

## AGA Holds 1990 National Guernsey Convention

EVANSVILLE, IN — The American Guernsey Association (AGA) held its national convention and annual meeting June 15 to 18 in Evansville, IN.

'Evansville Tally-Ho in 1-9-9-0' was the theme for the four day event.

The results of the annual meeting included the election of Donald Peterson of Cashton, WI to the board of directors. He replaces Weldon Peterson Sr. of Malone, WI for District Four.

Robert Holcomb of Greene, NY was re-elected to the board of directors. The officers of the 1990 AGA board of directors are Phil Tennis, Hayward, MN, president; Ralph Turley, Mansfield, OH, vice president and Lee Riggs, Evansville, IN, second vice president.

An important part of the National Convention is the National Convention and Heifer Sales. This year's sale averaged \$2,636 on 44 head of registered Guernseys.

Topping the sale was a summer yearling consigned by the Timothy Grove family of Kokomo, IN for \$15,500. She was purchased by Ralph Turley and Leroy Lindley of Ohio. Also over the five figure mark was a bull calf consigned by Laurie Wittstruck Askew of Hilmar, CA. The Yes-Man Syndicate and Noba Inc. paid \$13,000 for the calf.

Two of the most prestigious national awards presented at the annual meeting were the Master Breeder and Distinguished Service awards. Bernard and Mary Pralle of Onalaska, WI, were the recipients of the Master Breeder Award. Owners of Fauver Hill Farm, the Pralle's were recognized for their contributions to the breed both through their breeding program and their service. The admiration and respect of their fellow breeders was evidenced by the second highest sale average since 1982 at \$1,550. Bernard and Mary retained a consistent rolling herd average over 16,000M 700F and 550P, an appraisal average over 81 points and 22 Gold Star Breeder awards.

A lifetime member of the AGA and 50-year showman, Carl Fortkamp of Coldwater, Ohio, was

awarded the AGA Distinguished Service Award. Fortkamp, a 77-year-old registered Guernsey breeder has been an active supporter of AGA programs such as appraisal, young sire sampling and contract advertising in the *Guernsey Breeders' Journal*. His commitment and dedication to the Guernsey cow has been expressed through the years by his involvement with community and youth activities. Fortkamp farms in partnership with his nephew, Carl Harding Jr. at Gold Banner Farm.

Two cows swept the national production awards. Garnering the Liebers Trophy for the second consecutive year and adding the Valley Set Award to her list of accomplishments this year was Rudanks Jay Arnie. The Liebers Trophy is awarded to the top living lifetime milk producer. The Valley Set Award honors the cow with the highest lifetime butterfat record. Rudanks Jay Arnie had lifetime totals of 243,040 pounds of milk and 11,432 pounds of butterfat in 4,561 days. This Very Good, Gold Star Dam is owned by Rudolph Mitchell of Saluda, SC.

A young Washington cow won the other four national production awards. Rozelyn Rons Jocelyn collected the New England Guernsey Breeders' Association award based on the highest 305-day, two-time, mature equivalent (305D-2X-ME) milk record; the Nyala-Bedford trophy given to the two-year-old cow with the highest DHIR, ME milk production; the Tarbell trophy which is awarded to the breed's highest 305D, ME butterfat record producer and the California Protein Award, given in recognition of the highest DHIR, ME lactation for protein production. "Jocelyn" produced an actual record of 2-03 305D 28,090M 4.9% 1,383F 3.8% 1,078P which converts to 31,742M 1,549F and 1,207P ME. This 90-point Idle Near Rondas Hornet daughter was bred and is owned by Rozelyn Farm, Lynden, WA.

Laeschland Farm of Curtiss, WI, was the recipient of both the high DHIR ME Herd Average for Milk and Protein awards. Phil and Joyce Laesch and family had a herd production of 18,998M 841F

and 663P. The award for milk production was sponsored by the Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders' Association and the protein award was sponsored by the California Guernsey Cattle Club.

Nells Glow Farm, owned and operated by Dennis and Jeanie Nelson received the high DHIR ME herd average for butterfat production, with a herd production of 18,821M 885F and 657P. They ranked second behind the Laesch's for milk and protein production. The award was sponsored by the Illinois Guernsey Breeders' Association.

Six Guernsey breeders from around the country competed for the National Outstanding Young Guernsey Farmer award. Missouri's Rille and Giselle Stewart were the recipients of this year's

honor.

The Stewart's have a 1989 rolling herd average on 63 cows of 12,381M 587F 443P. They are active members of the district and state GBAs. They serve as next year's co-chairpersons for the national convention sale. Their breeding program has resulted in two All-American nominees, premier breeder and exhibitor awards and the 1989 Guernsey Gold Futurity Champion.

John Speerstra of Whitehall, WI was the runner-up in this year's contest. He and his wife Mary have two children, Mandy and Samuel. This year's honorable mention winner was JoJo Miller-Fulton of Los Alamos, California. Other participants were Steven Flohrs of Ormsby, MN; Jacob Roedl from Edgwood,

IL and Darrell Robins of Plainfield, Iowa.

Junior members from 11 states participated in this year's National Outstanding Guernsey Youth contest. Anders Pierson of Butterfield, MN, was named the 1990 award winner. The 20-year-old son of Nels and Kathleen Pierson, he is actively involved in the daily responsibilities of the farm and dairy herd. Anders said, "I hope I can continue being a dairy farmer because the challenge of managing a herd of Guernsey cows to become top producers of high quality milk is a challenge that I am ready to accept."

Daniel Ripley of Corland, NY was named the first finalist with Todd Riggs of Evansville, IN named the second runner-up. Dale

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## Bedford Girl National Guernsey Queen

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State College in Maryland. "It's a course for students who are pursuing health careers," she explained. She will be spending the summer studying biology, chemistry, math and English.

She will still find time to attend state fairs in New York, Ohio, and Maryland as well as dashing home to enter some of her own herd of Guernsey cows in the dairy show at Martinsburg in late July.

"I also plan to participate in the Bedford Fair," she said, "Doing what I can to promote the dairy industry."

Beth has her own herd of 25 Guernseys which she keeps on the 136-acre farm of her grandfather, Robert Smith.

Other duties which come with her new title will include attending state dairy events in Harrisburg; Louisville, Kentucky; and Madison, Wisconsin.

"All my travel expenses will be paid," she said. "That and my crown and banner were the prizes for winning the title."

Beth was chosen from a field of nine contestants. Other states represented included South Carolina, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, New York, Wisconsin, Maryland, and

Virginia.

Beth's impromptu question in the national competition was, "If you were the National Guernsey Queen how would you inspire enthusiasm among today's youth for the dairy industry?"

Her answer: "I would try to implement more fun oriented youth events revolving around the

dairy industry."

The queen titles are far from the only awards this young lady has received. Her room is brimming over with trophies from past fairs and cow competitions and, last year, she was named one of six national winners in the National 4-H Dairy Scholarship Blue Farm Competition.

### Beth Ann Clark

Beth Ann Clark, daughter of Sherrill S. Clark of Bedford, reigns as the 1990 National Guernsey Queen. She was crowned during the National Guernsey Convention on June 17 in Evansville, Ind.

Clark, a student at Carlow College, is majoring in biology pre-med and secondary education. She has served as the secretary-treasurer, vice president and president of her local 4-H club. She also has held numerous offices for the Pennsylvania Junior Guernsey Breeders' Association.

In high school she was class president; a member of student council; junior yearbook editor; ski club; marching, concert and jazz bands, along with being a choir member.

An active participant in community activities, Clark is a junior hospital volunteer, a Sunday school superintendent and teacher and was president and vice president of the Bedford County Teen Club.

When not helping on the family dairy farm feeding calves and working with the show string, Clark has scholarships and was named the Outstanding County 4-H Girl and Pennsylvania Keystone Outstanding 4-H'er.

Elizabeth Zimmerman, daughter of Samuel and Evelyn Zimmerman of Frederick, Md., is one of the 1990 National Guernsey Princess. Zimmerman along with Pam Miller, daughter of Jerry and Linda Miller of Huntington, Ind., will assist Clark and with the American Guernsey Association (AGA) to promote the Guernsey breed. They will appear at dairy shows and other Guernsey events.

## \$15,500 Tops Sale National Guernsey Convention

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — The gavel descended here on top price of \$15,500 and \$13,000 on June 18 at the 1990 AGA National Convention and Heifer Sales.

A tall, fancy, beautiful rumped summer yearling heifer commanded the \$15,500 top price. Leafy Lane V Jama sold for the highest price paid to date for a Guernsey animal in 1990 sales.

### Kunz Receives National Junior Gold Star Breeders Award

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio — Jessica Kunz of Centerville, PA., was one of five recipients to receive a National Junior Gold Star Breeder award at the American Guernsey Association (AGA) national convention, June 17, in Evansville, Ind.

This award is presented to a junior member who has an animal that meets the required production and type specifications. The applicant must be the breeder and owner of each cow. Each entry must have a January 1990 Yield

Selling for the second highest price of \$13,000 was a January 1990 bull calf, Askew Farms Pender Yes-Man-ET.

Another heifer, Penn Del Fayette Gail, sold for \$12,200 earlier in the year at the Pennsylvania Blue Halter and Calf Sale. The \$15,500 price is the second highest price ever paid for an open heifer. Shen-

Deviation (YD) of +1,000M or +50F or higher. The final score of the entry must also be one point above the breed average for the entry's age group.

Kunz, the daughter of John and Cindi Kunz, won the award with Dolly Run DRS Sherri (VG-81) who has a YD of +2,688M +111F +77P.

The contest is sponsored by the AGA and funded by the Youth Fund. The AGA was developed for the registration and promotion of the Guernsey breed.

mont Admiral Amber was purchased as a junior calf in 1983 for \$30,000.

The sale, held in conjunction with the American Guernsey Association annual meetings, is the third highest averaging National Convention and Heifer Sale in the past decade. The \$2,636 average ranks behind the 1980 sale average of \$2,723 and the 1988 sale average of \$2,712.

This year's sale featured 44 animals of impressive quality genetics. Ten offspring sold from dams in the top 300 for Cow Performance Index (CPI), seven were backed by Gold Star Dams, 11 had Gold Star granddams, 10 were from dams over 20,000 pounds of milk and 11 were backed by Excellent dams.

This year's top seller at \$15,500 was a Bettswards Telear Victory daughter born June 3, 1989. Jama's dam is a 91-point Wagners T H Emory with two records over 17,850M 914F and 611P. Consigned by Timothy Grove and family of Kokomo, Ind., "Jama"

was purchased by Ralph Turley and Leroy Lindley of Mansfield and Oxford, Ohio.

The Yes-Man Syndicate and Noba Inc. jointly purchased the Kellogg E Choice Pender son of \$13,000. Bred and consigned by Laurie Wittstruck Askew of Hilmar, Calif., "Yes-Man" is from an 85-point Maurana Wis Telear, Gold Star Dam with records to 31,620M 1,525F and 1,152P. She is also ranked second on the high-CPI list. Yes-Man's full ET sister sold to Herby D. Lutz of Chester, S.C., for \$4,000.

The top selling cow was a preview of things to come at the Elsvew Dispersal, July 2 in Scenery Hill, Pa. Elsvew Farms Fayette Joan sold for \$6,200 to Doug Stanton of Greenville, N.Y. This four-year-old made a 3-01 record of 18,740M 843F 666P in 305 days. This long-bodied cow sold, due in September to Tag Lane Ad Senior-ET. She was bred by James Celestine of Scenery Hill, Pa.

Marfred Kings Nancy was purchased by Spring Walk Farm of Big Prairie, Ohio, for \$6,000. This

fancy junior yearling heifer was consigned by Marfred Farm of Saluda, S.C. Sired by Clearbranch Jeans N P King-ET, she was the first place junior yearling at the 1990 Clemson Spring Show. Her dam is a 90-point Dutch Mill Telears Fayette with over 18,700M 900F and 630P. The next dam is Excellent-91, Gold Star and a bull mother with over 120,000M lifetime.

Highlights of the sale were the numerous embryo packages offered for sale. Embryo packages included first choice of females from a number of confirmed pregnancies or a number of frozen embryos from top cow families and top A.I. sires. The prices garnered for these unborn embryos ranged from \$2,900 to \$1,350.

The sale was sponsored by the Indiana Guernsey Breeders, hosts of the 1990 National Convention. Managed by the Guernsey Marketing Service of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, the sales force also included auctioneer Merv Leffler of Marion, Ind. and pedigree reader Blaine Crosser, of Marysville, Ohio.