

# Guernsey Breeders Convene In Pittsburgh For Meeting

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PITTSBURGH — On March 6 and 7 Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders held their 56th annual meeting in Pittsburgh.

Friday's agenda focused on the annual business meeting. The total Guernsey cattle sales for the 1986 year saw a 28 percent increase over 1985 with the total sales equaling \$111,000. It was decided that there would be no Pennsylvania Blue Halter Sale at this year's meeting due to the 110th National Guernsey Convention being held at the Sheraton Inn in Station Square in Pittsburgh on

May 22 to 25.

Lee Yost, the organizations' business manager, told those in attendance of the sale of the Guernsey Sale Barn in Lancaster. After many months of deliberation, analysis and meetings with realtors, bankers, civic leaders and purchasers the Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders' Association sold the sale barn and land for \$950,000.

Patty McMurray, advisor of the Pennsylvania Junior Guernsey Breeders, stated that for the first time there will be separate activities for Guernsey youth at the

national convention in May. Activities tentatively planned include rides on the Gateway Clipper Fleet, a trip to Kenywood Amusement Park, as well as contests and fellowship.

Ralph Turley, director of the American Guernsey Cattlemans' Club, spoke to the concerned breeders of the simplification of the registration process. Turley said a breeder may continue to sketch an animal he plans to register, but it is not necessary. Tattooing is the primary requirement by the American Guernsey Cattlemans' Club to register a Guernsey.

Turley stated that at the annual meeting an organization name change was discussed. The two new possibilities include American Guernsey Association and the American Guernsey Breeders' Association.

"Playboy," a new bull, was discussed during the Mid-Atlantic Guernsey Sires segment of the meeting. With a July summary of +\$102 and +1.6 PDT, Playboy has become one of the top total performance sires. His daughters are very dairy, extremely strong and walk on an excellent set of feet and legs.

The following directors were nominated by their districts: District 1, Albert Hack, District 8, Wilmer Campbell, District 10, Mervin Meyers, and District 11, Elsie Wolff.

During the awards luncheon held on Saturday, Ruth Ann John, assistant business manager, recognized the following breeders



1986 Guernsey Queen Elaine Hill, right, congratulates her successor, Jennifer Yapple, 1987 Guernsey Queen.

for meritorious production. The 1986 senior production award for high herd milk went to Carosa Guernseys with 15,785 pounds of milk, 704 pounds of fat, and 543 pounds of protein with an average of 20.5 cows.

Ray and Roger Garber stood at the top with their 58.1 cows in the protein category with 551 pounds of protein, 15,104 pounds of milk, and 718 pounds of fat. The 60.4 cow herd of Kenneth B. and Thelma Garber was the recipient of the high herd

for fat with 725 pounds of fat, 15,120 pounds of milk, and 519 pounds of protein.

In the high cow milk, fat and protein category, Win Crest Jack Jody stood in the first place position with 34,965 pounds of milk, 1,896 pounds of fat, and 1,052 pounds of protein for 305 days.

In the junior production category three ladies dominated the milk and fat categories.

Janice F. Garber was the owner

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Patty McMurray, center, presents Angelique McDonald and Heath Winsheimer the Outstanding Guernsey Girl and Boy awards for 1987.



Receiving All-Pennsylvania junior awards were, from left, Jenny Sulkosky, junior heifer calf and 4 year old; David Guyer, 3 year old, senior calf and 2 year old; Jennifer Yapple, summer yearling; Melissa Sulkosky, junior yearling; and Kristy Guyer, accepting her brother David's 3 year old award.



Open All-Pennsylvania Awards were presented to, from left, Gerald Garber, accepting for sister Janice Garber with the intermediate yearling award; Elsie Wolff, senior calf and dry 4 year old and under; and John E. Marchezak, summer yearling.

