

U.S. Building A Strong Influence In Latin America

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SHARTLESVILLE — A slide presentation by Dr. Pablo Echevarria, director of foreign sales to Latin America, Sire Power, Inc., production awards and recognitions, and updates on upcoming events were the highlights of the annual awards banquet of the Berks County Holstein Club held here at the Shartlesville Grange Hall.

Stressing the need for Holstein breeders to breed their animals for good feet and legs and strong wide chests, Dr. Pablo Echevarria spoke to the group of local Holstein breeders about the influence of United States Holsteins in Latin America. Echevarria explained that some herds in Latin America have to walk as much as one mile a day to get to pastures. Also strong, wide-chested cows are sought because of easier breathing in the higher altitudes with the thinner air of Latin America.

Echevarria spoke about the different countries of Latin America and their herds of cows, during the slides and told of the many differences the herds of cows must become accustomed to in these countries. He contrasted Mexican Holstein herds, averaging as high as 17,000 pounds, Brazilian farms which are still clearing land for their dairy operations, and Peruvian and Chilean dairy operations that are maintained at high altitudes.

Throughout his presentation, Echevarria made it clear that the present success of imported herds in Latin America will continue to help the Holstein breeder with continued export sales in the future.

Berks County Holstein breeders presented a host of awards to its junior members. Junior member milk and fat production awards were as follows: 2 year old milk owned by Denise Stump, Bernville R1, Stumpland Pete Fame, 22,613

pounds; 2 year old fat, owned by Diane Troutman, Richland, R1, Ge-Ma-De Poinsettia, 738 pounds; 3 year old milk, owned by Scott Troutman Mohrsville R1, Reu-Hel Farms Sexy Smurfette, 25,050 pounds; 3 year old fat, owned by Cathleen Ohlinger, Mohrsville R1, Reu-Hel Farms Sexation Heather, 1,024 pounds; 4 year old milk, owned by Cathleen Ohlinger, Reu-Hel Farms Pete Sandy, 24,814 pounds; 4 year old fat, owned by Constance Troutman, Mohrsville R1, Spark-a-Lee Reu-Hel Creek Roxy, 911 pounds; aged cow milk and fat, owned by Cathleen Ohlinger, Reu-Hel Farms Mile Supreme, 30,585 pounds milk, 1,206 pounds fat.

National achievements of the junior members were also recognized. The Berks County dairy bowl team, consisting of Naomi Herbert, Kutztown, Mark Moser, Bally, Charles Seidel, Lenhartsville and Doris Stump,

Bernville, placed second at the national Holstein convention after sweeping first place at state competition.

Sandy Moser, Bally, was selected as one of the 12 national finalists in the Distinguished Junior Member Contest.

The Berks County 4-H judging team consisting of Gary Bicksler, Doris Stump, Michelle Christman, and Susan Hollenbach placed third in national competition in Louisville, Ky., after taking a first place in state competition.

Junior awards from county activities were also presented. Brandy Moser, Dean Kohler and Scott Youse were the champion showman at the annual junior field day. The team of Amy Kohler, Dean Wagner and Brooke Myers won the fitting division. The senior boys division in the county distinguished junior member contest was won by Mark Moser. Doris Stump won the senior girls

division. In the junior boys division, Brian Richard placed first, with Amy Kohler, placing first in the junior girls division.

The Ron Richards family received an award for hosting the annual field day. Leroy Howard was recognized for donating a calf for the annual calf raffle. Nevin Mast received recognition for consigning the highest selling cow at the county sale, and Elwood Ohlinger, Reu-Hel Farms, accepted the trophy for the highest BAA in the county of 106.1.

Dean Hartman, county sale chairman, announced plans for a county sale again next year after a successful sale this year.

Ken Raney from the state Holstein office reminded breeders that 1987 state dues are now payable with a 5 percent reduced fee if paid before Dec. 1. Breeder advertisement is encouraged for **Pennsylvania Profiles**, the Association's magazine. The 1987

state Holstein Convention is scheduled for February 24 to 26 at the Sheraton Inn, Wilkes-Barre.

New directors elected were Steve Shaw, Luther Davis and Dave Shuler. New directors for the junior club are Tammy Balthaser, Kirk Sattazahn and Susie Troutman.



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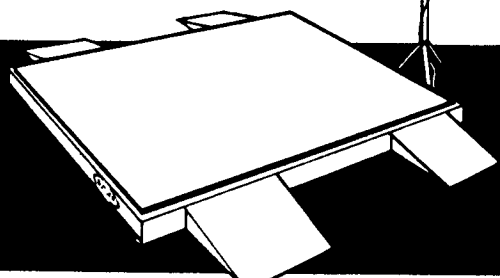
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