

Pa. dairy goat herd places 2nd in nation

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Pennsylvania dairy goat breeders earned high honors for the state at the recent American Dairy Goat Association National Show held recently during the Kentucky State Fair in Louisville.

244 exhibitors from 35 states and Canada entered 1,554 dairy goats of the Saanen, Nubian, Alpine, LaMancha and Toggenburg breeds in the competition.

Twenty-one states participated in the State Herd competition, with each State Herd consisting of eight does from that state, with no more than four animals from any one farm. Top honors were awarded to Oregon; with Pennsylvania placing second; California, third and Indiana, fourth.

Debbie Smeltzer, Pennsylvania Dairy Goat Association Youth Representative and owner of Posey Acres Dairy Goats, Bellefonte, was flag-bearer for the Pennsylvania State Herd. The eight does comprising the herd were handled by Danny Harter, President of the Pennsylvania Dairy Goat Association and owner of D & M Acres, Bellefonte; Dana Holder, owner of Pax Farm LaManchas, Bellefonte; Ann Miller and Susan Miller, owners of Little Rocksprings Dairy Goats, Furlong; Jane Smeltzer, owner of Posey Acres, Bellefonte; Vaughn E. Solomon and Donna Forsman, owners of Magnum Dairy Goats, Orrtanna; Anne Whitney, owner of Winterberry Nubians, Moscow.

LaMancha Champion

The highest-placing doe from Pennsylvania was GCH Rocksprings Tonka Ultra Violet, a 4 yr. old LaMancha owned by Susan Miller. Ultra Violet was named both National Grand Champion LaMancha and Best Udder of the breed. The Rocksprings LaMancha Dairy Herd, also owned by Susan Miller, placed 6th of 11 in group competition.

Other Pennsylvania placings in the LaMancha breed included 9th place Jr. Kid Posey Acres R. W. Tweed owned by Deb Smeltzer, and Jr. Kid Pax RDV Shortcake's Sweet Tart owned by Dana Holder.

In the competition of LaMancha yearling milkers, Dana Holder's Nolee's Dolly Brown placed 4th and 3rd place udder among 31 entries. The doe was also part of the 1st place Get of Sire, 1st place Best 3 Females and 1st place Dairy Herd.

In second place of 29 two year-old LaManchas was CH Jenny Jump Rocksprings Dixie, owned by Susan Miller. Posey Acres CS Little Weed took 5th place of 14 in competition among 3 yr. olds.

The highest Toggenburg placing was Ann Miller's 4 yr. old GCH Rocksprings Lynas Tremendous, 2nd in a class of 15 entries.

Toggenburg Jr. Kids placing included 2nd place D & M Acres Harters Delite owned by Danny Harter, 9th place D & M Acres Harters Miracles owned by Dana Holder and D & M Acres Harters Swedish Ivy owned by Danny Harter.

Among Intermediate Kids, Rocksprings Cham Trem Terrific, owned by Ann Miller placed 2nd, with her Rocksprings Trio Gretel Gabriele placing 15th. In the Senior Yearling Class, Rocksprings Lam Pearl Penny, owned by Susan Miller, placed 12th. 13th place Jr. Get of Sire was claimed by Rocksprings Key Looks Limited.

The competition of 2 yr. old Toggenburg milkers included three of Ann Miller's does, with Rocksprings Premier Lauriba placing 14th, Rocksprings Premier Lila Lass placing 19th and Rocksprings Lim' Leah Lou placing 20th.

Rocksprings Pharaoh Lyla Lynn, owned by Ann Miller placed 18th of 28 competing 3 yr. olds. Tenth place four year old was awarded to Harters Ivy, owned by Danny



Second-place herd from Pennsylvania at the American Dairy Goat Association National Show in Louisville, Ky. includes, from the left, Susan Miller, Donna Forsman, Jane Smeltzer, Anne Whitney, Debbie Smeltzer, Dana Holder, Danny Harter, Ann Miller and Vaughn Solomon.

Harter. His doe Joyful Jubilee Mountain Misty placed 13th among 23 does competing in the 5 yrs. and over class.

7th place Sr. Get of Sire was awarded to Ann Miller's Sunshine Precious Premier. In the Best 3 Females Class, Rocksprings placed 4th and D & M Acres 10th. Rocksprings also placed 6th in Toggenburg Dairy Herd competition.

In Nubian competition, Magnum Advantage Amanda, owned by Vaughn E. Solomon and Donna Forsman placed 10th out of 37 Jr. Kids. Their Magnum Zeus' Twilight placed 8th of 29 Intermediate Kids, and Magnum

Eclipse Babette placed 10th of 28 Sr. Kids. Anne Whitney's yearling milker Briarwood Farm Foxxi Finesse placed 11th of 28 in her class.

Top Pennsylvania Alpine placing went to Cranberry Creeks Molly, 3rd place Sr. Yearling owned by

Dana Holder Other Alpine placings included three of Debbie Smeltzer's does: 18th place Jr. Doe Posey Acres VS Tiffany, 14th place yearling milker Posey Acres Roscoe's Snookums and 13th place 4 yr. old Eight Acres CR Naomi T.M.



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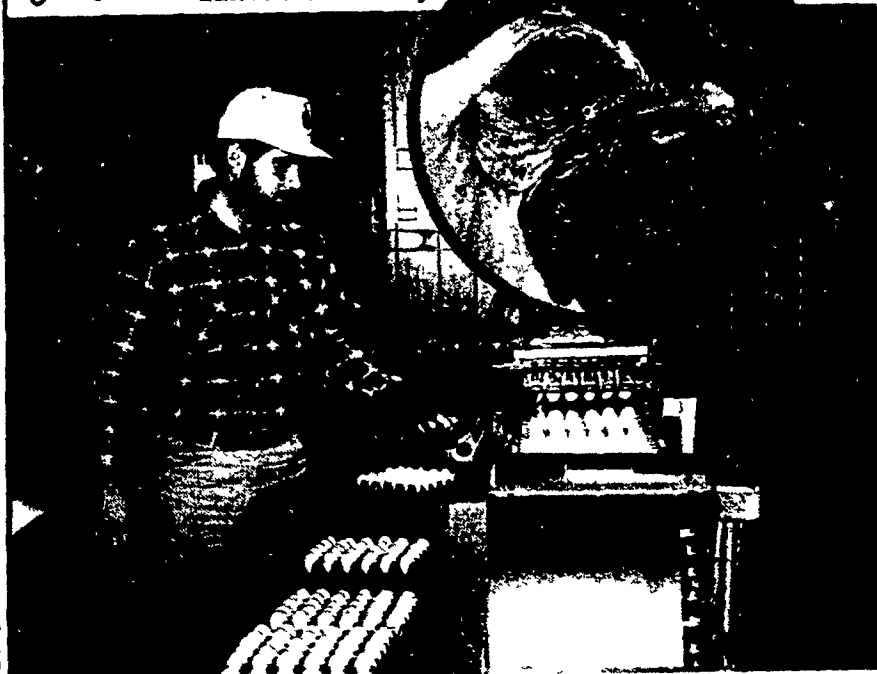
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