

Jersey breeders honored at annual awards banquet

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MEADVILLE — The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Jersey Cattle Club last weekend in Meadville featured many outstanding families, herds, and juniors. From the crowning of the Jersey Queen to the production awards and the recognition of outstanding service to the breed, the annual meeting was filled with a wealth of Jersey achievements.

The Distinguished Service Award for 1986 was presented by Chuck Moose, New Wilmington, to two breeders. When deciding on which couple was to receive the recognition, the committee reached an impasse and decided to honor couples who have dairy farmed since the 1940's.

The Hillcrest Farm of John and Blanche Hoye, Volant, and the Spring Run Farm of Dick and Kate Moose are well known throughout the state and also recognized nationally. Although retired from dairying now, farm names are still

recognized on some of the best cows of the breed.

Both couples have helped other dairymen and numerous 4-Hers to step into the Jersey breed and their advice and help was well appreciated through the years.

John and Blanche Hoye were instrumental for the start in dairying of John McConnell, their son-in-law, who currently farms on the home farm.

Dick and Kate Moose, owners of the highest milking herd in the state for several years, helped their son, Gerald, current owner of Overnight Jerseys, and their nephew, Dean, currently farming on their home farm, into a great beginning in the Jersey breed.

When presenting the award, Chuck Moose concluded, "Both couples are well deserving of the Distinguished Service award."

A relatively new but widely coveted award was again given to a herd that had to meet high criteria. The Genetic Improvement Award is sponsored

each year by the Norman Family of Liberty in memory of their relatives who started them in the Jersey business.

The award requires a herd to use 20 percent young sires as service sires in their herd, and must be at least 80 percent homebred. The award is given to the herd with the highest average cow index in the state after meeting these criteria.

Presented by David Norman, Liberty, the award was given to Dr. Robert and Helene Dreisbach and their daughters, Patty and Carol, Hamburg, who own and operate the Longmeadows Farm Jerseys. Their average cow index increased from a plus 8 in 1964 to a plus 28 in 1985. The entire Dreisbach family was on hand to receive the award.

Production awards were topped by the herd of David Reusing, Meadville, who managed his 22 cow herd to the high milk average of 15,173 pounds, with 658 pounds fat and 550 pounds protein. He also received the award for the highest protein average.

Vantage Jerseys, Fredonia, came in second place for milk and protein production with 14,288 M and 654 F, and 524 protein. Owned by Donald and Angie Koontz, the 95 cows of the Vantage herd are milked in a freestall and parlor setup. The 40 cows of William R. Yoder, Meyersdale, took high fat production honors with 661 pounds of fat, 12,996 pounds milk and 497 pounds protein. Awards for high milk, fat and protein production were given to producers to herd size and individual cow production awards will be given later in the year.

The new Jersey Queen, Beth Warner, assisted in the presentations of the awards. Crowned Friday evening as the junior to represent the Jersey breed this

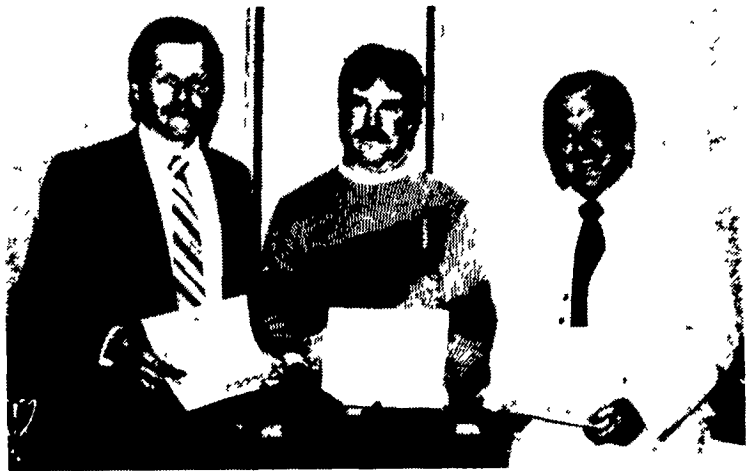
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The New Jersey Queen, Beth Warner, stands with Carol Hobough, the 1985 Jersey Queen.



Receiving the Distinguished Service award were two well known Jersey couples. Dick and Kate Moose, (left) New Wilmington, are congratulated by Chuck Moose. Also receiving the award was John and Blanche Hoye, Volant. With them is club president Chuck Rhein (far right).



Don Koontz (left), Fredonia; Robert Kenny, Enon Valley; and David Reusing, Meadville, were recognized for the high producing herds in the state.

Jersey bred heifer sale tops \$1,200

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MERCER — Prices remained steady as 28 bred heifers and nine calves were paraded before Jersey breeders for their bids at the annual bred heifer and calf sale of the

Pennsylvania Jersey Cattle Club (PJCC). The sale was held on Friday, April 11th, at the Mercer County 4-H Park, Mercer, Pa. Held in conjunction with the PJCC Annual Meeting in Meadville the following day, the sale ended with

an average of \$839.28 on the stylish bred heifers and \$552.77 on the showy calves.

The high bid of the sale was shared by two consignments with each selling for \$1200. The consignment of Jesse R. Moore, Volant, brought top price on the final bid of Dean Moose, New Wilmington. GR Ladybug Saint Chic, sired by Favorite Saint, is due in May to Magic of Ogston, one of the high TPI bulls of the breed. Also enhancing her value was the consistently high production of her dam, a Quicksilver Noble daughter with records to 17,746 M and 833 F.

Sharing the limelight was the consignment of Thomas Eliason, Harrington, DE, Kalmar Winchester Meghen. This heifer is due in July to a fancy Canadian son of Quicksilver. "Meghen", sired by

an unproven son of Milknhoney General, featured a high testing Samson dam with tests to 6.5%. She was purchased by Lester and Ruth Martin, Chambersburg.

The high selling entry of the calf sale was the consignment from the Moose family of Romar Farm, New Wilmington. Romar Bruce Lace brought \$685 on the final bid of James E. Andrew, Espyville. A daughter of Mayfield Volunteer Bruce, Romar Bruce Lace also featured a high producing dam with records to 14,760 M and 655 F.

Second high seller was the consignment of Thomas Sanderson, Conneaut Lake. Purchased for \$675 by Shelby Sommers, Conneautville, the Nippersink daughter featured a high producing dam.

Volume buyer of the sale was

Kenneth E. Rummell, Alliance. He purchased eight bred heifers for the total price of \$6,420 to begin a Jersey herd in Ohio. Brass Bell Jerseys of Enon Valley added three new calves for \$1470 to their stock as the volume buyer for the calf sale.

Brass Bell Jerseys also purchased the second high selling animal of the bred heifer sale for \$1075. Valley-U Volunteer Cora, the consignment of Robert Ulrich, Quarryville, featured a plus proven sire and a dam with production over 14,000 M and tests up to 5.3%. The heifer was due in June to A-Nine Top Brass.

Auctioneer for the sale was Lloyd Braham and announcement of the pedigrees was handled by Don Koontz, Mercer.



Also selling the \$1200 was the consignment of William Eliason, DE (left). Don McClelland is at the halter. Lester Martin, Chambersburg is the buyer.



GR Ladybug Saint Chic sold \$1,200 to Dean Moose. Pictured are (left to right): Carol Hobough, Dean Moose, Don McClelland and Bill and Jesse Moore, consignors.

Meadville hosts Jersey Convention

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MEADVILLE — The genetic advancement of the breed, top producing herds, and resolutions concerning the current dairy situation took top priority at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Jersey Cattle Club held last weekend at the Quality Inn, Meadville.

Beginning on Friday, April 11th, with the Bred Heifer and Calf Sale in Mercer, the weekend gathering of over 100 Jersey breeders continued with the crowning of a new Jersey Queen, youth awards, production awards, and the annual business meeting on Saturday. Featured speaker for the event was Cari Wolfe, Somerset Area Representative of the American Jersey Cattle Club.

"We are fortunate to be identified with the breed of dairy cattle

that provides us endless opportunities," Wolfe began in her presentation to Jersey breeders. But, she reminded dairymen that, "We need to challenge her efficiency."

Wolfe cited "profitable production" as a key to success and stated "ration formulation is critical to profits."

"A guess as to what your herd needs is a far cry to a planned approach to feeding," she stated. "The information is out there, if not utilized," the enthusiastic Wolfe added, "you're missing an opportunity on what these Jersey cows can really do."

Wolfe listed production testing (DHIA), ration formulation, and sire selection as the steps towards progress within a herd.

"Pick the best bulls available," she encouraged. "If you're doing anything right, your heifers should

be better than the cows you're milking now," she stated. She also added, "Young sires need to be sampled...this helps provide the choices for the future."

An advocate of young sire sampling, Wolfe had spoken to a small group of breeders on Friday evening about the possibility of forming a Pennsylvania-based young sire sampling group.

Wolfe was instrumental in organizing Dixieland Sires, a recently formed young sire sampling organization of breeders in the Southeast. Dixieland Sires currently involves 45 herds in eight different states with over 7000 cows. They are currently sampling seven young bulls and working with A.I. organizations for the collecting, housing, and semen distribution in order to provide an adequate repeatability on a wider

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