old.

The reserve grand champion, owned by David, is junior two-year-old, Kulp-Dale Jemini Babe, a home-bred.

So even though the Kulp brothers had to wait a year and the entry list increased sharply at this year's Manheim Farm Show due to the new pole barn facility, they were ready to do their "family thing."

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Grand and reserve champions of Manheim Farm Show Holstein competition include Dennis, right and grand, and David Kulp, R1 Manheim.

Eastern's purchase highlights 60th year

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — It may be proper to celebrate a 60th anniversary with a diamond gift, but last week, Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative president Michael Donovan presented more than 750 members with some good news during their 60th Anniversary meeting.

Donovan told the group their co-op just received the green light from the New York State Agriculture Commissioner to proceed with their purchase of the co-op's first bottling plant.

Before the two-day meeting ended, Eastern delegates and their board overwhelmingly approved a resolution to oppose the 50-cent per hundredweight assessment on all

milk shipped. Ironically, their guest speaker for the meeting was Edward Coughlin, director of USDA's dairy division, the department responsible for administering the amended dairy support program.

"We had been negotiating with Kraft Foods, for their Homer, N.Y. milk plant since last November," explained Eastern spokesman Len Zemaitis.

He noted the co-op needed state approval for license transfer. But after a recent hearing in which private dealers tried to block the purchase, the commissioner ruled in favor of Eastern.

"It's important for a co-op to own that plant," said Zemaitis.

"Kraft has been gradually getting out of the activity of bottling milk."

According to Zemaitis, the bottling plant secures a market for nearly 100 Eastern shippers. The plant has been bottling under the Sealtest label and Zemaitis reported the co-op will continue bottling for Sealtest. The fluid product is then handled by 10 distributors.

The 60-year-old co-op, with a membership of approximately 3,500, originated as a bargaining tool for northeastern dairy producers. But a growing trend in marketing has changed all that.

"We're physically handling 84 percent of milk produced by

members. That's up 50 percent from a year ago," Zemaitis reported.

Not including the recent Homer plant purchase, Eastern has accomplished a 50 percent increase in supply contracts with Kraft Foods which furnishes a market for an additional four million pounds of milk monthly to the Kraft Company.

Eastern's Leprino cheese plants average approximately 54 million pounds per month. In addition, International Cheese Corporation, operating a plant at Hinesburg, Vermont, earlier this year signed a 5-year supply contract with Eastern.

Just as their markets continue to grow, so does the co-op's concern over the pending 50-cent assessment, which will be levied nationally on December 1 of this year.

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Edward Coughlin



Governor Dick Thornburgh signs the proclamation designating Oct. 14 as Farm Women's day. Official witnesses of the ceremonial signature were state Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell; Farm Women President Marie Baughman, left, First Vice President, Naomi Bupp, seated right, and Second Vice President, Edith Diehl.

Governor proclaims Farm Women's Day

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HARRISBURG — With a flourish of his black pen, Governor Dick Thornburgh signed a proclamation this week designating Oct. 14 as Farm Women's day in Pennsylvania.

That proclamation was the result of action taken by Marie Baughman, president of the Pennsylvania Society of Farm Women, to win recognition for the efforts of the more than 4,000 members in 189 local societies upholding the goals and philosophy of the agriculture tradition.

On hand at the Governor's offices in the Capitol for the

ceremonial signing were state Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell, state Farm Women's First Vice President Edith Diehl, Shippensburg.

According to Mrs. Baughman, also of Shippensburg, the idea was sparked by a group of her friends who asked about the background of the Society and their suggestion that the women should have their own day of recognition.

Pursuing that suggestion, Mrs. Baughman had the proclamation written up in official style and sent a copy of it to the Governor's office in early September.

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