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District II Director, William Daubert presents Tom Watkins, Belmont, Ohio with a silver bowl for first place in group 2 of the National Brown Swiss Association's Production Type Performance Registry. The Watkins' Fox Trail herd of 46 registered Brown Swiss scored a total of 2134 points to win the honor.

Brown Swiss breeders gather in Lancaster

BY TRISH WILLIAMS

LANCASTER — Nearly 200 Brown Swiss breeders and representatives of dairy businesses from across the country gathered this week in Lancaster for the National Brown Swiss Convention.

Headquartered at the Host Farm Corral, the four day event had a variety of fun and factual activities that have provided something for everyone in the family.

1983 marks the 114th year of Brown Swiss breeding in the United States, and the 103rd year of the National Brown Swiss Association. This is the first year Pennsylvania has hosted the convention.

Activities got underway Wednesday evening as conventioners started arriving for an informal "Get Together" that provided them the opportunity to get reacquainted with old friends and

make new ones.

Thursday's session was in a more serious vein. After a buffet breakfast, Brown Swiss breeders had the option of three different seminars that focused on concerns of the modern dairymen. The seminars were prepared and presented by faculty members of the Penn State Dairy Science Department.

Sidney E. Barnard, gave a presentation entitled "Good Flavor Sells More Milk." Barnard pointed out that Brown Swiss breeders can be proud of the quality of milk their Brown Swiss produce. Of the six major dairy breeds in the United States, the Brown Swiss produces milk highest in protein, a component that not increases the nutritional value of milk, but also adds a richness in flavor.

Jud Heindrichs spoke on "Farm

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KILE's top winners stressed inside

HARRISBURG — The Keystone International Livestock Exposition wound up its 27th year of quality livestock contests Wednesday, after six days of competition.

Exhibitors representing the eastern states, from Maine to Virginia, paraded quality livestock past the judges vying for cham-

ampionship spots. Livestock represented included beef, sheep, swine and horses.

Activities for the Keystone International were highlighted with the naming of the 1983 Livestock Man of the Year. Jesse F. Smith, Enola, received the honor from the Pennsylvania Livestock

Association at its annual banquet Nov. 4. Smith has been in the livestock business for 27 years.

Other highlights included the Eastern Chester White Show, the National Shropshire Show and a wool contest. KILE also hosted the National Merino Show for the second year.

Recognizing the role that youth have in the future of agriculture, much of the KILE competition was geared to 4-H and FFA members. Youth activities included a junior shearing contest, livestock judging contests, and junior livestock show competition in beef, sheep and swine.

Complete coverage of KILE competition can be found throughout the pages of this week's Lancaster Farming.



In addition to federal indemnity

Pa. continues to seek funds to help Avian poultry farmers

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN

LANCASTER — As a federally funded program to depopulate Avian-infected flocks prepares to begin, Pennsylvania continues its search for additional funds to aid disease-stricken poultry farmers cover losses not included in the bird indemnities.

On Wednesday, the federal government released an initial \$12.5 million to begin the depopulation, which will concentrate on those flocks diagnosed with the highly pathogenic strain of the Avian flu.

Poultry farmers who believe they will be included in the depopulation have been urged to contact the Avian Task Force to determine flock census figures. These figures are necessary to provide a base from which indemnity costs would be figured when the depopulation takes place.

The federal indemnity does not cover other costs, such as birds which may have already died of the disease and any losses in incomes during the depopulation program.

These are the specific two areas which the state is investigating to determine if any state funds can be made available to help the poultry operators.

Several meetings have been held by Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture officials with legislative leaders to explore the possibility of state funds. In addition, the Industry Task Force in Lancaster has held briefings with area ag bankers, Chamber of Council officials and area legislators to stress the severity of the situation and the continuing financial help that will be needed.

Two possibilities being explored on the state level are Emergency Management Service funds, which are designed for such immediate, unforeseen disasters and possible

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TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Several telephone numbers have been given for farmers seeking more information about the Avian flu situation.

Lancaster numbers:

To get permits to move poultry products out of the quarantine area: 569-8592 and 569-8593.

To get assistance for diagnosis to

determine if Avian is in your flock: 569-8594 and 569-8595.

Toll-free numbers:

For permits: 1-800-358-3344.

For other information: 1-800-932-0904.

The 800 numbers are manned from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Recognized for the achievements of their top Holsteins are, from the left, Lamar Witmer, Manheim; Robert H. Kauffman, Elizabethtown; John A. Brubaker, Christiana; J. Warren Bender, herdsman for J. Mowery Frey Jr.; Galen Crouse, Stevens; John Frey, Willow Street; and Robert L. Kauffman Jr., Peach Bottom.

Lancaster Holstein Assn. honors top producers

BY SALLY BAIR
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STRASBURG — Holstein breeders recognized top producing animals at the annual banquet of the Lancaster County Holstein Association held at Historic Strasburg on Tuesday. John A. Brubaker, Christiana, took the most awards with his senior two-year-old who placed first in both milk and fat and a four-year-old who was high in milk production.

Brubaker's Knott Run Pete Lucy had a record of 30,229 pounds of milk and 1,023 pounds of fat in 305 days. The four-year-old, Knott Run Job Pammy had 36,678 pounds of milk.

J. Mowery Frey, Jr., Willow Street, was also a multiple winner, with the junior two-year-old in milk, Waterview Elevation Lynn ET, with 23,161 pounds. His MD Gaywinds Astronaut Flo was the high three-year-old in milk with 28,768 pounds.

The junior two-year-old fat winner was owned by Lamar Witmer, Manheim. Royal Dream

SWD Rosabelle had 875 pounds of fat, and is a Valiant daughter.

Galen Crouse, Stevens, owned the three-year-old fat winner, Diamond-S Wape Classy, a Conductor daughter with 999 pounds of fat.

Robert L. Kauffman, Jr., Peach Bottom, owned the four-year-old fat winner, Sukavin Apollo Romaine. Sired by Virginian she produced 1,068 pounds of fat.

Fountain Hill Star Pebbles, an Ivanhoe Star daughter owned by Thomas C. Lapp, Gap, was high in milk in the aged cow category with 32,586 pounds.

Robert H. Kauffman, Elizabethtown, received the high fat award in the aged cow category for Gorlib Matt Frances, a Fond Matt daughter with 1115 pounds of fat.

Robert and Thomas Barley, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Barley, Conestoga, and Paul Weik, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weik, Peach Bottom, took all the awards in the junior milk and fat contest.

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