



Maryland's National 4-H Dairy Judging Team is, left to right, Chip Long; Mike Conner; Lee Majeskie, coach; Amy Brown; and Blair Hill.

Maryland Has Top National 4-H Dairy Judge

MADISON, WI — Two Maryland team members earned higher scores in national 4-H dairy cattle judging competition on Oct. 2 at Madison, Wis., than they did eight days earlier in a regional contest at Harrisburg. These scores were high enough to boost the Maryland team to a fourth-place finish.

Amy Brown, 19, of Roxbury (Howard County) placed first in the national 4-H dairy cattle judging contest at Madison. She had been tenth in the overall standings among 67 individuals from 17 states at Harrisburg.

Mike Conner, 16, of Chester Harbor (Queen Anne's County) was 21st in the Harrisburg contest as the alternate Maryland team member. He qualified as a regular

team member at Madison by placing 18th in the overall standings.

There were 148 participants from 36 states and the Canadian province of Ontario in the national contest. It was part of the 36th annual National 4-H Dairy Conference, held in conjunction with the World Dairy Expo.

Amy Brown's individual championship in this year's national contest contrasts with her sixth-place finish among senior contestants in the state 4-H dairy cattle judging contest, held Sept. 1 during the Maryland State Fair in Timonium.

On her way to the overall national championship at Madison, Amy placed third in Jersey

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National FFA Honors Garden Spot's Erosion Control Project

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Editor's note: Many FFA programs in various high schools are taking a more active role in studying and applying soil conservation technology and practices to farming.

Recently, Garden Spot High School in New Holland, Lancaster Co., was honored as eastern regional finalist in a national FFA program to promote conservation practices.

In this first of a two-part series, Lancaster Farming takes a look at what more than 100 FFA students did as part of the award-winning project.

TERRE HILL (Lancaster Co.) — A lot of planning, fundraising, hard work, and cutting through bureaucratic red tape has catapulted Garden Spot High School's Grassland FFA chapter into national prominence.

In November, the National FFA Foundation will announce the winner of the Building Our American Communities (BOAC) national

award, which recognizes FFA chapters that have applied conservation practices to a particular project. Garden Spot recently captured the eastern region finalist and could win the national competition at the National FFA Convention in November.

Garden Spot's four-year long BOAC effort involved the study of — and ways to repair — erosion of

farmland along a Black Creek streambed. The project was spearheaded by the efforts of advisor Robert Lauffer, ag science instructor at Garden Spot, and former project chair Shelly Ogline, Garden Spot junior and president of the Grassland FFA, and Shawn Eberly, Garden Spot senior and the current FFA BOAC chairperson. The project helped students understand the problems of erosion and what efforts could be taken to control it.

The Garden Spot project was begun in 1986 and groundbreaking began in August 1989. About \$11,000 — \$4,000 from the Grassland FFA Chapter and the rest from contributions from agencies and industry — was spent on the project. Major work on the project was completed last August.

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Dairymen, Inc. Honors Long-Time Members, Quality Producers

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FREDERICK, Md. — Long-time members and producers of top-quality milk were honored by the Middle Atlantic division of Dairymen, Inc., during its annual awards luncheon October 12 at the Holiday Inn. Certificates were presented by quality committee chairman Myron Wilhde.

Seven memberships were awarded plaques for half and quarter-century contracts with Dairymen and the division's predecessor, Maryland Cooperative Milk Producers.

Honored for 50 years of continuous membership were Darrell and Virginia Wolf, Middletown; Vincent and Daniel Frock, West-

minster; Honeyview Farms, Mary Stonesifer, Westminster; and John and Donna Yoder, Long Green.

Recipients of 25-year membership plaques were Glenn and Jeanne Beard, Mt. Airy; Laverne, Norma, Brian, and Mark Bupp, Brogue, Pennsylvania; John and Thomas Cole, Hampstead; and Crawford and Elaine Galt, Chestertown.

Awards for upholding Dairymen's standards of outstanding quality milk were presented to 27 memberships at the cooperative's three levels of quality honors. The division's monthly Honor Roll, established in 1964, requires that members ship the entire month and meet the following standards: standard plate count less than 5,000,

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Gold quality awards went to Dairymen members Dorothy Strickhouser, center, and Nancy and Millar Kefauver, right. Myron Wilhde, quality committee chairman, presented the certificates.

New Penn State President Meets Ag Advisory Council

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READING (Berks Co.) — "In my presidency, I want us to be sure that as we develop better research programs, we serve the people with increasing skill and we don't neglect the undergraduate programs."

This statement was made by Dr. Joab Thomas, the new president of Penn State University, as he met with the University's Agricultural Council on the Berks campus last week.

"We must continue to provide the very best in teaching environments on all of our campuses so that no shadow from research prog-

rams is cast on the teaching we provide for students," Thomas said. "I also want us to be sure we maintain high standards.

"One thing I've learned in going back into the classroom is that students are not working quite as hard as they once did," he said. "We find a deterioration of standards in every element of our society. At the same time, we have left our academic standards to be lowered, in some places more than others. I'm pleased to find I have not found as much deterioration of standards at Penn State as I have found at some other places."

Dean Lamb Hood introduced Thomas, an Alabama native with

Harvard degrees in plant biology. Hood said this background provides the linkage so critical to Thomas's relationship with agriculture.

Thomas has held faculty and administrative positions before becoming chancellor. He was also president of the University of Alabama for five years. During a sabbatical, Thomas joined the plant pathology department at North Carolina State University. On September 1, Thomas became president of Penn State University.

"My philosophy agrees completely with the land grant philosophy," Thomas said. "Programs are oriented to people and people inter-

act in a vital way.

"Pennsylvania agriculture is impressive to me," Thomas said. "Farm production and food processing are among the finest in the nation. Forestry services and horticulture likewise are very high on the agenda.

"My grandfather was a big-time farmer in that time and also in forestry. Maybe that is why the land grant philosophy is so compatible with my own. With my father, I almost grew up as a son of the land in a strong farming tradition," Thomas said.

Thomas said the knowledge gained through biotechnology has

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Communicators Elect Officers

SYRACUSE, N.Y.—At the annual meeting of the Northeast Farm Communicators Association held recently in conjunction with the Eastern Milk Producers media banquet, Everett Newswanger, managing editor, *Lancaster Farming*, was elected president. Other officers elected and on the executive committee include: Jerry Reed, New York Beef Industry Council, 1st vice president; Jeff Stewart, Ag Radio Network, 2nd vice president; Chris Kimball-Peterson, K-P Ag Relations, secretary/historian; Vanna Guldenschuh, New England Farmer, treasurer; and Tony Schlesier, Eastern Milk Producers, past president.

This farm communicators association includes members from Maine to Pennsylvania and serves as a resource of farm information to fellow professionals in the general news and communications field.