Kulp Family Hosts Pennsylvania Ayrshire Field Day

POTTSTOWN — The Harold Kulp family hosted the recent Pennsylvania Ayrshire Field Day at their farm in Pottstown.

Presently, Harold and Dawn Kulp operate the Ayrshire-Holstein farm with their children. Ed and Susan, both who achieved degrees in dairy husbandry from Delaware Valley College. They maintain an average of 14,192 pounds of milk and 553 pounds of fat with a 3.3 percent protein test on 50 Ayrshires. They maintain an average of 17,440 pounds of milk and 643 pounds of fat with a 3.1 percent protein test on 80 Holsteins.

The 95-year-old farm was originally purchased by Harold's grandfather. At that time it consisted of 128 acres, 75 of which were tillable. Harold's grandmother selected the name Eureka for the Pottstown dairy farm.

In the early 1900s additional land was cleared providing stones for a road foundation to connect the farm to the main highway and an addition to the barn.

Harold's grandfather started the dairy farm with Red Danes. He purchased springing cows and sold them at the end of their lactation for beef, a common practice of the times. Milk from these cows was hauled to town in cans and sold directly to the customer, hand dipped at their door.

In 1926, Harold's father purchased the dairy farm. He expanded the business to sell produce, contracting with canneries to grow peas and tomatoes. During the '30s and '40s, he sold

Approved Ayrshire milk while maintaining a large chicken and duck enterprise.

The dairy farm changed hands again in 1952 when Harold took over. Several years prior to this change, the milk route had been discontinued. The family had entered the commercial dairy business full time and were gradually increasing the size of the dairy

Four bred Holsteins heifers arrived on the farm in 1950 and signaled the start of the commercial Holstein herd. It has been maintained as a separate herd since the beginning.

In 1965 a decision was made to focus on one enterprise and improve the efficiency of the dairy operation. Between 1966 and 1971, they built two free-stall barns, an outside feeder, a milking parlor, and a 20-by-50 silo. Later a 20-by-60 silo was added and the 50 foot silo was raised to 70 feet.

Between 1977 and 1984 an additional 85 acreas were purchased. The farm is presently under a covenant with Chester County (Act 515). East Coventry is the first township in Chester County to form an Agricultural Security District under Act 43; the farm is part of the District.

Visitors to the Field Day viewed some of the animals which the Kulp family annually exhibits at local, state and national shows.

At the Field Day, attended by 100 visitors, Sam Morris, Chairman of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives agricultural committee, informed the group that Pennsylvania is making progress in providing legislation to preserve agriculture areas in the Commonwealth.

In the judging contest, Charles Gable, Elverson, topped the men's division followed by Earl Keefer, Millersburg, and Sam Diehl, Bedford. Susan Edwards, West Grove, won the women's division followed by Holly Sollenberger, Pottstown, and Sharon Nolan, Cochranville. Noel Scheib, Phoenixville, captured the youth division followed by Kelly Young, West Grove, and Melissa Edwards, West Grove.

Chett Raught, a vocationalagriculture teacher at Owen J. Roberts High School, correctly identified milk samples from all five breeds of dairy cows.

In the dairy feed ingredient contest Susan Kulp and Ed Kulp correctly identified 25 out of 37 ingredients. Earl Keefer placed third with 18 correct identifications.

Ardrossan Farms, Villanova, topped the Pennsylvania production for Ayrshires with a rolling herd average of 20,313 milk, 838 fat, 676 protein on 122 cows. Penn State's herd of 21 cows ranked second with a herd average of 16,837 milk, 660 fat, and 565 protein.

Ardrossan G Man Noticeable topped the yearling class with a record of 15,953 milk, 710 fat, and 549 protein. Heindel Madge Boy Rana placed second in this category with a record of 13,307 milk, 580 fat, and 444 protein.

In the 2-year-old division Ardrossan R Com More Snow place first with a completed lacta-

tion of 22,870 milk, 1,015 fat, and 734 protein. Second with a record of 19,893 milk, 827 fat, and 700 protein was Ardrossan Royal C Eventual.

Ardrossan M Boy Justin Time captured the 3 year old class with a record of 23,880 milk, 888 fat, and 759 protein. Stablemate Ardrossan Cyc Hurricane Rose earned the _second position with a completed lactation of 22,436 milk, 967 fat, and 757 protein.

Four-year-old Ardrossan Ev Lucy-La owned the best record in her category with 22,314 milk, 1,098 fat, and 785 protein. Ardrossan C B Mislay placed second with a record of 23,551 milk, 898 fat, and 717 protein.

Ardrossan Lib Minty Mint produced the high record in the 5-year-old class with a lactation of 25,220 milk, 1,034 fat, and 866 protein. Ardrossan Justin Notoriety place second with a record of 21,281 milk, 896 fat, and 692

In the aged cow class, Ardrossan Classic Pearlina recorded the highest lactation with 31,521 milk, 1.302 fat, and 934 protein. Ardrossan Classic Betty placed second in the class with a lactation of 28,066 milk, 1,025 fat, and 888 protein.

Metzger Named AGA Executive Secretary-Treasurer

COLUMBUS, Ohio-The American Guernsey Cattle Club in Columbus, Ohio, has a new name, new constitution and bylaws, and a new executive secretary-treasurer.

Former AGCC Executive Assistant Erick Metzger is now Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the American Guernsey Association. The name change as well as the revised constitution and bylaws were passed by 87 percent of the national membership during the organization's annual meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa., in late May.

Metzger was raised on Raintree Farm in Claypool, Ind., where his parents Maurice and Julie Ann milked 40 head of registered Guernseys. He graduated from Purdue University in August 1982 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in animal science.

While at Purdue, Metzger was an active member of the dairy club and president of the Purdue Rochdale Co-op House. He was a twotime member of the Purdue dairy judging team. He won highindividual honors in Jersey judging at the 1979 National Intercollegiate Judging Contest held in Madison, Wis.

Metzger joined the American Guernsey Cattle Club's Herd Registry staff in January 1983. By April of the same year, Metzger was promoted to coordinator of the AGCC's young sire-proving program and later the type-trait appraisal program. In January 1986, Metzger became director of AGCC's Guernsey Marketing

Metzger replaces J. F. Cavanaugh who has served the organization as secretary-treasurer for the past 18 months. Cavanaugh is now working for National DHIA in Columbus, Ohio.

Metzger and his wife, Patty Callahan, reside in Reynoldsburg, Ohio. He will continue to work out of the AGA office headquartered in Columbus.

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