

Thomas & Sons winners in West Virginia dairy show

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JACKSON'S MILL — 248 cows, heifers, and calves were exhibited at the Forty-Third Annual West Virginia Dairy Cattle Show and Festival, held recently at Jackson's Mill, Lewis County. Ayrshire, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, and Milking Shorthorn breeds were shown by breeders from every corner of the Mountain State in the five-day event. The week's activities included showmanship and judging contests, a parade of champions, and a 4-H/FFA heifer sale.

The West Virginia Registered Holstein Show began Wednesday morning with 209 individual entries in over 26 classes. Thomas & Sons of Bruceeton Mills, Preston County, garnered the All West Virginia Junior and Senior Yearling honors, as well as Youth/Open Junior, Senior, and Grand Champion placings. FFA'er Alan Thomas showed the All-W.Va. Jr. Yearling Ray-Anthony Gem Holly; 4-H'er David Thomas exhibited the All-W.Va. Senior Yearling and Junior

Youth/Open Champion, Cherry Brook LTD Balboa. Jeff Thomas had the Youth/Open Senior and Grand Champion Female in Simpson's TT Pamela, a four-year-old cow. Reserve Champion honors went to Miss WDH Glendell Adon Erna, exhibited by Michael Wilson of Greenbrier County.

Taking the Senior and Grand Champion honors for the Jersey Show was FFA exhibitor Annie Perkins showing Perk Annie Big Boy Danny. Reserve and Senior Reserve Champion Female was another Perkins' Jersey, Perk Sleeping Lucky, exhibited by FFA member Harry K. Perkins II.

In the Ayrshire Show, the Junior Champion Female, Betty's Super Flicka exhibited by Matt Allen, was also selected Grand Champion. Likewise, the Reserve Junior Champion, Magnolia Blossom, a Junior Yearling heifer exhibited by 4-H'er Day Cooper, was selected as overall Reserve Champ.

Show judge for the West Virginia Dairy Show and Festival was

Johnny Morris, retired University of Maryland Dairy Specialist. Morris, after working almost 27 years for the Cooperative Extension Service, keeps busy conducting judging schools and judging dairy events throughout the country. When asked if the huge classes and long days of judging ever became a chore to him, Morris exclaimed, "Oh, no, it's never a chore. I enjoy every minute of it!"



Reserve Senior and Reserve Champion overall (Youth/Open), Miss WDH Glendell Adon Erna, exhibited by Michael Wilson of Greenbrier County.

Dreisbach winner in national Jersey contest

HAMBURG — Patricia Dreisbach, of R.D. 3, Hamburg, Pa., is the ninth place winner in the National Jersey Youth Achievement Contest. Patty will be honored at the All American Junior Banquet and Fun Fest in Louisville, Ky., on November 3.

This contest, sponsored annually since 1985 by The American Jersey Cattle Club, Columbus, Ohio, selects from the state Jersey achievement winners who submit their records to the AJCC.

The current National Jersey Jug Futurity Queen, Patty keeps her 18 Registered Jerseys at the Long Meadows Farm of her parents,

Robert and Helene Dreisbach. Her milking cows averaged 12,587 lbs. milk and 563 lbs. butterfat on DHIR test and averaged 80.6% for type.

Patty alternates weeks feeding and milking the family's Jersey herd. She also helps diagnose and treat illnesses and injuries. Her cow knowledge helped her win the Eastern National Junior Dairyman Contest in 1983.

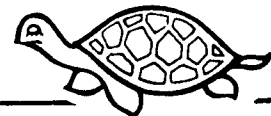
Patty was on the winning team at the 1983 Pennsylvania All-American Invitational Judging Contest. She has won the Kiwanis International 4-Her Award and the FFA State Jersey Breeder Award.

Patty will major in dairy science at Virginia Polytechnic Institute this fall. She plans to own and operate her own Jersey dairy, plus work as an agriculture journalist.



Jeff Thomas of Bruceeton Mills exhibits the Youth/Open Senior and Grand Champion of Show, Simpson's TT Pamela.

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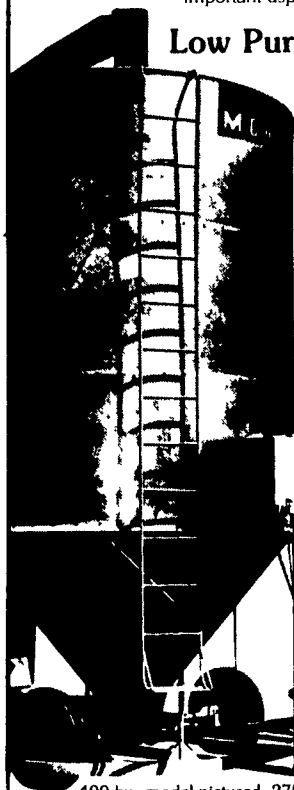
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