

Lancaster to host American Jersey Cattle Club

HAMBURG — "Come Alive in '85" is the theme for the national meeting of the American Jersey Cattle Club. The meeting will be hosted by the Pennsylvania Jersey Cattle Club at the Host Resort in Lancaster on June 16th to 19th. In preparing for this major event, the Pennsylvania Jersey Cattle Club encourages Jersey dairymen from across the United States and Canada to "Come Alive in '85" and see the beautiful Pennsylvania countryside, learn about Pennsylvania's heritage, and view Pennsylvania Jerseys.

With a full agenda for the three-day meeting, over 500 Jersey enthusiasts are expected to participate. After registration on Sunday, June 16th, there will be pre-convention hospitality, courtesy of the Cumberland Valley Jersey Breeders.

Monday, June 17th, features tours of four Lancaster County Jersey farms in the Peach Bottom area. Unique to this part of the county and of great interest to the western visitors will be the immaculate stanchion barns, upright silos, and small herds of family-bred Jerseys. The tour will also include a visit to an Amish homestead and a view of the Lancaster countryside. Lunch will

be held at Muddy Run Recreational Park. The day will be concluded with a family-style meal at the Good and Plenty Restaurant, Lancaster.

Tuesday, June 18th, will begin with the National All-Jersey, Inc. Junior breakfast and annual meeting. A luncheon will be held at the sale barn at the Solanco Fairgrounds just prior to the 28th Annual National Heifer Sale.

The National Heifer Sale, the highest quality heifer sale in the nation, will feature 60 heifers selected on the basis of the highest pedigree indexes. Proceeds from this sale will go toward funding the youth programs of the American Jersey Cattle Club.

American Breeders Service will be hosting a social hour before the Annual Jersey Breeders Banquet to be held that evening, at the Host Resort.

The Young Jersey Dairymen Award Breakfast and Junior breakfast will be held on Wednesday and will be followed by the 117th Annual Meeting of the American Jersey Cattle Club.

Throughout the three-day event, Pennsylvania hospitality will be displayed through the generosity of many associated businesses and friends. There will be booths

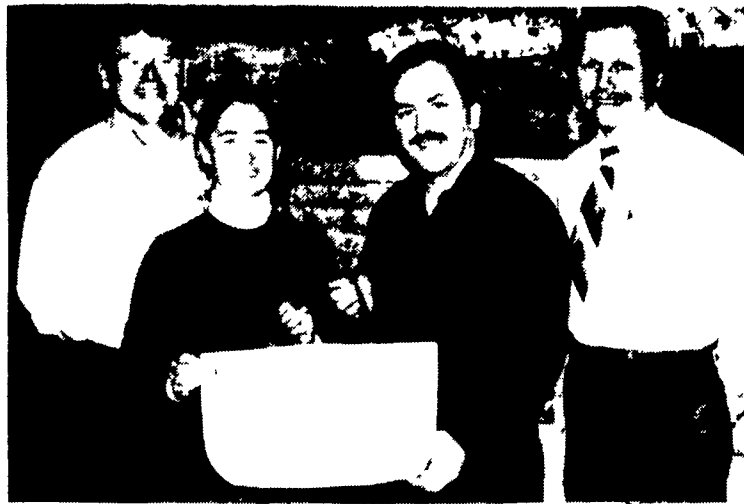
sponsored by local businesses and a hospitality room to meet the hosting Pennsylvania Jersey breeders and to register for the many activities scheduled for Jersey juniors and dairymen.

Pennsylvania crafts will also be featured with a silent auction during the three-day meeting. Quilts, Jersey cow art, and many other craft items handmade by Pennsylvania Jersey folk will be available to out-of-state visitors as they "meet Pennsylvania." "You'd be surprised at how many people have never been to Pennsylvania," commented Jim Cavanaugh, executive secretary of the AJCC at a recent meeting.

Pennsylvania has not hosted the national meeting since 1970 and Jersey breeders and sponsors of the event are anxious to show off their state to the hundreds of visitors.

Co-chairman for the event are Dr. and Mrs. Robert C. Dreisbach, R3, Hamburg, and Don and Angie Koontz, Fredonia. Also preparing for the visiting dairymen are David and Donna Reusing, who are putting together a "welcome bag" of Pennsylvania products to give each visitor.

Jersey breeders are encouraged to register early for this meeting.



The co-chairmen of the national meeting of the American Jersey Cattle Club prepare to welcome more than 500 visitors to Lancaster in June. From left are: Dr. Robert and Helene Dreisbach, Dave Reusing, and Don Koontz.

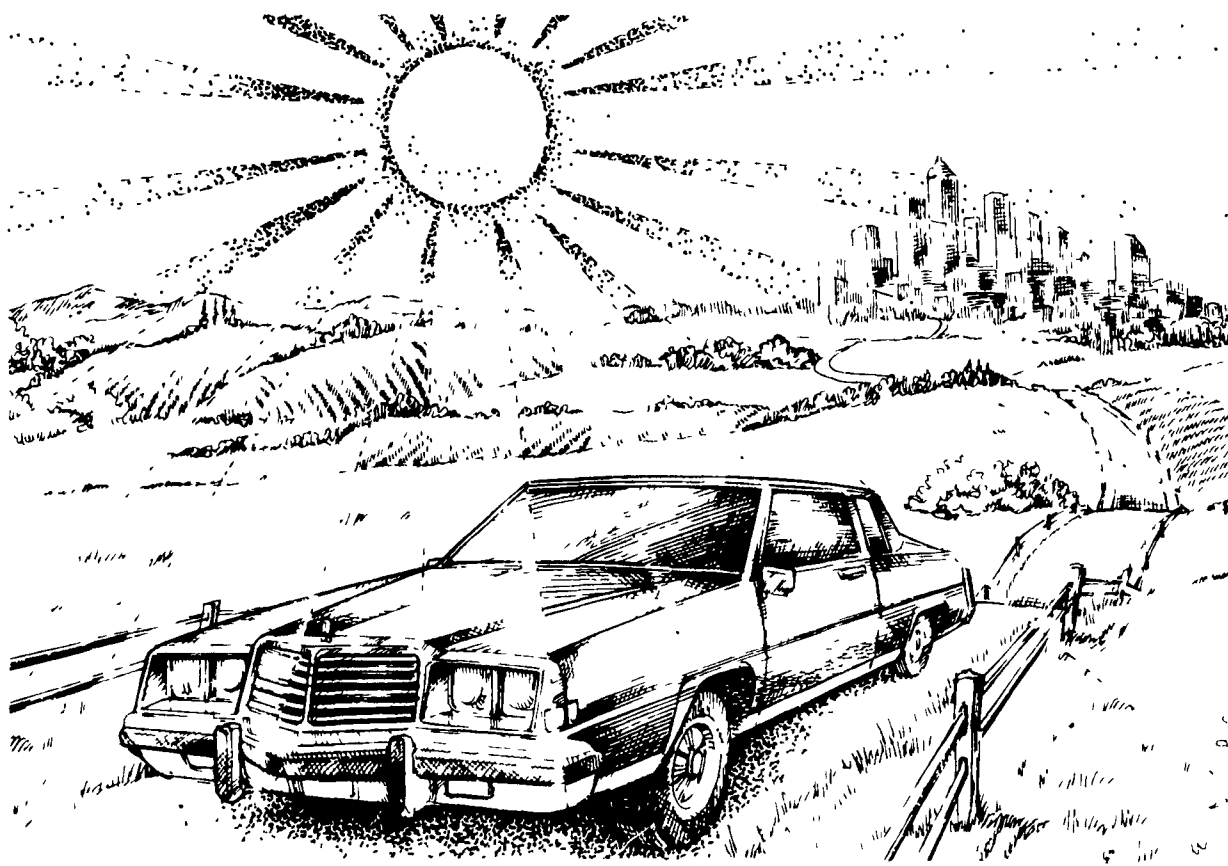
Registrations will be discounted if made by April 15th. Don't miss the annual meeting and chance to showcase Pennsylvania and its Jerseys. Registration information can be obtained from Donald Koontz, 3016 District Road, Fredonia, Pa., 16124 or phone 412-376-2884.

Information on sponsorship of an event or participation in the fun-

ding of the meeting can be obtained from Robert C. Dreisbach, R3, Box 3735, Hamburg, Pa. 19526 or phone 215-562-3242.

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Hog and pig inventories down slightly in March

HARRISBURG — Inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 1985 in the ten states conducting quarterly hog surveys is estimated at 39.5 million head, one percent below last March, according to the Pennsylvania Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

This year's figure is also six percent below March 1983 and is the lowest March inventory since 1976. The ten quarterly states are Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina and Ohio.

Breeding inventory at 5.22 million head is four percent less than a year ago and 13 percent less than March 1983. This is the lowest March breeding herd since 1973 when estimates for these comparable ten states became available. Market hog inventory, at 34.3 million head, is one percent below last year and five percent below two years ago.

The December 1984-February 1985 pig crop was 14.5 million head, two percent more than last year but nine percent below two years ago. There were 1.94 million sows that farrowed during the past quarter, a decrease of one percent from a year ago and ten percent below the same period of two years ago.

Sows farrowing averaged 7.51 pigs per litter compared with 7.27 last year and 7.45 two years ago. The litter rate is the highest on record for a December-February quarter.

Hog producers in the ten quarterly states intend to farrow 2.37 million sows during March-May of this year. This is five percent less than actual farrowings during the comparable period in 1984, and 15 percent less than two years ago. Farrowing intentions for June-August are 2.20 million head, three percent below the same period last year and nine percent than two years ago.