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Heifer Project Sends Buyout Heifers To Jordan

HARRISBURG - On Thursday morning, May 14, 1987, 89 heifers boarded a plane, destined for Jordan where they will be distributed as "family cows" to needy families. These cattle are from herds included in the Dairy Termination Program, and as such had been destined for slaughter. Heifer Project International. a U.S. based interfaith charity. working with several organizations in Jordan has arranged for this shipment and the distribution of the animals in Jordan.

A telephone call from Jordan on Friday morning, May 15, 1987, indicated that all the animals have arrived safely and in good health. In spite of nearly 15 hours of flying, the cattle did not seem to have suffered from their journey, and were already enjoying their first meal, grazing in a pasture that had been prepared for their arrival.

Heifer Project International started at the end of World War II as a relief program aimed at providing cattle to families in Europe who had lost their animals during the war. Initially, boatloads of cattle were sent to Europe, but by the end of the 1940s Heifer Project was sending all types of food-producing animals to programs around the world. In the more than 40 years since that first shipment, Heifer Project has sent more than 75,000 food, fiber and traction animals, including cattle, goats, sheep, pigs, rabbits, horses and mules, and over 1.5 million poultry units, including chicks, hatching eggs, ducks, turkeys and geese.

Animals are distributed through local organizations after recipients have been trained in the care of

their animals and the use of the heifers in 1985. All these animals products anticipated from the animals. When animals are distributed, extension workers in each area call on recipients to assit with any problems that might be encountered. Finally, when the animal reproduces, the first offspring is passed on to another needy family, and the process of training and follow-up repeats with the recipient of this offspring.

The local cooperating organization in Jordan for this shipment is the Jordanian Economic and Social Organization for Retired Service Men. JESORS is a private voluntary organization providing assistance to the country's 41,000 ex-servicemen who are struggling to return to civilian life. A number of these servicemen are handicapped as a result of war injuries, but do not have any significant disability income. JESORS is the primary organization providing assistance and employment opportunities.

One such employment opportunity has been the Dulail Dairy Farm, an operating dairy provided to the program by the Jordanian Government. Some of the men working on this farm had requested a milk cow of their own, and some of the offspring from this farm were distributed to a few participants in the program. However there were many more requests for cows than the Dulail Dairy could provide, and few additional sources of cattle were available within Jordan, and so Heifer Project was asked if we could send some bred young heifers from the United States.

The first shipment to this project was made before the current Dairy Termination Program, a total of 87

are currently producing milk for the families that had received these cattle. A second shipment of 90 heifers was sent in 1986 at the start of the Dairy Termination program, and this will be the third shipment.

All the organizations participating in the program are pleased with the results so far. Not only have many families been helped with a family milk cow, but through this program a significant amount of milk is now being produced in a country that has a serious shortage of milk and dairy products. This is also having an excellent effect on the nutritional level of all families and children

using the milk.

A special point of interest in this particular shipment is the participation of students from nine Catholic Schools from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Many of these children are from inner city areas, and have never even seen a cow. However many of them have been receiving some of the "surplus" milk through their school lunch programs, and felt that it would be good if they could share some of this with less fortunate children in other lands. They set a goal of each school saving one cow by raising \$300 each, and have nearly achieved that goal. On Sunday, May 3, two busloads of children representing

participating in the program and four of these schools, came to Harrisburg to participate in the dedication of the cattle, and to actually see some of the cows they had "saved."

> Additional cattle have been "saved" from the Dairy Termination Program by Heifer Project and are being sent to several countries, including Mexico, Honduras, Bolivia, Egypt and Uganda. Heifer Project also has projects in more than 35 additional countries, as well as a dozen states within the United States. For more information, write to Heifer Project International, P.O. Box 188, New Windsor, MD 21776, or call 1-800-422-0474.

Wayne County DHIA

HONESDALE Burleigh, Pleasant Mount had the leading dairy herd in the Wayne County Dairy Herd Improvement Association in the April test period, according to the Cooperative Extension Service. The herd of 43 Holsteins had a rolling herd average of 20,346 pounds of milk and 778 pounds of butterfat.

Other top herds were: Jack and Ella Chyle, Pleasant Mount, 21,300 milk and 739 fat; James Slocum, Susquehanna, 18,782 milk and 738 fat; Kinghill Farm, Starrucca, 17,548 milk and 703 fat; Willard Newcomer and Son, Newfoundland, 19,080 milk and 702 fat; Charles P. Dennis, Honesdale, 19,451 milk and 686 fat; Rowe Brothers, Honesdale, 19,054 milk and 683 fat; Robert Fielding and Son, Lake Ariel, 18,327 milk and 675 Golden Willow Holstein, fat:

- Kevin Honesdale, 19,624 milk and 672 fat: Frank Marks, Damacus, 18,438 milk and 667 fat and James Woodmansee, Lake Como, 17,136 milk and 667 fat.

The cow completing the highest lactation of 305 days or less during the April test period was a three year old Holstein owned by Golden Willow Holsteins. "Orlo" produced 21,805 pounds of milk and 828 pounds of fat.

Other top producers were "Sable" owned by Clearfield Farms, Honesdale, 22,218 milk and 788 fat; "Ruth" owned by George 19,843 milk and 728 fat.

Schmidt, Preston Park, 22,642 milk and 761 fat; "Echo" owned by Clearfield Farms, 20,720 milk and 759 fat; "Mary" owned by Clearfield Farms, 19,302 milk and 759 fat; "Jacinda" owned by Milton L. Vail, Honesdale, 23,251 milk and 749 fat; "Fuzball" owned by Golden Willow Holsteins, 25,148 milk and 745 fat; "Crocket" owned by Golden Willow Holsteins, 22,315 milk and 743 fat; "Ellen" owned by Golden Willow Holsteins, 23,935 milk and 742 fat; and "Helen" owned by Golden Willow Holsteins,



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