



Lancaster Mall Promotion

Milk cartons took on new shapes and went incognito in the first annual milk carton sculpturing contest, sponsored by the Lancaster County Milk Promotion Committee. This contest, held at the Willow Valley Mall in Lancaster, received entries from, in the junior division: Chris Barnett, 15; Jason Barnett, 11; and Jocelyn Barnett, 8. In the adult division, Mike Martin was the sole entrant.

Wheat Poll

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as specified in the farm bill, would set the wheat price at 125 percent of the cost of production. The target price would be set at no less than \$4.65, with a loan rate of at least \$3.55. Under the program, producers not participating in the quota system would not be permitted to market any wheat.

Calling production controls "repugnant to the free enterprise system," American Farm Bureau Federation spokesman Dean Brown urged producers to vote "no" in the poll. "The only thing that makes it (production controls) look appealing now is that farm incomes are low," said Brown.

"The concept of the present program is to make us more competitive and thereby increase our export market, which has decreased steadily since 1982," Brown said.

"Foreign farmers are happy to see the U.S., the world's largest exporter, set artificially high price supports above their costs of production..." AFBF stated in a news release, explaining that price supports here only encourage foreign countries to produce more commodities and sell them at lower prices.

Rebutting this philosophy, is the Iowa-based National Farmers Organization. "Other countries are

not eager to produce for less," said NFO's grain department director, Bob Kessler, pointing out that major wheat producing countries, including Argentina, Australia and Canada, can no more afford to sell their crop at a loss than the United States can.

According to NFO, a vote favoring production controls is a clear signal to legislators that farmers are willing to reduce wheat acreage if they can be assured of enough profit to keep them on the farm.

But whether or not the nation's growers favor production controls is a moot point at present, since Secretary of Agriculture Richard Lyng has already indicated that no such controls will be instituted for 1987.

Although ballots will be mailed to all wheat producers, only those with an acreage base of at least 40 acres will have their votes officially tallied.

Ranking 27th in wheat production nationally, Pennsylvania posted record yields last year when the state's 210,000 acres of wheat yielded a per-acre average of 48 bushels. Pennsylvania grows mainly soft red winter wheat used by the bread and baking industries.

Liberty Jersey Sires Wants You

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organizational structure of Dixieland Sires, a similar group formed in the southeast last year. Dixieland Sires organizational structure has served as a prototype for LJS.

From that first informal meeting, a core group of 16 Jersey breeders from Pennsylvania, Ohio, and New York and AJCC field persons Cari Wolfe and David Parkinson have been meeting monthly to formulate a membership agreement, sire selection and procurement procedures, make contact with the AI organizations and work on its articles of incorporation and bylaws. The group met here Wednesday to finalize its plans for a membership campaign and to hear committee reports. The membership agreement between LJS and a participating herd provides for LJS to identify the young registered Jersey sires worthy of sampling based on a genetic evaluation of the pedigree information. LJS will arrange for a reputable AI organization to collect, process, store and distribute the semen. LJS will distribute five to 10 units of semen per sampling sire to an adequate number of randomly-selected participating herds. Semen will be distributed at cost to the members.

The participating member agrees to pay a yearly membership of \$25. The breeder must keep his herd on official test and is

encouraged to participate in the AJCC Type Traits Appraisal Program. Members must keep adequate records to insure positive identification of the daughters of LJS bulls and their contemporaries. They must also establish a priority in the timely use of the semen.

All potential members will be mailed membership information in the near future. Additional membership forms and information may be obtained from Ginger Myers, Helene Dreisbach, David Chamberlain, or Glenn Kenny. A general membership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, September 24, at 1 p.m. at the Farm Show Building. The PA State Jersey Sale will be held at 6 p.m. that same evening.

Contacted for comment, AJCC Executive Secretary, Maurice Core, said that the club was thrilled by the formation of the group. Stated core, "Hopefully Liberty Jersey Sires helps to achieve one of the long-range goals of the club; that is to sample more good, young sires. One our priorities set at our 1985 field staff conference was to try to get one new sampling group operational that year. That goal was reached with the implementation of Dixieland Sires. We renewed that goal this year and it now looks like Liberty Jersey Sires will be this year's group. It's the kind of program that will be good for everyone involved."

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