

Pa. Ayrshire herds receive national honors

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COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ardrossan Farms, Villanova, received several of the top awards presented at the 109th National Ayrshire Meeting held in Columbus, Ohio, earlier this month.

Ardrossan Farms owner Mrs. Edgar Scott, who celebrated her 83rd birthday April 10, was unable to attend the meeting, however, herd manager Heinz Mielke ac-

cepted the honors bestowed on one of the finest Ayrshire herds in Pennsylvania.

Winning the French Trophy for highest herd production (100 cows or more) compiled in 1983, Ardrossan Farms averaged 19,465 pounds of milk and 806 pounds of fat on 108 head of cattle. One of the nation's leading Ayrshire herds, Ardrossan also received their 24th Constructive Breeder Award for having a herd 100 percent bred by owner.

Leading up to these prestigious honors, Ardrossan Ex Weezie received a 150,000 pound certificate for producing 165,450 pounds of milk at a 4.0 percent fat test for a total 6,643 pounds of fat. Seven other herd mates received certificates for 100,000-pound production records.

Ardrossan also captured four of the six 25,000-pound production records, along with 25 cows receiving 20,000-pound record certificates.

The herd was recognized for individual all-time class leaders in the five to 10-year-olds category, senior 4-year-olds, senior 3-year-olds, junior 3-year-olds and senior 2-year-olds. Ardrossan took second in junior 4-year-olds, fifth in junior 2-year-olds and 12th in the 10-year-olds and over class.

Ardrossan Farms is enrolled in the PTE programs and is a member of the 25 Club for having registered 61 Ayrshires with the association during 1983.

Mrs. Scott and her farm crew were also recognized for consigning the second highest selling animal during 1983 Ayrshire sales. Ardrossan Boy's Bell Song-ET sold for \$7,700 at the 1983 National Sale at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Other awards won by Pennsylvania breeders included DHIR herd awards presented to: Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, 110 cows; Ann L. Young, West Grove, 85 cows; Charles H. Gable, Elverson, 64 cows; James W. Martin, Stevens, 37 cows; and Richard M. Lyons, Cochran, 3 cows.

The 100,000-pound milk certificates went to Charles Gable, Ann L. Young, Masonic Homes, Earl Keefer and Donald Shetterly, Kennard E. Henley III and Harold Kulp.

Class leader certificates were presented to Robert and Sharon Nolan, junior 4-year-old, and James W. Martin and Warren A. Schmuck, the yearling division.

Constructive breeder awards were also issued to Charles Gable, 26 years, 15,557 pounds of milk and 639 pounds of fat on 64 cows, and James W. Martin, six years, 15,382 pounds of milk and 612 pounds of fat on 33 cows.

Pennsylvania members belonging to the 25 Club include Masonic Homes, 42 head; Charles Gable, 36 head; Ann Young, 35 head; James Baker, Rockwood, 27 head; and Mary and Cletus Rhodes, Alexandria, 25 head.

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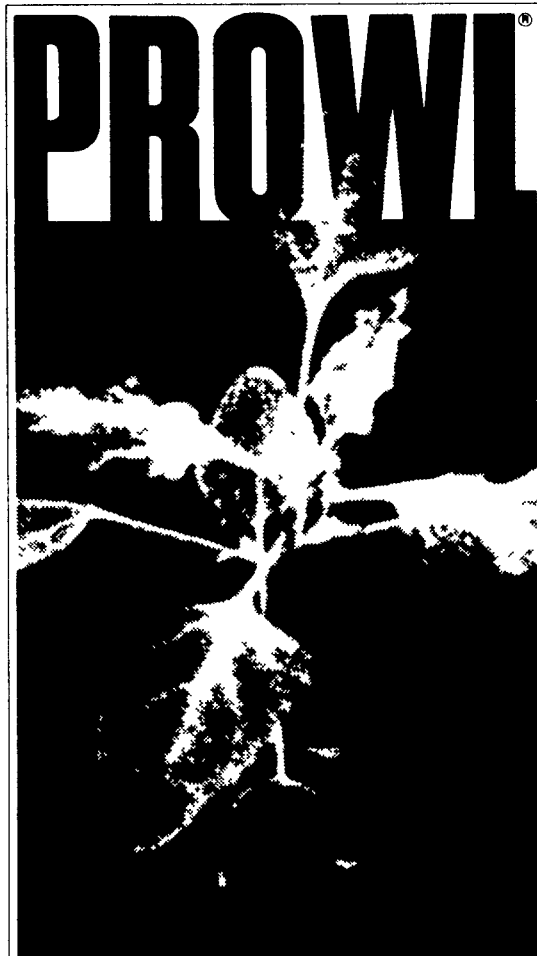
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