

Awards and Highlights Of American Guernsey Association Meeting

REYNOLDSBURG, OH. — The American Guernsey Association (AGA) held its national convention May 19 to 22 in Rochester, New York. "Guernseys Shine in '89" was the theme for the four-day event, during which Guernsey breeders were recognized for their accomplishments.

Two of the most prestigious awards any Guernsey enthusiast can receive are the Master Breeder and Distinguished Service awards. George Fowler Sr. of Butler Hill Farm in Saluda, South Carolina, became the fourth recipient of the Master Breeder Award. During the past 29 years Fowler along with his wife Ethel and son George, have developed 65 Excellent cows with over 90 percent of these animals carrying the Butler Hill prefix. The May 1989 appraisal resulted in 14 Excellents, seven of which were new Excellents, and 56 Very Goods. This Double Gold Star Breeder's current RHA is over 14,000 pounds of milk. Fowler retired this year from the AGA board of directors after 11 years of dedicated service.

A 10-year AGA board member, Myron Erdman of Chenoa, Illinois, received the Distinguished Service Award.

Four senior members won the five national production awards. A senior two-year-old cow earned two national production honors. The New England GBA Award recognizes the breed's highest 305-day, two-time, mature equivalent (305D-2X-ME) milk record for 1988. The Nyala-Bedford Award is given to the two-year-old cow with the highest 305D, 2X, ME milk production. Lindenhof Bonus J Tele Xenia, bred by K.D. and Elsie Linde of Oxford, Pennsylvania and now owned by the Linde children Axel Linde and Millie Linde Widmann attained both of these awards.

The Tarbell Trophy is awarded to the highest ME butterfat record. Ranked second in the breed with a Cow Production Index (CPI) of +435, Rozelyn Ables Jackie earned this trophy for Leon Zweegman of Rozelyn Farm in Lynden, Washington. Her lactation of 5-08 305D 25,870M 5.1% 1,310F* 3.8% 979P* converts to 1,271F on an ME basis.

Two living lifetime production awards are presented annually. This year's recipient of the Liebbers Trophy for milk production went to Rudanks Jay Arnie. This Butler Hill Dari Jay-Twin daughter has lifetime totals of 231,450 pounds of milk and 10,723 pounds of butterfat in 4,188 days. With nine national class-leading records to her credit, her best record came at 10-07 when she produced 28,950M 4.6% 1,344F* 3.6% 1,053P* in 365 days. She is owned by Rudolph Mitchell of Saluda, South Carolina.

Valley Set Corp Hildie produced 11,065 pounds of butterfat in 4,356 days to win the Valley Set Award. This award honors the cow with the most lifetime butterfat. Ron Wenger of Goshen, Indiana, was both the sponsor and recipient of this year's award.

Nine Guernsey breeders from around the country competed in the National Outstanding Young Guernsey Farmer Contest. California's Walt Kessler of Galt won the Harding Watch Award and the \$750 prize. Kessler is herdsman and general manager of Bay Meadow Farms. The 230-cow, 1988

rolling herd average (RHA) was 14,304M 4.8% 683F 3.6% 514P.

From the eastern shore is first runner-up John B. Schnebly of Clear Spring, Maryland. The 1988 RHA on Crown Stone Farm's 67 cows was 14,231M 4.4% 630F 3.5% 500P. John, a Maryland GBA board member, farms with his brother and father and their families. Finishing from second to fourth runner-up, respectively, were David L. Anderson of Up The Creek Farm in Lester Prairie, Minnesota; Tim and David Haynes of Richland Farm in Auburn, Indiana and C. Wayne Blades of Waymar Guernseys in Crane, Missouri.

Junior members from 10 states competed for this year's National Outstanding Guernsey Youth Award. Contestants were judged on scholastic achievements as well as dairy and extra curricular activities. Roger Hunker, the 21-year-old son of Merle and Catherine Hunker of Tiffin, Ohio, received the \$500 Colebank Scholarship for winning this contest. First Runner-Up Michael Hurst, an OSU dairy science major enrolled in the honors program, is also active in his state junior GBA organization. Both of these young men plan to work in the dairy industry while maintaining Guernsey dairies.

Eleven junior members from seven different states won National Junior Gold Star Breeder certificates. To receive this designation, the junior member must be the sole breeder and owner of the cow. The junior members owning animals which met this criteria include Catherine L. Littlefield of Watertown, New York (five cows); Herby D. Lutz of Chester, South Carolina (four cows); Jeffrey W. Lambrecht of Bedford, Indiana (four cows); Brent Clements of Stoddard, Wisconsin (two cows) and with one cow each; Aaron M. Lancaster of Ferndale, Washington; Steve Sywasink of Letts, Iowa; Rob Enos from Ferndale, California; Elizabeth and Alison Littlefield of Watertown, New York; Jeremy Lambrecht of Bedford, Indiana and Todd A. Riggs of Evansville, Indiana. Once a junior member has five animals qualify for Junior Gold Star Breeder awards, he receives a Junior Progressive Breeder Plaque. This year's recipients of the award included Jeffrey Lambrecht, Catherine L. Littlefield and Herby D. Lutz.

Ten individual cows owned by junior members placed in the top five of the 22nd Annual Junior Production Contest. The awards are given based on 305D-2X-ME records. The only individual owning more than one winner was Clint Laesch of Bloomington, Illinois. First for milk and protein was Shadylawn CA Vanita with 3-07 24,942M 821P owned by Aaron Lancaster of Ferndale, Washington. Other individual winners were: Justin McMurray of Eighty Four, Pennsylvania, Twin Brook Fashion Daffodil, 1,062F, fifth for butterfat; Adam Messix of Chestertown, Maryland, Pemberton TF Iris, 2-07 23,950M, fourth for milk.

Another production category is for a junior member's best group of three cows based on milk, butterfat and protein. Seven groups placed in the top five in these three categories. The junior member and the average on his or her three

cows follows:

Aaron Lancaster, 21,573M 725P, first for milk and protein; Clint Laesch, 21,138M 1,083F 704P, first for butterfat, second for milk and protein; Todd Laesch, 19,337M 1,008F, second for butterfat and fifth for milk; Herby D. Lutz, 20,547M 896F 646P, third for milk, fourth for butterfat and fifth for protein; Erik Nelson, 19,710M 957F 674P, third for butterfat, fourth for milk and protein; Katie Nelson, 847F 683P, third for protein and fifth for butterfat; Janice Garber, 598P, fifth for protein.

Turning to dairy industry facts and figures is the Quiz Bowl contest which features AGA junior

members in a double elimination competition. The Indiana team of Todd Riggs, Michael Hurst, Kent Wenger of Goshen, Pam Miller from Huntington and coached by Lec Riggs won the national title. The only team to beat the Hoosiers was Pennsylvania. Alan Kozak of State College coached the four-member team of Beth Clark from Bedford, Tracy Kerber of Hermine, Justin McMurray and Jennifer Sulkosky from Derry who placed second in the overall competition. A New York team and a junior team from Pennsylvania also competed.

Wisconsin's Heidi Jean Knapp of Hartford was crowned the 1989 National Guernsey Queen. This

University of Wisconsin-Madison senior is active in the student National Agri-Marketing Association chapter, the Badger Dairy Club and Ag Campus Student Council. The national Guernsey princess is Angelique McDonald of Green Slopes Farm in Imler, Pennsylvania. This high school senior and 4-H and FFA member is just concluding her county dairy princess reign. She plans to pursue an auctioneer career and work with Guernseys.

The American Guernsey Association is the national member organization for the registration and promotion of Guernsey cattle and is headquartered in Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

Milk Producers Honored As Five-Year Equity Investors

REYNOLDSBURG, OH — The efforts of 38 milk producers to bring a market-oriented milk pricing system to the United States dairy industry were recognized June 16th at the Annual Meeting of National All-Jersey Inc. in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The 38 were recognized for their long-time support and promotion of National All-Jersey's Equity Program.

National All-Jersey's Equity Program was started in 1976. It is funded by forward thinking milk producers. The Equity Program promotes the nationwide adoption of Multiple Component Pricing (MCP).

1988 saw much progress toward the furthering of Multiple Component Pricing. On April 1, 1988, the first Federal Milk Marketing Order implemented a MCP plan. Approximately 60% of the nation's dairy farmers are eligible to participate in voluntary MCP programs.

The 38 five-year investors join 588 other milk producers who

have previously been recognized. This year, National All-Jersey Inc. is recognizing the following.

California: James Ahlem, Hilmar.

Idaho: Kurt Alberti, Wendell; Marvin Duggan, Buhl; Monte & Vicki Metsker, Buhl; Charles, Orcutt.

Iowa: Charles F. Hawkins, Cascade; Erwin Hennings, Waverly; Richard W. Pace, Wyoming.

Maryland: Harvey E. Summy, Grantsville; Edwin Yoder, Grantsville.

Michigan: Hapalson Jersey Farm, Fowlerville.

Minnesota: Edna M. Harrold & Children, Bingham Lake; Roger Hosfield, Medford; Marbl Jerseys, Bruno; Marcella J. Pirila, Finlayson; Gayle Rittmiller, Menahga; George Stewart, Oak Park; Twin Oaks Farm, Eyota.

Nevada: Newell J. Mills, Fallon.

North Carolina: David W. Chapman, Taylorsville; Thomas F. Colvard, Jefferson; Ray Elmore, Statesville; Roten & Mar-

ley, West Jefferson.

Ohio: Tom Cooperrider, Croton.

Pennsylvania: Jacob J. Kinsinger, Meyersdale; Roy S. Kinsinger, Salisburg; Richard Tickner, Mansfield; Paul J. Yoder, Meyersdale; Lewis A. Zook, Meyersdale.

Wisconsin: Wanda Ace, Oregon; Wilmer Albert, Jr., Oconomowoc; A. Eugene Dirksen, Darlington; Mr. & Mrs. Norbert J. Klehr, Unity; Rudy G. Koch, Westby; Steven Koch, Westby; Albin Peterson, Viroqua; Daniel O. Remington, Elroy; Steven Swenson, Viroqua.



SELECT SIRES, INC.



At Select Sires, Inc., in Plain City, OH, a group of newly hired personnel gathered recently for an employee orientation conference. The 12 member cooperatives were represented by this "Select" group of professionals as they completed the three-day intensive orientation program. The agenda for the conference included presentations by each department and extensive tours of the National Headquarters facilities.

Pictured, front, left to right: Wayne Saxton, Julie Harrison, Wayne Reeder, Maury Cox, Steve Austin, Mike Bills; second row: George Herbert, Jim Tiffany, Marc Lorenzen, Mike Marchand, Jamie Howard, Dan Burky, Bob Finn; third row: Todd Gaby, Mark Hedrick, Paul Waters; fourth row: Guy Grissom, Keith Burner, Jim Falvey, Bob Brittain, Brian Kline, Shane Emerson.