

National Jersey meeting

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Forty-one states were represented by breeders attending the meetings, with 43 Pennsylvanians traveling to Wayne County, Ohio, to participate in AJCC activities. A close-knit group, Pennsylvania Jersey breeders could be found each evening at the local Friendly's Ice Cream Parlor, making their plans for 1985 when Pennsylvania breeders will be hosting the AJCC Annual Meeting in Downingtown, Chester County.

Activities began on Sunday, June 19th. After registration at the Ramada Inn, Wooster, the hosting Ohio Jersey dairymen provided their quests with a tour of the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center on the outskirts of Wooster.

Site of all the meeting functions, the thousands of acres at 11 different locations throughout Ohio of the OARDC are committed to research dealing with the "interrelationship of all agricultural production and marketing practices, the development of an

agricultural product from the germination of a seed or development of an embryo through to the consumers table, and is geared to enhancing and preserving the quality of the environment. The OARDC consists of entomology laboratories and greenhouses, horticultural greenhouses, solar pond, agronomy and forestry greenhouses, animal nutrition and veterinary research facilities, grain storage and feed processing facilities, a rose garden, weather station, arboretum, dairy barns, as well as an auditorium, library, and statistics laboratory. It provided an appropriate and beautiful site for the "innovative, progressive, and competitive" American

Jersey Cattle Club.

Farm tours were scheduled for Monday with breeders able to compare management practices and dairy set-ups, as well as evaluate several dams of some of the consignments to the National Heifer Sale to be held the next day.

Visits were made to the farms of Eli and Ella Hilty, an Amish farmstead of 80 acres and 24 milking Jerseys, the Margandale Farm of Dale and Margaret Kauffman with a 1982 DHIR average of 13,193 pounds milk and 700 pounds fat on 119 lactations, the Hyland Acres of Larry and Carolyn Alexander - an efficient and well-kept operation of 180 milkers being one of the largest in the state, the Mykrantz Brothers fifth generation dairy, the Bil-Wa herd of Homer, Richard, Jim, and John Billman, and the Praldo Jersey Farm of the Randall Billman family.

After the tours, and a review of the sale animals of the upcoming national sale, breeders were treated to a barbecue dinner and dancing at the Wayne County Fairgrounds sponsored by the Wayne County Jersey Breeders.

At the breakfast on Tuesday morning, the AJCC honored several "Jersey dairy wives". Guy M. Crews, Assistant Secretary of National All-Jersey, Inc., conceded that "all farms are partnerships", as he admitted that it is often the wife that holds things together.

There were eight women honored as "exceptional dairy wives". They included: Jane King, Florence Kracht, Oneva Rowzee, Geneva Riggs, Peggy Lewis, Linda Billman, Arlene Chamberlain, and Pennsylvania, Berks County, Pennsylvania, Helene Dreisbach. Wife of Dr. Robert Dreisbach of R3, Hamburg, Berks County, Pennsylvania, Helene was recognized for the efforts that she and her husband have put into the

equity program and support for the advancement of the Jersey breed. Their "Wilderness" Jerseys number approximately 75 milkers and there are several "Wilderness" bulls in major A.I. organizations. Helene manages the entire Jersey herd since her husband is usually busy in the fields or in his small animal veterinary practice. As Crews jokingly stated at the breakfast, "Doc gets the imaginary call" when trouble arises and Helene takes over.

As an added treat, Pat Leimbach, Vermillion, Ohio, a noted author and lecturer with extensive farm wife training yet humorous outlook, was the featured speaker for the morning. "I think all our problems arise from the fact that we don't have any manual of procedure", she told the dairy wives present. "We have a lifetime on the job training." With continuous witty dialogue, Leimbach went from one farm wife dilemma to another and stated, "knowing dairy women, I knew they were disciplined to sit through and endure, no matter what." Concerning women's liberation, she also added, "after 31 years of going over those ruts and bumps, dinking, I'm not about to burn my bra."

The 25th annual business meeting of the National All-Jersey Inc., was called to order by President G. • Joe Lyon who reported on the organized efforts of NAJ towards influencing the market for equity. The National All-Jersey, Inc., program was formed to promote the increased production and sale of Jersey milk and milk products and to promote Jersey cattle and the interests of breeders of Jersey cattle throughout the world. After being welcomed by Convention Coordinator, Thomas Nuhfer, Jersey breeder from Ohio, NAJ officers gave their reports. (Turn to Page A22)



Largest state delegation at the National Jersey meeting was group from Pennsylvania. Total of 43 attended, with 39 shown in group photo.

BY ROBIN PHIL
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WOOSTER, Ohio — of Pennsylvania Jersey breeders again spoke for its sylvania consignment among the top sellers: Annual National Heifer Sale the Ohio Centennial conjunction with 1 convention of the American Cattle Club.

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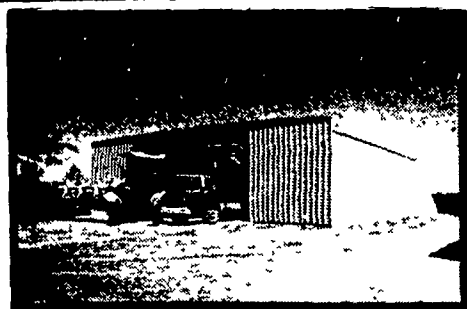
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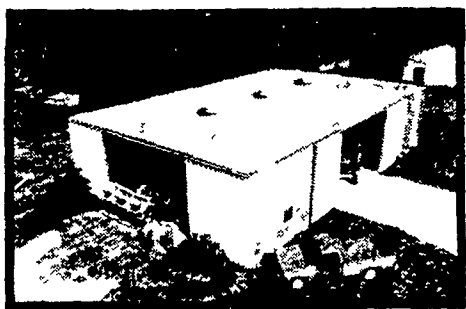
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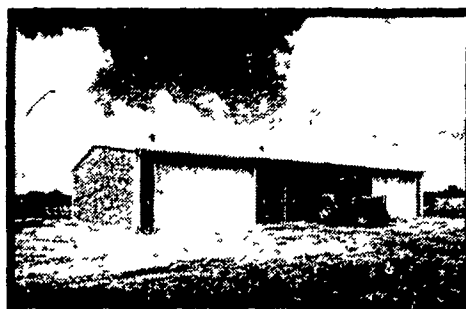
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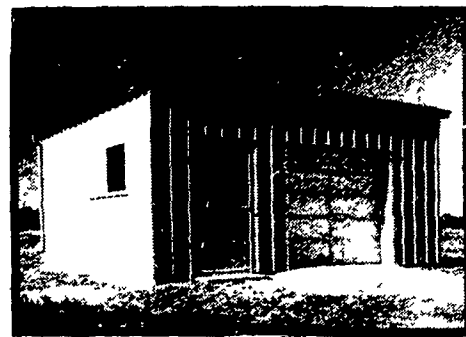
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