

Jersey awards

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David Parkinson, area representative from the American Jersey Cattle Club. He said that a Pennsylvania cow from the Vantage Farm herd of Don Koontz recently topped the Wisconsin sale and added that there are currently many Pennsylvania bulls being sampled in A.I.

"Pennsylvania was number one in registrations in 1983, above any other state in the nation," Parkinson told breeders.

After the directors meeting, farm tours included Ralaine Jerseys, Everett; Stan-El Jerseys, Bedford; and Frederick Farm, Bedford.

Ralaine Jerseys is owned and operated by Ray and Elaine Sollenberger and their children, Leon and Lori. Leon, and Lori organized the annual meeting and calf sale and are very active in the breed and in the showing. The Sollenberger farm numbers 70 milking cows that are fed a total mix ration of haylage, corn silage, and grain. The current herd average is over 11,000 pounds with 574 pounds fat. One of the Sollenberger's favorites, a B.S. Noble Superb daughter just milked 85 pounds for the tester with a 4.5% test. She was recently superovulated and flushed and the family is looking forward to two embryos by Top Brass.

Stan-El Jerseys is operated by Stanley Koontz and his son,

Wayne. They milk 70 cows in stanchions and stress good udder and good feet and legs. "The main thing is good udders, good legs, you've got type," Stanley Koontz said. The farm features a modern manure storage facility.

The final stop was at the farm of Vance Frederick and his family. Family owned and operated, Frederick Farm features over 300 Jerseys milking and over 500 acres farmed. An impressive, drive-through feeding barn with freestalls houses the 300 milking animals. Breeding philosophy is different at Frederick Farm and island bulls and bloodlines are utilized to keep with true Jersey type and high Jersey test. The Fredericks held a reduction sale last year and are planning a repeat sale in 1985 to let people realize how well island breeding can do in other herds. They are also planning on donating a calf each year to the Jersey Youth program as an



Freestall barn at the Vance Frederick farm features drive-through feed lanes and plenty of space.

award to a deserving junior to use as a 4-H project.

A highlight at the awards banquet was the presentation of the Distinguished Service award to Dutch Lusk. Lusk could not be present for the ceremony, being in the hospital. A native of Washington County, Lusk was praised for his support of 4-H and FFA and his service to the breed. "He couldn't get the Jersey breed out of his blood," Clyde Robison stated when he presented the award to Robert Lusk, the oldest son.

The honor for the highest classified herd average in Pennsylvania went to the William Arrowsmith Family, Peach Bottom, for the classification average of 81. High protein, fat & milk herd trophy was earned by Calvin and Judy Watson, Troy, for an average of 33 cows, 14,616 milk, 737 fat, and 545 protein. They hail from Bradford County and at-

tribute much of their success to Roy Watson, Calvin's father.

High cow for protein was won by "Skylark" owned by George and Doris Hough, Peach Bottom. Her record was: 7-00 305 17,929 milk 803 fat 4.1% protein with 731 pounds. High cow for milk was won by

Walebe Farms with a ten-year-old cow and record of: 10-04 305 19,633 819 699 protein.

High cow for fat was won by "Lilly" of Spruce Row Farm, owned by Jeff Peters, with the record of: 6-00 305 16,877 5.6% fat, 940 fat and 700 protein.



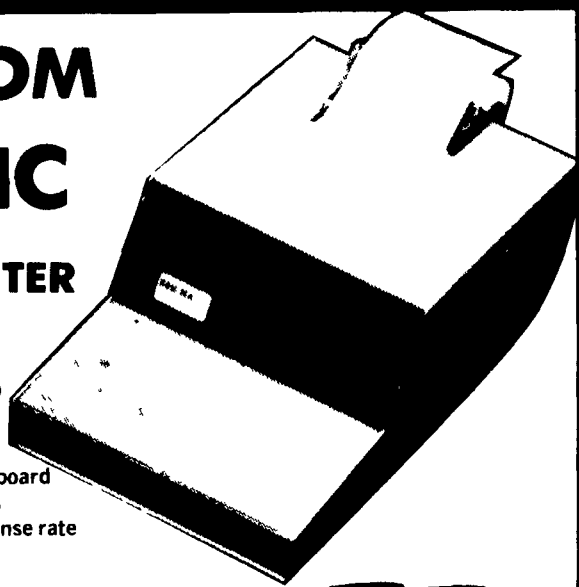
Craig Rhein, president of the Pa. Jersey Cattle Club, presents trophies to George Hough for high protein cow, and to Calvin and Judy Watson for the highest herd average in milk, fat and protein throughout the state.



Ray and Elaine Sollenberger welcome fellow Jersey breeders attending state meeting to their farm, Ralaine Jerseys, at Everett.

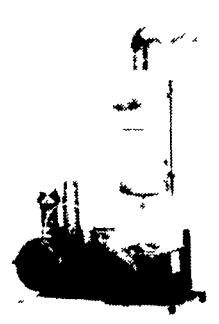
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