PA Junior Holstein Calf Raffle Gets Underway

STATE COLLEGE - The Pennsylvania Junior Holstein Association's Seventh Annual Calf Raffle is in high gear. Juniors are selling tickets to help fund the programs and activities sponsored by the Pennsylvania Junior Association.

This year's calf is Bransdale Raffle Calf. She comes from Bransdale Holsteins, Tyrone. She is a Thonyma Electra born June 9, 1986.

Her dam is a VG-86 Con-tender with 27,080 milk, 3.8 percent and 1018 fat. The second dam is the Columbia Cow scored EX-90 with 28,460 milk 3.9 percent 1123 fat.

The winning tickets will be drawn at the 1987 Pennsylvania Convention Sale on Feb. 25 in Wilkes Barre. The first prize winner has the option of taking the calf or a cash prize of \$1,000. Second prize is \$250 and third prize is \$100.

Trips, judging schools, DJM contest, production contests, and many other Junior Programs are funded from the Calf Raffle sales.

To receive your six Calf Raffle tickets, simply fill out the ticket order form and return it with \$5.00 to the PA Holstein Association, 839 Benner Pike, State College, PA 16801.

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Cornell To Hold Agribusiness Conference

ITHACA, N.Y. – Cornell University agricultural economists will discuss the health of the nation's agriculture and how it will shape up in 1987 at a conference scheduled for Dec. 16 in Room 45 of Warren Hall on campus.

The Agribusiness Situation and Outlook Conference will feature a series of talks ranging from the general economic situation and outlook to new developments and

trends in agricultural economics. Discussions will cover the dairy, livestock, fruit and vegetable industries; the outlook for farm expenses for feed, fertilizer, fuel and pesticides; the financial health of farm businesses, agribusiness firms and agricultural lenders in New York State; research and outlook for food distribution; and a study aimed at developing farming alternatives.

The day-long conference, which

is sponsored by the Department of Agricultural Economics in the New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell, will start at 10 a.m.

For more information about the program and registration, contact Robert A. Milligan, Department of Agricultural Economics, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. 14853 or telephone Milligan's office at (607) 255-4579.

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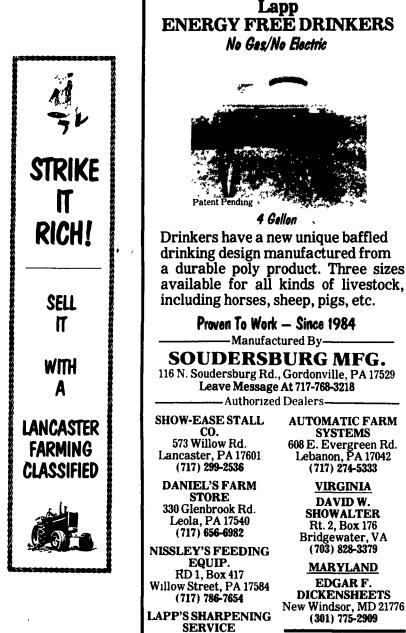
According to Stinson. agricultural communities will also be hard pressed to keep up with an increased demand for social services caused by the weak farm sector.

Moreover, when farm incomes fall, Main Street businesses suffer Local unemployment intoo. creases, and that hurts commerce. Until the overall farm economy improves, he notes, small-town officials will have to pinch pennies and search for alternative forms of revenue, wherever possible.

Stinson says that communities in grain-producing states like Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Minnesota, and Arkansas will face

the biggest challenge to keep municipal services intact. Local governments dependent on farmgenerated property taxes in other states may have less of a problem because of their more diversified economies.

'Still, for many communities where agriculture is the main source of income, even modest percentage reductions in agricultural property values can have major impacts on local governments," Stinson says. "If left unchecked, the downturn in agricultural property values and the accompanying decrease in local tax bases have the potential to permanently change the quality of life in many parts of rural America."



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