Krenston Reap Top Honors In Forage Contest

ITHACA, NY --- The results of the Northeast Forage Quality Contest are in and Krenston Farm, owned by Steven and Don Krenzer of LeRoy, N.Y., is the grand prize winner.

Douglas J. Hillegass of Berlin, Pa., captured the top spot in the hay division with Mike and Gil Kautz of Burdett, N.Y., and the Krenzer brothers coming in second and third respectively.

The haylage competition was won by James Gardiner of Otselic, N.Y. Second and third places went to David Stahl of Somerset, Pa., and Jack Kuney of Waterloo, N.Y.

Krenston Farm's grand-prize entry had a relative feed value (RFV) of 266 with 23.3 percent crude protein (CP), 20.3 percent acid detergent fiber (ADF), 25.6 percent neutral detergent fiver

(NDF), and .79 net energy lactation (NEL).

Krenston Farm was formed seven years ago when the Krenzer brothers formed a partnership. They started with 40 cows and have built the 400-acre farm into a 135-cow operation. Their herd has a rolling average of 22,400 pounds of milk and 770 pounds of fat.

The only purchased feed on the farm is the protein, which on an asfed basis amounts to one-tenth of the total feed volume.

The contest, sponsored by Northeast DHIA, the New York and Pennsylvania Forage and Grasslands Councils, The Northeast Improver, and the New York Holstein News, judged forage on lab analysis, visual inspection, and milk production potential.

"This year the quality of the

samples were superior as seen by the average analysis of the finalists," said Paul Sirois, Northeast DHIA lab manager. "Combining

averages were 22.6 percent CP, .73 NEL, and 196.2 RFV. By comparison, samples in the lab for the sum-

the hay and haylage samples, the mer of 1988 have averaged 19.2 percent CP, .62 NEL, and 126 RFV. Forage is considered prime where the RFV is 151 or better."

Sire Power Selects Higley Bull

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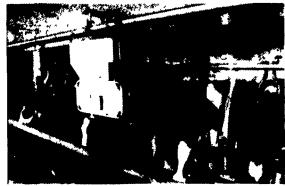
His dam is Tall-Spruce Diana, VG(85). She was specially selected because of her outstanding type and production with a top record at 2-2 305 days of 23,465M 3.5% 822F, a cow index of +1147M +.04% +49F +\$146. She is sired by Knolltop Reckers Ace.

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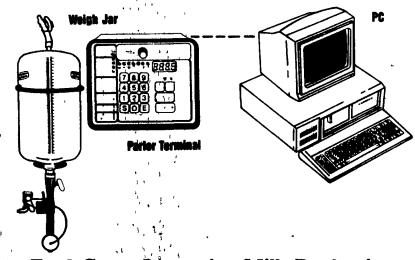
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