

Guernsey meeting

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Junior All Pennsylvania Awards were given to: junior heifer calf, Melissa Sulkosky; intermediate calf, Lori Campbell; senior calf, David Guyer, Jr.; junior yearling, Jenelle Boyer; intermediate yearling, Julie Snider; and senior yearling, Brandon Snider.

In the cow classes, Junior All Pennsylvania Awards went to: junior two year old, Steven Wagner; senior two year old, David Guyer; three year old, Jennifer Sulkosky; four year old, Julie Snider; aged cow, Jon Andrew Zollers; and three and four

year old dry, Justin McMurray.

Albert Hack and his wife Marian were recognized by the junior association for their dedication to the youth program. The Hacks are instrumental in setting up the milk shake booth at the Ag Progress Days. This is the major fund raiser for the youth association.

The fun auction of Guernsey novelty items capped off the agenda for the meeting. Proceeds from this auction were used to cover meeting expenses. The total for this auction was \$954 on 32 items. The high selling item was a set of collectors Golden Guernsey Milk glasses.

LEBANON — Getting \$16 or \$17 a hundredweight for milk sounds like an improbable dream to most dairy farmers, but for Joseph Ferris it's a reality.

Ferris from New Wilmington, Lawrence County, attains this price by shipping his Guernsey milk to the New Wilmington Cheese Plant. Here he is paid on the Federal Order 36 price plus a standard bonus of \$1.34.

This bonus is paid on all milk that has a minimum of 3.5 percent protein and 4.5 percent fat. This is a minimum level and no differential is paid on levels above

this.

The milk that Ferris usually ships tests at 3.6 percent protein and 4.75 percent fat, well over the requirements.

Ferris estimates that by shipping 60,000 pounds of milk monthly, he is able to net an additional \$750.

This mutually beneficial union between Ferris' Summerfield Farms Guernseys and the cheese plant started at the beginning of 1984. Prior to learning about the cheese plant, he shipped his milk to a regular fluid milk market.

"Now I'm paid for what's in the milk," Ferris commented, "...the total solids way."

Wisconsin and California have been pricing milk that way for sometime now he added. Presently, however, the fluid milk market does not cater to the total solids in milk. Therefore, he feels it will be some time before we are able to have similar pricing for all



Joseph Ferris

milk.

For now, Ferris is obviously very happy to receive this price and suggested that this pricing scheme is part of a bright future for the Guernsey breed.



Winners of open and junior All-Pennsylvania Awards were, left, Gary Fisher, Jenelle Boyer, David Smith for Lebanon Valley Farms, Elaine Hill, Phillip Laughman, Justin McMurray, Jon Zollers, and Steven Wagner.

Jersey breeders set meeting

MEADVILLE — Western Pennsylvania Jersey breeders are ready to host the 1986 Annual Meeting on April 11 and 12. Everyone wishing to attend this informative and entertaining meeting is reminded to make the appropriate arrangements.

Reservations are needed by March 25th to secure the special meeting rates. Send motel reservations directly to the Quality Inn, 240 Conneaut Lake Road,

Meadville, PA, 16335. The rates for this weekend are: one person, \$40; two persons, \$42. Send remaining reservations to: Carolyn Sanderson, R2, Conneaut Lake, PA, 16316 or call 814-382-6985.

Sale catalogs for both the calf and bred heifer sales are available by request from John E. McConnell, R2, Box 219, Volant, PA, 16156.

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