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Lebanon Fair Dairy Supreme Champ



A three-year-old Ayrshire owned by Wesley Harding, Jr., 19, of Lebanon made Lebanon Area Fair history by becoming the first colored breed to win supreme champion female of the dairy 4-H and FFA show Tuesday night.

Green Brae Pudges Stacey claimed the FFA senior and grand championship before being named to the supreme title by judges Lori Shollenberger and Jerome Myers. Sired by Caverly Grams Pudge, Stacey freshened only a day before the show. She was bred by John H. Stick, Lebanon.

"We were really impressed by this particular female," commented judge Shollenberger after the show. "She came close to the Ayrshire Ideal."

In photo L to R: Wesley Harding, Jr., Dale Maulfair, Lebanon County Dairy Princess Rebecca Sonnen.

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Hostetters To Retire After Nearly Half A Century In Cattle Hauling Business

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LANCASTER — You don't talk to the Hostetter brothers very long until you sense these men have become knowledgeable cow men and friends of many people because they have been associated with trucking purebred cattle for nearly half a century. They talk cow families like a veteran breeder of fine registered stock. Of course if you are too young, you may not recognize the good old bloodline names of Dunlogan, Laufmont, Glenafton and Romandale that capture the old-timer's fancy.

Then again, if you are too young, you weren't around for the Third Garden Spot Sale or available to witness the sale of the first four percent testing Ivanhoe daughter. But Melvin and Nelson Hostetter were there.

Back in 1940 when their father, Maurice, was operating a thrashing machine in the community, someone wanted to sell him a 1939 Studebaker truck for \$800. But Dad Hostetter thought the price was too high. So a year later he

bought a used 1939 International cattle truck for \$500 and the trade of a stationary hay baler. When this cattle truck was used to haul wheat away from the thrashing rig, Jake Hurst, the Ayrshire breeder at the Brethren farm beside the Lancaster Airport, saw the very clean cattle truck. Hurst asked the Hostetters to haul three heifers to the Ayrshire sale at Jay Brubaker's farm in Willow Street. Brubaker would put his holsteins out to pasture and have the Ayrshire sale in his barn. The Hostetters were invited back to the Ayrshire sale to haul cattle away. And the next Thursday they were back again for the Third Holstein Garden Spot Sale, which took place at the same farm. You likely know about the long-running series of Garden Spot sales since that time.

From then on the Hostetters never missed a Garden Spot sale until the week their father died. Ironically, Dad's funeral was on the Garden Spot sale day.

The Hostetters talk about the state Guernsey shows at the Guernsey Sale Barn and the Southeast Pennsylvania Artificial

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Four State Poultry Agreement

Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia have agreed to work together to prevent and control poultry diseases within the four states. The agreement is an

unprecedented arrangement among the states, and it marks two years of work. Delaware Governor Michael N. Castle, Maryland Governor William Donald Schaefer,

Pennsylvania Governor Robert Casey and Virginia Governor Gerald Baliles signed the agreement. A signing ceremony was held July 22, 1987 in Salisbury, Maryland.

Recognizing the speed with which some poultry diseases can spread and the economic damage they can cause, particularly avian influenza, the four states have determined they should take the necessary steps in law and regulation to deal with disease threats on a regional basis. Not only will the states work among themselves, they will work with the poultry industries in their states, with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and with Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc. (DPI), the non-profit trade association working for the Delmarva poultry industry.

The Mid-Atlantic Poultry Health Management Plan will be carried out in three phases: Prevention (the subject of this Memorandum of Understanding), Control and Compensation. Under Phase 1, Prevention, a Mid-Atlantic Poultry Health Council will be formed with six members from each state, the secretary/commissioner of agriculture, the state veterinarian, a member from a university and three representatives from the poultry industry. These 24 people

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Hershey Dairy Offers Cash To Increase Milk Production

HERSHEY — Hershey Chocolate Company is implementing a new cash bonus program today, Aug. 1, in an effort to increase milk production this fall.

Dairy farmers will receive an extra \$1.50 per hundredweight for milk produced this year between August and November that exceeds milk production during the same period in 1986. Additionally, Hershey is paying an extra 10 cents per hundredweight for all milk purchased during this four-month autumn period when milk supplies are expected to be tight.

On Aug. 1, Hershey is introducing a new quality incentive program. Milk suppliers will receive an additional 10 cents per hundredweight for milk that exceeds certain quality standards. These standards exceed those which the United States Public Health Service requires of all dairy farmers. Wallace Willig, manager of

milk marketing, explained, "With this three-part cash bonus program any of our milk suppliers could earn an additional 20 cents per hundredweight for all milk produced from August through November, along with an additional \$1.50 per hundredweight for milk production that exceeds 1986 levels during the same four-month period. Dairy farmers supplying milk to us for the first time will be able to qualify for the \$1.50 per hundredweight premium with proof of previous production levels."

Willig said, "One of our typical milk suppliers might have produced 62,000 pounds during a one-month period in 1986. If this production were increased by 5 percent to 65,100 pounds this year and the quality of the milk met our high standards, the cash bonus would be about \$175 per month."



The Hostetter Brothers, Melvin (in truck) and Nelson, plan to retire from hauling purebred cattle after nearly half a century of providing clean trucks and excellent care of the animals for their customers.