

Showing Dairy Cattle

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type is important, but not all of the good producers show the best type. "The Farm Show is a good way to advertise that we don't only have good production, but good type.

"Years ago, you saw cows that had type, but not milk production. Now you're seeing type and production.

"Even for the breeders who are emphasizing production, in the long run they're looking for the

same things we are — legs that are going to last, good feet and udders — in the long run it's more money in their pocket too," Alan said.

Of the six animals the Hostetters are sending to the Farm Show, they aren't necessarily the top producers in the herd. The aged cows are producing in the mid- to high-20,000 pound range. Some of the herd has peaked 30,000 pounds.

As far as using show results

Adams County DHIA Awards

YORK SPRINGS (Adams Co.) — A number of dairy farmers were recently recognized by the Adams County Dairy Herd Improvement Association (DHIA) for their 1990 milk production efforts.

During the organization's 62nd annual banquet, nine farms were recognized for production achievements. The acknowledgements are based on either overall rolling herd average, outstanding individual cow production or most improved herd within the county.

Receiving an award for the top herd in the county was Josie Hess, of Gettysburg, who represented Jo-Jen farm.

Leroy Deputy, of York Springs, received an award for having the second highest producing herd and another for having the cow with the highest lifetime butterfat content.

Guy Kehr, representing Kehr Acres, of Littlestown, received an award for having the third highest producing herd in the county.

Wayne H. Rodgers, Biglerville, retiring president of the county DHIA board, received awards for having the third highest herd, an award for cows with high lifetime milk, high lifetime protein production, and he received an award for having a herd with the second lowest somatic cell count.

David Kehr, of Kehr Acres, Littlestown, received an award for having the herd with the greatest increase in milk and protein production.

Joy Hess representing Jo-Bo Holsteins, Gettysburg, received awards for having the cows which displayed during the last lactation, the highest milk and protein production.

Melvin R. Durboraw of Gracestate Farm, Gettysburg, received an award for having the herd with the greatest increase of butterfat.

Steve Wood of Penn-Gate Farms, Littlestown, received an award for having a cow with the highest butterfat content during the last lactation.

Robert C. Hoffman, York Springs, received an award for having the herd with the lowest

alone to determine bull or cow selection, Alan said he is hesitant.

"One thing you have to remember at shows — the Farm Show or big nationals — these are the best," he said. And when he makes a breeding selection, "I want to know how many (offspring

through the mating of dam and sire) it took to get those good ones. When it comes to breeding cows, I want to know how consistent the sire is.

"If you go to a show to see what to use at home, be careful," he said. "I'm not saying a certain bull

won't throw a good one, but you have to know the odds."

But even with all the business aspects surrounding the Farm Show, Alan smiled and said he also goes because he really enjoys showing.

"It's a hobby, it's a sport," he said.

Two Bulls Added To Proving Program

PLAIN CITY, Ohio— 7H3929 Plushanski Cayman-ET, a young sire bred by Charles Plushanski, Kutztown, has been chosen to enter Select Sires' Program for Genetic Advancement (PGA) sire sampling system.

Based on his outstanding pedigree, 7H3929 has been selected as one of 160 Holstein bulls from throughout the United States to enter the program in 1990.

7H3929 is sired by Pontiac. The dam of 7H3929 is a "Very Good" (87) Mark, with over 29,000M, 1,300F, and 1,000P as a two-year-old. Both the second and third dams are "Very Good" (87) Gold Medal dams with over 35,000M, 1,800F, and 1,190P.

7H3913 Castlemont Shadow-ET, a young sire bred by David Castroginvanni, Montrose, has been chosen to enter Select Sires'

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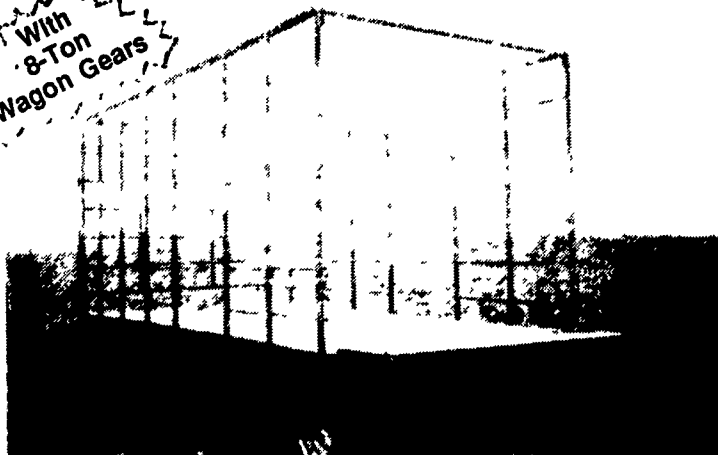
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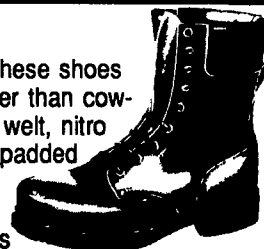
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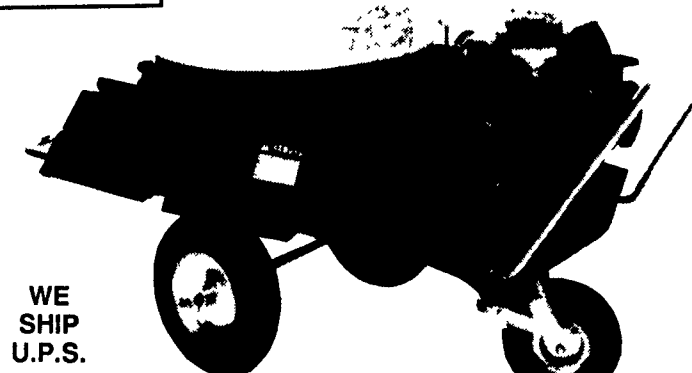
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