

## Knob-View Cow Takes Top Spot In Maryland Futurity

Maryland held its 4th annual Holstein Futurity on Sunday, September 6th at the State Fair in Timonium. It was a show for the best 3 year olds which had calved at least once. This year 27 entries competed for a total purse of \$3,960 with \$710 going to the first place winner. The tension was high as the lights were dimmed to bring in the honorary guests by horse drawn buggy. Dairy Princesses and Fair Board officials arrived with the help of a spot light. Judge Harry Papageorge from Ogden, Utah was assisted by ringmen John Morris and Marion Andrew in full tuxedo.

The cows were then paraded into the spot light one at a time. Coldsprings Valiant Next-et was

the first Holstein in the ring. She was the top production winner from all the entries with 26,073 pounds of milk.

As the final cows arrived into the ring, the lights were turned back on. Judge Papageorge then went to work examining each cow for quality, strength, dairy character, and correct mammary system. Knob-View Tony Patti owned by Richard Kepler was placed on top. Patti is a Marsfield Elevation Tony Daughter. "She exhibited the quality udder, the correct teat placement, the openness of rib and the stature we all would like to see in our own herds," said Papageorge. For the Keplers from Middletown, Maryland, this was a memorable evening.



Winner of the 1987 Maryland Holstein Futurity. (From left) Knob-View Tony Patti 3 year old cow; Richard Kepler, owner; Pat Kepler, wife; Teresa Summers, alternate Maryland Dairy Princess; Christine Pieper, 1987 Maryland Dairy Princess; Karen Knutsen, alternate Maryland Dairy Princess; Patricia Marsh, Maryland Farm Bureau Queen; Harry Papageorge, Judge.

## White Oak Mills Appoints Kevin Hampson To Cumberland Valley

ELIZABETHTOWN — Kevin Hampson, who graduated from Ellsworth Community College, has been named White Oak Mills' sales and service representative for central and south-central Pennsylvania. Kevin will work with swine, dairy and beef farmers throughout the Cumberland Valley.

Kevin is married to Diana, and they have a baby daughter, Amanda.

White Oak manufactures a complete line of feeds and concentrates for swine, beef, and dairy operations under the White Oak label. Their main location is in Elizabethtown, and they also have a retail store and warehouse in the Shippensburg area.

Hampson has a farm background with four years of swine experience in genetics and herd health. He has worked for an Iowa producer, Delmarva Farms on the Eastern shore, and Genesis swine units. He also has had training in management practices.

Hampson will work with the growers on the nutritional and housing needs of swine, as well as the purchase of feeder pigs, the marketing of hogs, and the sale of Genesis breeding stock. Customers also will be able to have their homegrown forages tested to help determine the most profitable feed mixes for individual herds.

Hampson was born in Cumberland, Maryland, and grew up on a farm in Bedford County. He graduated from Bedford High School where he was active in the Vo Ag program and FFA. Kevin was president of the FFA chapter for the school year 1982-1983, and showed pigs in county fairs and also at the PA Farm Show.



Kevin Hampson

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