

Liberty Jersey Sires Adopt Bylaws

HARRISBURG — A general membership meeting for Liberty Jersey Sires was held Sept. 24 at the Farm Show Building. LJS is an agricultural cooperative formed by Jersey breeders from Ohio,

Pennsylvania, and New York for the purpose of sampling more young Jersey sires.

The meeting was chaired by Cari Wolff, Southeastern Field Representative for the American Jersey Cattle Club. Wolff has been instrumental in assisting the group in its organizational structure. She was also instrumental in the organization of a similar group last year in the south called Dixieland Jersey Sires.

Glen Kenny, Enon Valley, addressed the group on how the organization has been structured. Kenny noted that the Articles of Incorporation have been filed and the bylaws have been adopted. Kenny explained that according to the bylaws, the organizational committee will serve as the first Board of Directors with the first elections scheduled for the fall of 1987. Kenny also explained that net income from bulls proven by the group will be distributed only after there is at least \$2,000 in the pool. Net income will be distributed to paid members and will be divided 25 percent for semen usage and 75 percent for daughters in the first proof.

Membership chairman Ginger Myers reported that the group currently has 29 paid member herds. The group's goal is to have

60 to 65 participating herds to obtain 35 daughters in 35 herds on a bull for a 70 percent repeatability. Myers stressed that membership is vital for implementation of the program. Membership is still open and contracts can be obtained from Ginger Myers, Helene Dreisbach, Glen Kenny — all from Pennsylvania, or Jim Billman — Ohio, and David Chamberlin — New York.

Acting as a consultant for the group, Dr. Duane Norman, research geneticist with the USDA, made a presentation on selection philosophy. Paralleling the growth of young sire sampling in the Holstein and Jersey breed in 1960 with 113 and 19 young sires for each breed respectively, to his 1983 figures of 1,082 Holstein young sires and 67 Jersey young sires, Norman stresses the need to accelerate the breed's efforts to sample more young bulls. Acknowledging tremendous strides in production improvement in the Jersey breed, Norman still projects that the breed needs to be sampling about 120 young sires annually for maximum breed progress.

Norman also explained that with many breeders in the tri-state area

more concerned than ever about protein pricing, the group's philosophy was to rank their prospective candidates on CY\$ rather than PD\$ alone.

Questions concerning sire nomination procedures and contracting with the breeders and the AI units, were answered by Bill Dietrich and John Myers. They explained that the first step in nominating a bull is for the breeder to get him registered. A pedigree on the bull with then be forwarded by the Club to all interested parties.

Myers noted that all the studs have expressed an interest in working with this group. Contracts will be handled individually per bull. The bull will not be purchased out-right by LJS. Fifteen percent of the gross income from semen sales of a proven bull will return to LJS to be distributed 30 percent to the breeder and 70 percent for the LJS income pool. The group has not signed any contracts to date.

The availability of AI interest far exceeds the present membership's capability to adequately sample more than one or two bulls per year, Myers stressed. He also noted the need to increase the group's number of member herds.



The organizational committee for the newly formed Jersey sire sampling group, Liberty Jersey Sires, are, left, seated: Bill Dietrich, Helene Dreisbach, John Myers, Ginger Myers. Back row, left: Glen Kenny, Leon Sollenberger, Royce Thorton, and consultant to the group Dr. Duane Norman. Absent for the picture but also on the board are Jim Billman, David Chamberlin, Dale Kauffman, Don Koontz, Bill Meeder, Jerry Moose, Robin Phillips, and Bill Ulrich.

30 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

— Need first for an adequate auditorium and secondly dining facilities for large groups were listed by some 20 Lancaster County farm organizations as primary needs in the proposed Community Center.

— Lancaster County Agricultural Agent Max M. Smith reminds farmers Oct. 10 is the flyfree date for planting wheat in this section, if Dual variety is used.

Barley planting is in full swing, and many farmers are getting ready for wheat planting.

— Mount Joy's Community Exhibit, running Wednesday through Saturday of next week, will wind up the 1956 Lancaster County community fair season.

This week, fairgoers have their choice of two, the New Holland Farmers Fair and the Manheim Community Farm Show. Livestock judging at both fairs was scheduled for Thursday.

— In its final weather and crop report for the 1956 season the State Department of Agriculture today said that during the week ended Monday farmers in the north-

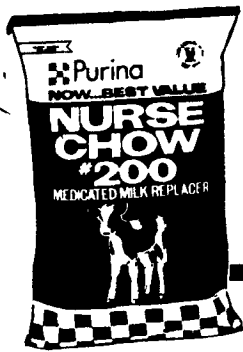
western portion of the state had one of the best working weeks of the entire season. The first general frost on September 21 ended the growing season for this year.

In the previously rain-soaked western counties of Pennsylvania very little rain and plenty of sunshine was reported last week and fields were dry enough to support machinery, the Federal-State survey report declared. But the rest of the State cool weather, cloudy skies and some rains caused by remnants of hurricane "Flossie" continued to restrict farm operations.

— The 1957 Pennsylvania Farm Show, to be held in Harrisburg Jan. 14-18 will have as its theme — "Pennsylvania Agriculture Builds for Tomorrow."

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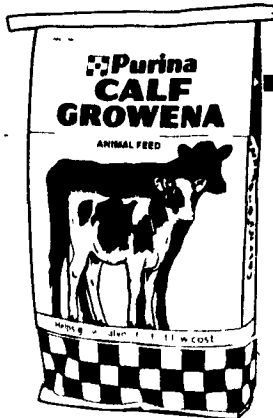


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