

York 4-H dairy juniors hold fitting workshop

DELTA — Eighteen York County 4-H dairy project youngsters clipped, scrubbed, pulled, pushed — and occasionally pleaded with — their heifers through a fitting workshop, held July 13 at Kingway Farms, Delta.

By the close of the annual workshop, sponsored by the county's Junior Holstein Association, the nine calves that commanded the attention of teams of dairy fitters and showman were, for the most part, ready for parading before the judge.

"Fitting is a really tough job," acknowledged Dauphin County 4-H agent Bruce Kreider, whose task it was to select the best fitted animal, and then choose a top showman from each of three divisions based on year's of showing experience of the members.

Taking first place in the fitting competition was the team of David King, Kenton McCleary and Kelly Morris. Second team was Patty Bupp and Andy Rusland, placing over the pair in third, Kelly Diehl

and Matt Miller. Others, in placing order were, Lesley King and Shannon Doll, David Krone and Richard Bupp, Mike Krebs and Tim Fitzgerald, Downa Doll and Tim Warner, and Andy Kauffman and Kim McCleary.

In selecting his showmanship winners, Kreider told the entrants that they need to be aware both of the location of the judge at all time while in the showing, as well as staying alert to how their animal looks.

Senior division winner Patty Bupp won the nod for top overall showmanship winner, with intermediate class front-runner Andrea Kauffman taking second in the showmanship finals. Rookie division winner Shannon Doll also competed in the final runoff for the championship.

Division placings are as follows: Showmen with over 5 years of experience, 1. Patty Bupp; 2. David Krone; 3. David King; 4. Lesley King; 5. Mike Krebs; 6. Downa Doll.



Joining Junior Holstein fitting workshop judge Bruce Kreider is the team he selected as the top group in preparing their heifer for the fitting competition. From left are team members Dave King, Kelly Morris and Kenton McCleary.

Showmen with 2 - 4 years experience: 1. Andrea Kauffman; 2. Kenton McCleary; 3. Richard

Bupp; 4. Kelly Diehl; 5. Tim Warner; 6. Matt Miller.

Doll; 2. Andy Ruhland; 3. Kim McCleary; 4. Tim Fitzgerald; 5. Kelly Morris.

NE dairy farmers endorse dairy compromise

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — The Northeast Dairy Coordinating Committee representing some 25,000 dairy farmers in the Northeast on Monday took a position favoring a dairy compromise which would reduce the surplus of dairy products and government expenditures. Under the proposal now being considered in Washington, farmers would be

assessed to cover the cost of a production diversion program and increased national promotion efforts.

The compromise would end a period of uncertainty to the dairy industry, which has faced several short term changes in dairy legislation over the past two years.

The Committee indicated that it supported the compromise rather

than severe price support reductions supported by some groups purporting to represent dairy interests, because it was the least costly alternative and provided positive alternatives to increasing sales of dairy products.

The group was encouraged that several members of the Northeast Congressional delegation have supported the compromise legislation.



Top showmanship awards presented at the York Junior Holstein fitting-showing workshop went to, from left, Shannon Doll, first in junior division, Patty Bupp senior division and champion winner, and Andrea Kauffman, intermediate division. Judge for the competition was Bruce Kreider, Dauphin County 4-H agent.

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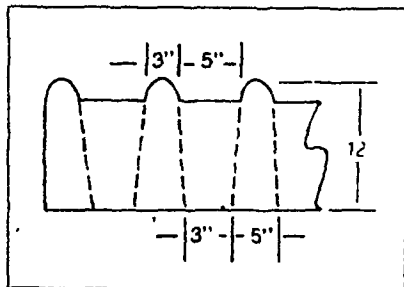
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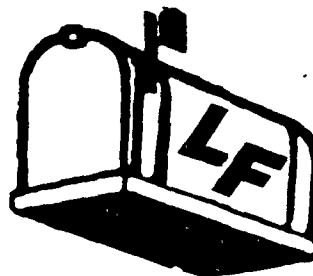


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