

## Jersey Juniors Receive National Recognition

COLUMBUS, OH — The top 10 winners of the 1987 National Jersey Youth Achievement Contest, sponsored by The American Jersey Cattle Club, have been announced. For the past 30 years, this award has recognized youth who excel in managing and breeding their Jerseys, actively participate in breed functions, and show exceptional leadership skills.

To be eligible for the contest, juniors must own one or more registered Jerseys and be at least nine but not older than 19 years of age. Juniors are nominated by their state Jersey organization. Those juniors who placed second through tenth in the previous years and who are still eligible by age may also be entered.

The top 10 winners will be presented with cash awards totalling \$2,000 at the Junior Banquet and

Fun Fest held during the All American Jersey Show in Louisville, Ky., on November 4.

Herby D. Lutz, Chester, S.C., is the first place winner of this year's contest. He will be the recipient of a \$500 cash award and a commemorative plaque. The son of Herbert and Betty Lutz, he finished second in last year's contest.

Five years ago, he started his Jersey herd with the purchase of three Jersey heifers. Since this time, his herd has grown in both numbers and production. He now owns 33 milking cows and 27 heifers.

For the past two years, the Sunny Day herd has ranked tenth in the

nation for both milk and fat among DHIR herds of 30 to 49 cows. The 1987 DHIR herd averages were 15,791 lbs. milk and 741 lbs. fat. With an average Cow Index of +\$46, the herd ranks ninth nationally.

For the past four years, Lutz has been a buyer at the National Pot O'Gold Sale. His 1986 purchase, Greenwood Chief Glad Tidings, ranks 107 on the current USDA High Cow Performance Index at List +266.

To develop his top ranking herd, Lutz, age 18, has had to put his management skills to work. He uses the "DART" system through the Dairy Records Processing Cen-

ter at Raleigh to help keep herd records. He mates all of his cattle using artificial insemination for which he attended training sessions. With the help of Dr. Boyd Parr, winner of this same contest in 1971, Herby D. has learned how to balance feed rations on the computer.

His Jersey activities have included serving as president of the South Carolina Junior Jersey Cattle Club for the past two years and on the 1988 All American Junior Show Committee. He also enjoys exhibiting his Jerseys at the local, state and national levels.

Lutz recently started attending Clemson University majoring in

dairy science. After college, he plans to return to the herd. "I have several goals I want to obtain. I want to breed a contract cow and breed a cow that wins her class at the All American," comments Lutz.

Other top ten winners include: 2. John Thurston, Delaware, Ohio; 3. Alan O. Chittenden, Schodack Landing, N.Y.; 4. David J. Rowbotham, Walworth, Wisc.; 5. Dona M. Casale, Denair, Calif.; 6. David J. Mason, Buhl, Idaho; 7. Glenda J. Kirchdoerfer, Cape Girardeau, Missouri; 8. Andy Paulson, Andover, S.D.; 9. Dwain A. Corley, Tuttle, Okla.; 10. Frances P. Smidt, Rice Lake, Wisc.



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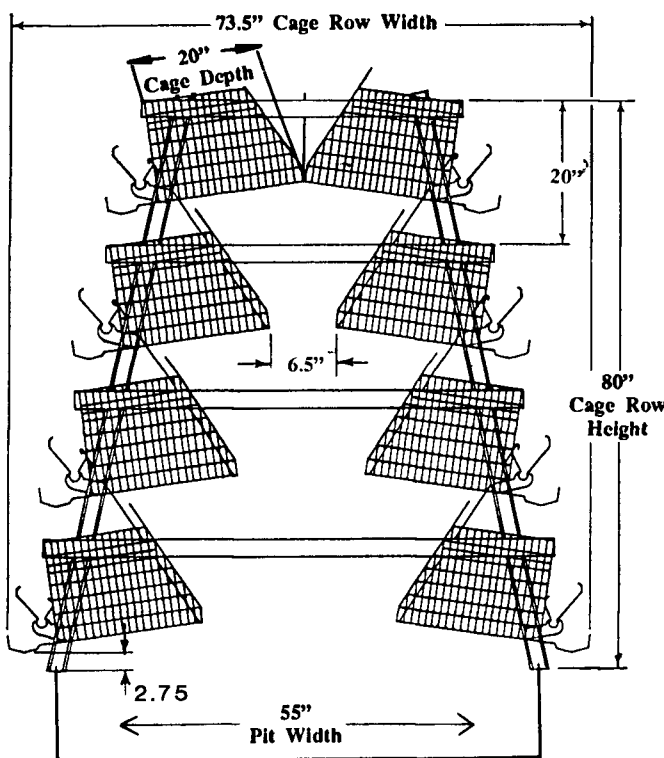
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