

Six-Year-Old Holstein Is Supreme Dairy Champion At Farm Show

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— After an absence of nearly a decade from Farm Show competition, the Gordon Wood family of Mansfield returned with their prize-winning showstring to capture both top Holstein honors and the coveted supreme champion dairy banner.

Their powerful, deep-bodied homebred aged cow, Gor-Wood-D Persuading Favor, won judge Jim Shaw's nod for the Holstein senior and grand champion titles. The six-year-old Favor is sired by Plushanski Persuader and scored EX-90. With two production records higher than 900 pounds of fat, she is fresh since early December and milking more than 120 pounds daily.

The bid for the supreme champion title was close race between Favor and the champion Ayrshire, a two-year-old St. Cesaire Johnny daughter.

"We felt that for her age, the Holstein has shown wearability. Her udder is still very correct," explained Douglas Evans, a Georgetown, N.Y., veterinarian and Ayrshire breeder, who judged the supreme champion contest with Jim Shaw of Mercer and Merton Sowerby of Warrenton, Va.

"The Ayrshire is real young and is a tremendous individual in her own right, but she just doesn't have the same maturity. Give her a couple years and a few calves (and she would win)," Evans continued.

Reserve senior and grand champion Holstein honors went to Favor's herdmate, C Boltonia Warden Julie, an EX-92 five-year-old by Hilltopper EL Warden. She was champion at last fall's New Holland Auction show and sale and has tested at 90-plus pounds daily since freshening more than two months ago.

The Gor-Wood-D showstring also earned the premier exhibitor plaque for the Tioga County family. Gordon and Dorothy Wood began showing at the Farm Show in the early 1950s and had claimed one previous grand champion win early in the '70s. Their winning Excellent cows are just two of the total of 54 Excellent cows in their herd, with 17 of those newly scored Excellent in December classification. In addition, the remainder of the herd comprises 87 Very Goods, 26 Good Pluses,



The supreme champion dairy cow for the 1990 Pennsylvania Farm Show was Gor-Wood-D Persuading Favor, a Plushanski Persuader daughter rated as EX-90. At her hal-

ter is owner Gordon Wood who got a helping hand from Boyd Wolff, Secretary of Agriculture, and Anne Mitchell, Pennsylvania Dairy Princess.

and two Goods for a combined BAA of 109.5.

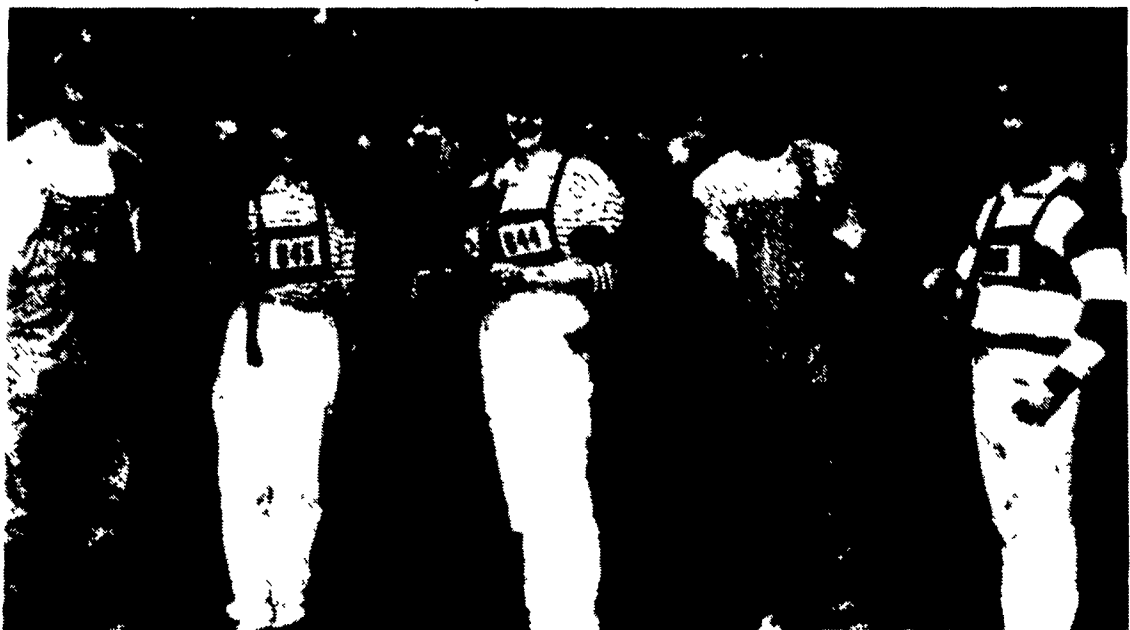
Taking junior champion honors was the sharp, straight senior yearling bred and exhibited by the John Foster Jr. family. That win by Globe Run Enhancer Kitty, a Glenaston Enhancer daughter, and the high placings by the total eight head in the Foster showstring combined to win the premier breeder honors for the Petersburg, Huntingdon County family.

Leroy and Ida Jane Plance of Wellsboro exhibited their senior yearling to the reserve junior champion title. L & J Marlin Maxine, a homebred, is sired by Elevation Marlin.

Topping the youth classes in the Holstein division was Meranda Dum of Landisburg. Her five-year-old, Dumbelle Christopher Angel by Browndale Christopher, was named senior and grand champion of youth division.

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All Jersey championship titles went to cattle exhibited by Patricia Jenkins of Toughkenamon. From left are Tom Arrowsmith, Patricia Jenkins with the grand champion Gusto Milestone Fatima of SSF, Beth Jenkins with reserve grand champion CLV Faithful Golden Farina, Dan Severson with reserve junior champion CLV Schiltz Sweet Sheena, and Owen Bewley with junior champion Jays Leona of S V.



The Holstein junior champion honors at the 1990 Farm Show went to John Foster Jr.'s Globe Run Farm with Leroy and Ida Jane Plance in the reserve spot. With the winning senior yearling are, from left, Judge Jim Shaw, Ron Heffner at the halter of the reserve junior champion, John Foster Jr. with the champion, and Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Anne Mitchell.



Gary Mase, left, and his family received the premier exhibitor and breeder awards in the Brown Swiss competition. Family members are, from left, Gary, five-year-old Alicia, three-year-old Anthony, Patricia, nine-year-old Garrett, and Judy, Gary's sister.