

Pennsylvanian named National Ayrshire Boy

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built up his herd by purchasing and breeding his own replacements.

Shawna Dittmar, from Ozark, Mo., was selected as the National Ayrshire Girl.

Of the six finalists vying for the titles of National Ayrshire Boy and Girl, two were Pennsylvania youth. In addition to Paul, Heather Hernley, of Lebanon, reached the national competition.

Hernley brought the first Ayrshire to her father's Holstein herd when she was only eight years old. The 18-year-old Hernley now has 17 head and has succeeded in increasing her herd average over 3,300 pounds milk and .5 percent test in the last three years.

Ardrossan shines

Pennsylvania Ayrshire breeders were recognized often throughout the four-day national convention. Often in the spotlight was Ardrossan Farms, Villanova, consignee of the top seller to the convention sale and recipient of numerous production awards.

Ardrossan Lib Evermore sold for \$4,200 to Christopher Richards, of Lenden, Wis. By Meredith Liberator, Lib Evermore is out of the 89 point Hikik Eva.

Having type plus production, Eva's top record stands at 25,750 pounds of 4.1 percent milk and 1051 pounds fat.

Other Pennsylvania consignments to the National Ayrshire Sale included a bred heifer sold by Warren Schmuck, Peach Bottom, to JaLo Farm, Dubuque, Iowa for \$1000; and a June 1983 heifer sold by Charles H. Gable, Elverson, to William A. Jacobson, Humbird, Wis. for \$1100.

In national production honors, Ardrossan Farms received a 200,000 pound production certificate and had the only four cows to receive 25,000 pound awards.

Pennsylvania breeders receiving 150,000 pound certificates were: Ardrossan Farms; Sycamore Meade Farm, Millersburg; Donald C. Gable, Elverson; and Toll Gate Ayr Farms, West Alexander.

Winners of constructive breeder awards were: Delaware Valley College, one year; Ardrossan Farms, 25 years; and Charles Gable, 27 years.

Ardrossan Farms also earned the French Trophy for the highest production of herds of 75 to 99 cows.

In other convention activities,

the Pennsylvania junior dairy bowl team placed second in the national competition. Members of the team were: Steven Shetterly, Heather

Hernley, David Paul, and Becky Alsdorf.

Ann Young, of West Grove, was re-elected for another two-year

Next week is Grange Week

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Week programs planned this year. The county launched an aggressive three-week membership campaign culminating during Grange Week.

In addition, the county commissioners, as well as the local community mayors within the county, officially proclaimed Grange Week in Mercer County. Extensive media coverage accompanied these events.

The four Lancaster County granges, Fulton, Elizabethtown, Pequea Valley and Colerain, will kick off Grange Week with an open meeting for members and the general public tonight at 8 p.m. at Fulton Grange. Fulton Grange is conducting another open meeting for area residents on Monday at 8 p.m. for Grange Week.

The Grange's community citizen award will be presented to Jill Hassler of Stewart Run Road, Quarryville. Hassler runs a camp

for learning disabled children complete with dormitories and horses for the children to ride.

Berks County grangers compiled a history of the granges in Berks County which they plan to have published in local newspapers. Although no special events are planned this year, the county will have a display in the office of the Hamburg Item newspaper.

New areas named in battle against gypsy moths

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture is revising the areas it regulates to prevent artificial spread of the gypsy moth, a destructive pest of the forest, shade and ornamental trees.

"To limit the spread, USDA

term as a director of the national association. This will be her third consecutive term in office.

The 1986 National Ayrshire Breeders Association convention will be hosted by the Pennsylvania Ayrshire breeders.

A large window display in West Chester is planned by the Chester and Delaware County granges, and Perry County will host their local legislators and officials for an annual legislative dinner on April 30 in conjunction with Grange Week.

Similar activities will be conducted in most of the 66 chartered grange counties throughout the state.

regulates the movement of certain articles from infested areas and designates degrees of risk based on the intensity of the infestation," said Bert W. Hawkins, administrator of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

Regulated areas are designated "high-risk" or "low-risk." Items such as firewood, outdoor household goods and mobile homes—which could harbor gypsy moth egg masses or other life stages of the pest—may not move from high-risk to non-regulated areas unless inspected and treated to ensure they are gypsy moth-free.

Hawkins said that cooperative eradication efforts in California, Illinois, Ohio, Wisconsin, Michigan, Oregon and Washington have allowed USDA to remove regulations from formerly regulated areas in these states. In addition, California, Illinois, Ohio and Wisconsin have been removed from the list of quarantined states.

The pest has spread to some new areas, he said, and as a result, parts of Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia have been changed from low-risk to high-risk areas.

Also, because some formerly non-regulated areas have been identified as infested, areas in Michigan and Virginia have been designated low-risk areas, and areas in Virginia and the District of Columbia have been listed as high-risk areas.

"The current revisions in regulated areas reflect changes in the spread and distribution of the gypsy moth during 1984, when the moth defoliated nearly a million acres of trees," Hawkins said.

Under the rules, regulated articles may move freely between high-risk and low-risk areas and, unless a USDA inspector determines otherwise, between low-risk and non-regulated areas.

Written comments on this action may be submitted, until June 4, to Thomas O. Gessel, Director, Regulatory Coordination Staff, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Hyattsville, Md. 20782.

Hawkins said that people moving from designated high-risk areas must certify their household items as free of the insect and its egg masses, or hire a professional pest control expert to do it for them. If, during transit or upon arrival, USDA inspectors find any gypsy moth life stages, the owner may be fined up to \$1,000.

A booklet describing how persons can ensure their move is gypsy moth-free, "Don't Move Gypsy Moth," is available from USDA, APHIS, Room 771A, 6505 Belcrest Rd., Hyattsville, Md. 20782. Copies also are available at public libraries in infested areas.

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James H. Patches (Center) with (left to right) Robert Koch, Marketing Manager at Richland, Merritt Marks, Senior Vice President and Regional Administrator for the Lebanon Region, and John Moose, Vice President, Agri-Finance Department. Jim owns and operates a dairy farm near Myerstown that also serves as the location for his agricultural chemical business.

