

PA Guernsey Breeders Association Set March Meeting

STATE COLLEGE — The Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders' Association will hold its' Annual Meeting in Altoona, Pennsylvania. The meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 11th and Saturday, March 12th, 1988 at the Sheraton Altoona.

These are exciting times for the Guernsey Breed. The young sire sampling programs are proving many sires with great potential to improve the breed. Guernsey milk is worth more! Guernsey cattle are gaining in value as an increasing proportion of milk is priced based on protein and fat content.

Be part of the excitement. Plan now to spend some time with your Guernsey Friends - Meet them in Altoona. A schedule and registra-

tion information follow:

Hotel reservations must be made by contacting the Sheraton Altoona, Rt. 220 South Plank Rd., RD #2, Box 704, Altoona, PA 16601, (814) 946-1631. Room rates are: \$45 + tax for a Double or Single. Children under 18 stay free in same room with adult. You must state that you are with the Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders' Association to receive these rates. There are a limited number of rooms reserved until March 1, 1988.

**The Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders' Association
57th Annual Meeting
Friday and Saturday
March 11-12, 1988**

Sheraton Altoona

Schedule of Events

Friday, March 11th

- 12 noon Registration Begins
- Lunch on your own
- 1:00 PM Committee Meetings
- 2:30 PM Annual Meeting
- 5:30 PM Reception & Hospitality Hour
- 6:30 PM Awards Banquet & Craft Auction
- 10:00 PM Ice Cream Social & Dance

Saturday, March 12th

- Breakfast on your own
- 9:00 AM Depart for farm tour
- 9:30 AM Farm Tour - John Morrow Family
- 11:00 AM Arrive at Penn State
- 12 noon Sale Luncheon at Ag Arena
- 1:00 PM Blue Halter Calf Sale and Bred Heifer Sale.

Junior Schedule of Events

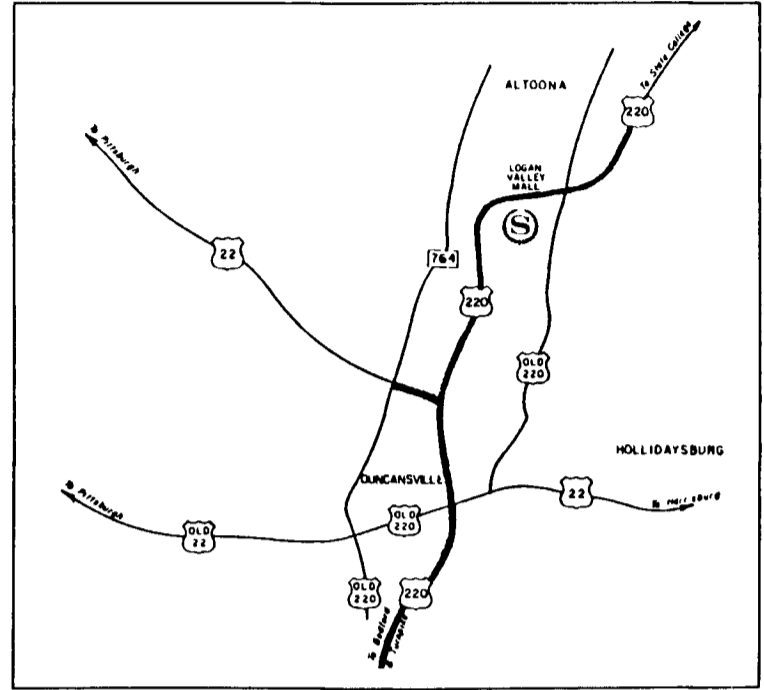
Friday, March 11th

- 12 noon Registration Begins, Lunch on your own
- 1:00 PM Group Swim
- 3:00 PM Business Meeting
- 5:30 PM Reception & Hospitality Hour
- 6:30 PM Awards Banquet & Craft Auction
- 10:00 PM Ice Cream Social & Dance



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- Saturday, March 12th**
- 7:30 AM Junior Breakfast
- 9:30 AM Depart for farm tour
- 11:15 AM Arrive at Penn State
- 12 noon Sale Luncheon at Ag Arena
- 1:00 PM Blue Halter Calf Sale and Bred Heifer Sale

TICKET ORDER FORM

Adults & Juniors

AWARDS BANQUET ___ Tickets @ \$14/Ticket Total ___
SALE LUNCHEON ___ Tickets @ \$ 5/Adult Total ___
___ Tickets @\$ 3/Children under 12 ___

Juniors

JUNIOR BREAKFAST ___ Tickets @\$ 6/Ticket Total ___
TOTAL ENCLOSED ___

Mail Reservations with payment to:

Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders' Association, P.O. Box 257, State College, PA 16801, Phone (814) 234-4330 by February 26, 1988.

Make checks payable to Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders' Association.

Tickets will be picked up when registering. Make reservations by March 1, 1988.

Atlantic Breeders Cooperative Expands Districts

For Better Financial Returns

BY PAT PURCELL

MOUNT JOY — Due to a recent expansion of district boundaries, Atlantic Breeders Cooperative members will be enjoying a greater return on their dollars, according to Gary Heckman and Clyde Martin, ABC representatives.

Martin, the district #4 director, told members gathered at the Country Table in Mount Joy, Tuesday evening for the annual meeting, that existing boundaries have been expanded to include northeastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, parts of West Virginia, Maryland and Ohio. There are still only 16 districts in the cooperative. This move offers the advantage of membership to all customers.

"The benefits of having new members mean higher returns in your RFC's coming back directly to you," said Heckman. "You could see an increase of 2 to 3 cents more per dollar you spent."

Heckman also predicted that ABC members will see a lower breeding service bill in 1988 than in 1987 due to an effort to keep the quality of genetics stronger than ever, but keeping costs down. ABC increased semen sales in 1987 by 168 percent and Heckman reported January was an excellent month allowing ABC to finish way ahead of budget.

Many members were selected for production awards. Their herd production average was at least 10 percent above the state production average and at least two-thirds of the herd was ABC sired. Awards went to:

- Martin and Clair Good, 84% ABC, 44 cows, 19,287MP, 703F.
- Wilmer Stoltzfus, 65%, 45 cows, 19,805MP, 709F.
- Edwin K. Wise, 95%, 35 cows, 21,242MP, 713F.

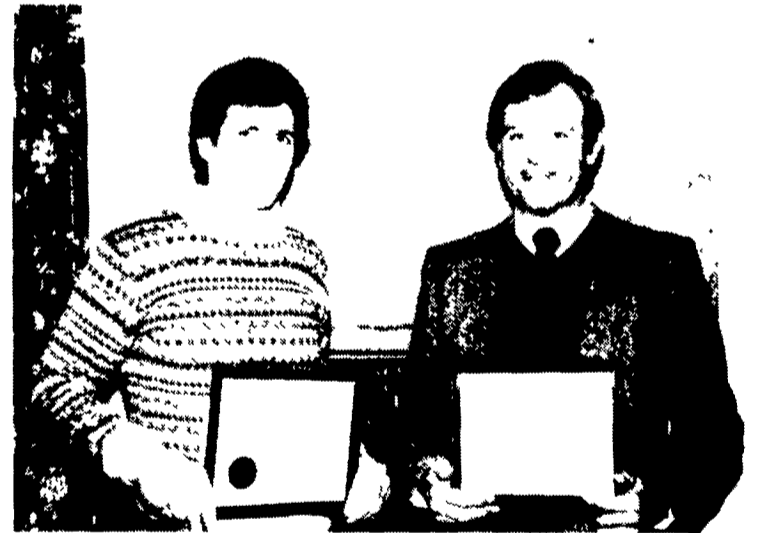
- Harry Zimmerman, 100%, 53 cows, 19,835MP, 713F.
- Hiram S. Aungst, 96%, 48 cows, 20,043MP, 717F.
- Delmar and Susan Weaver, 85%, 61 cows, 20,535MP, 725F.
- Sol Stoltzfus, 90%, 35 cows, 18,850MP, 633F.
- Nathan Stoltzfus, 100%, 63 cows, 18,701MP, 727F.
- Gerald Martin, 66%, 55 cows, 19,651MP, 730F.
- Conestoga Farms, 95%, 110 cows, 20,241MP, 765F.
- Richard Sauder, 76%, 44 cows, 20,467MP, 768F.
- Dale and Steve Hershey, 71%, 58 cows, 23,901MP, 799F.
- John S. Zimmerman, 70%, 67 cows, 21,206MP, 821F.
- Weaver Homestead Farm, 78%, 85 cows, 21,656MP, 847F.
- Mahlon King, 71%, 31 cows, 18,601MP, 681F.
- Marvin Sauder, 85%, 36 cows, 17,941MP, 686F.
- Eugene Martin, 69%, 40 cows, 19,769MP, 686F.
- Leroy Stoltzfus, 97%, 37 cows, 19,766MP, 689F.
- David and Elvin Reiff, 65 percent, 42 cows, 21,412MP, 696F.
- Leonard H. Martin, 98%, 50 cows, 18,833MP, 671F.
- Robert Brandt, 65%, 54 cows, 20,647MP, 678F.
- Marvin Witmer, 97%, 62 cows, 18,312MP, 680F.
- Ellis and Rodney Denlinger, 96%, 19,058MP, 639F.
- Glenn Glockley, 68%, 47 cows, 19,595MP, 682F.
- Glenn Shirk, Lancaster County Dairy Extension Specialist, commended farmers with the progress made in production in this county and contributing to the growth of the dairy industry while other areas are experiencing a decline in dairying.

Shirk reminded farmers that the past dry growing season can have definite effects on the quality of forages making it very important for the farmer to have his forage tested for composition. Testing forages is the only way farmers can be sure of what they are feeding.

In light of the recent tax law change Shirk urged farmers to give a great deal of thought to their pre-productive expenses this year.

"It's a rough decision. Whether you decide to capitalize expenses or not, you must be sure it is right for your operation because you will have to live with it for a very long time. If you do nothing, the government will chose for you and as a result will deny you some important options," explained Shirk.

The capitalized expenses will be deducted when the heifers begin to produce, but until then it will take some complicated record keeping on the farm operators part.



Atlantic Breeders Cooperative will meet next Tuesday, Feb. 16, 7 p.m. at the Hoffman Building in Quarryville and also on Thursday, Feb. 18, 7 p.m. at the Blue Ball Firehall.

Cecil County Mid-Winter Educational Meetings

The Cecil County Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Maryland has scheduled their Annual Mid-Winter Educational Meetings for this month of February.

Dairy/Livestock Day is scheduled for TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 beginning at 9 a.m., while Agronomy Day will be held on FEBRUARY 18, also beginning at 9 a.m. Both meetings will be held at the Calvert Grange on Route 273 (six miles east of Rising Sun).

Topics for discussion at Dairy Day on Tuesday, February 16, will be centered around "Making Management Pay". Highlighting the

program will be Dr. Charles Stewart speaking on mastitis management, along with nutritionists Dr. Limin Kung, University of Delaware; Dr. Charles Stallings, V.P.I. and Dr. Tim Snyder, Pennfield Feeds, articulating on Fats and Bovine Somatotropin, By-Product Feeds and Reproduction as they pertain to nutrition respectively. Speaking on Herd Health will be Dr. Douglas Carmel, Livestock Extension Veterinarian from the University of Maryland. Thursday, February 18 (Agronomy Day) will feature University specialists and industry personnel on the theme "Enhancing Profits Through Farm

Management".

George Fenn, president of Fenn Products, will speak on hay drying agents; while Dr. Ron Ritter, Weed Specialist from the University of Maryland, will bring forth the new herbicides for 1988.

Gerald Talbert, Executive Director for the Maryland Agricultural Preservation Foundation, will speak on understanding the Preservation District. Dana Stewart of Stewart Seed Corn will bring greetings from the mid-west. These programs are slated to contain the most up-to-date, innovative information for producers in the 1980's and beyond.