# **Major Dairy Sales** And Dispersals 🍇 **Nationwide**

No sale reports were available this week.

#### **NATIONAL DAIRY COW SALE INDEX**

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This sale index can help dairymen place a value on the dairy cows in their own herds. Breed organization sales and private dispersal sales reported in Lancaster Farming are included in the dollar averages.

	Ayrshire	Brown Swiss	Guernsey	Jersey
Year to date:				
Nation	889	1101	1141	960
Pennsylvania	832	950	569	1019
Four previous weeks:				
Nation	-	_		_
Four previous weeks				
+/-year to date:	_	_	-	-
	Holstein	Red and White	Milking Shorthorn	
Year to date:				
Nation	2078	1825	850	
Pennsylvania	2006	2837	922	
Four previous weeks: Nation	1877			
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## Ruth To Be Honored At Testimonial Dinner

BETHLEHEM - Alpheus L Ruth, long time president of Lehigh Valley Farmers, will be honored at a testimonial dinner at the Americana Host Inn at the intersection of route 441 and I-283 in Harrisburg on Tuesday, March

Members of the dairy cooperative and others will salute the dairy industry leader on the occasion of his retirement from the Lehigh board of directors after 27 years of service.

Lehigh Valley Farmers on Feb. 1 will merge with Inter-State Milk Producers to form the new Atlantic Dairy Cooperative.

A portion of the dinner cost will be used to create a scholarship fund at Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture, one of Ruth's favorite causes.

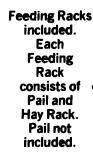
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#### Atlantic Merge To Be Completed Tommorrow

SOUTHAMPTON - Tomorrow Feb. 1, marks the beginning and end of eras in the dairy industry. The merger between Inter-State Milk Producers and Lehigh Valley Farmers will be concluded and Atlantic Dairy Cooperative will officially exist.

During February Atlantic is scheduled to return \$9 million to the joint membership from capital retain, patronage refunds and equity programs. "Basically the membership won't see much of a change," according to James member Barnett, relations manager for Inter-State. The biggest change will be the two-tier quality premium, he added, providing the membership with the opportunity to increase their milk checks.

The board of directors for Lehigh and Inter-State approved the merger plans on Oct. 22 and sent the plan to the membership for their vote. The joint membership approved the merger in November by 90 percent.

Atlantic, based in Inter-State's facilities in Southampton, will consist of 4,200 members with an annual milk marketing of 3.5 billion pounds.

The districts for

cooperatives will remain in tact for the next three years. At that time there may be some redistricting, Barnett explained.

Robert McSparran has been elected president of Atlantic. Daniel Martin will fill the role of

first vice president and Roy Hetrick will be the second vice president of the new cooperative. Paul Hand has been elected secretary. The two boards with a total of 32 members will remain in tact for the next three years.

# Ayrshire Breeders To Hold

## 112th Annual Meeting

BRANDON, Vt. - The New Hampshire Ayrshire Club is 'gearing up' for the 112th National Ayrshire Convention to be held in Manchester, N.H., April 22 to 25,

In addition to the annual business meeting, April 24, the Board of Directors and Committees will meet. Activities planned for the convention include tours of New Hampshire historical sites, as well as farm visits to several top New Hampshire Ayrhire herds.

The Youth will have their fourth annual quiz bowl as well as the annual outstanding ayrshire youth contest. Production awards will be presented at the youth breakfast, honoring all Ayrshire youth, April

The awards banquet will be held April 24, at 7 p.m., preceded by a social hour. One of the highlights of the evening will be the presentation of the Distinguished Service

The National Semen Sale is scheduled for April 24, midafternoon. The National Ayrshire Sale will be held on the final day of the festivities, April 25 at the 4-H Center, New Boston, N.H. Quality Ayrshires from several states have been consigned to this annual sale.

The theme for the 1987 Convention is 'New Hampshire - Next To Heaven in '87.'



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