

National Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders Recognizes High Producers

BELOIT, Wis. — The National Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders' Association recently recognized a number of cows with outstanding lactation records from eight farms in Ohio, three in Pennsylvania, two in New York and one in Maryland.

The breed association sets levels of production for special national recognition.

In Ohio, two cows, Twin Gate Joyfuls Jemini and Twin Gate Milly Dixie, from the farm of Earl F. Bursick in Gibsonburg, received special recognition.

Jemini, 7y11m, produced 26,690 pounds of milk, 1,034 fat and 893 pounds of protein during a lactation longer than 306 days.

Dixie, 8yr2m, produced 25,920 pounds of milk with 1,005 pounds fat and 843 pounds of protein.

Three cows performed well for Robert and Mark Witmer, of Columbiana. Fullerton Delegate Que, 11y10m, produced 27,240 pounds of milk, 1,201 pounds of fat, and 928 pounds of protein.

Top Acres Maple Penny, 7y9m, produced 25,710 pounds of milk, 1,044 pounds of fat and 842 pounds of protein.

High Spruce Beau Dee, 7yr4m,

produced 25,290 pounds of milk, 1,013 pounds of fat and 823 pounds of protein.

For St. Charles Seminary, in Carthage, Sems Elegant Sue Ellen, 9y6m, produced 18,900 pounds of milk, 1,012 pounds of fat and 761 pounds of protein.

For R Hart Farm in Wapakoneta, High Spruce Stretchy Eve, 8yr7m, advanced to honor roll recognition with the production of 28,710 pounds of milk, 1,559 pounds of fat and 934 pounds of protein within 305 days.

Honor roll cows are those that produce one of the top five records of all time in their age division. They retain the honor until replaced by a higher-producing cow.

La Rainbow Farms in New Knoxville had two cows which received recognition. La Rainbow Starfly, 8yr4m, showed a 305-day production record of 24,670 pounds of milk, 1,053 pounds of fat, and 788 pounds of protein.

La Rainbow Germaine, 3yr5m, produced 21,860 pounds of milk, 1,025 pounds of fat and 846 pounds of protein with a lactation longer than 306 days.

A cow owned by John and Bradley Keener, of West Salem, Indian Trail Deputy Dutchess, 8yr2m, showed a 306-day or more production record of 26,180 pounds of milk, 877 pounds of fat and 928 pounds of protein.

Garbro & Bry-Lyn Swiss, West Salem, have a cow which qualified for two honor roll production records.

The first recognition came when Garbro Babaray Lark, 2yr0m, produced 19,340 pounds of milk, 910 pounds of fat and 662 pounds of protein during a lactation of 305 days or less.

Lark then received additional recognition for continuing on her lactation to produce 22,270 pounds of milk, 1,046 pounds of fat and 768 pounds of protein.

For Dew Drop Farm, New Knoxville, High Spruce Telstar Racann, 4y6m, produced 26,500 pounds of milk, 1,019 pounds of fat and 914 pounds of protein during a 305 day lactation.

Pennsylvania Cows

In Pennsylvania, Gary Mase, Lebanon, had four cows show production records of noteworthy achievement.

With a lactation of 305 days or less, Quiet Valley Jim Dandy, 6y3m, produced 25,590 pounds of milk, 988 pounds fat and 931 pounds of protein.

Three Meadow Hill cows showed outstanding production during lactations of more than 306 days: Kayle Aggie, 7y3m, made 24,870 pounds milk, 1,065 pounds fat, and 892 pounds protein; Jubilant Missy, 5y7m, made 22,800 pounds milk, 1,005 pounds fat and 796 pounds protein; and Matt Brita, 6y2m, made 28,780 pounds milk, 972 pounds fat and 1,042 pounds protein.

Bruce Heilinger, of Newmans-town, had a cow, Nic Mariner Nickie, 3y1m, produce 22,430 pounds of milk, 1,013 pounds fat, and 823 pounds protein, during a lactation of more than 306 days.

Dean and Brenda Daubert, of McElhattan, had three cows received recognition with lactations longer than 306 days. Wind Mill Telstar Shamoo, 5y11m, produced 27,430 pounds of milk, 1,082 pounds of fat, and 960 pounds of protein. Wilas Improver Emily, 8y7m, produced

24,820 pounds of milk, 1,171 pounds fat, and 939 pounds of protein. And Wind Mill K Jared Lu Ann, 7y4m, made 27,100 pounds of milk, 1,103 pounds of fat, and 883 pounds of protein.

In New York state, a cow owned by Leon W. and Leon N. Button, of Rushville, showed a noteworthy lactation of more than 306 days. Vine Valley Performer Angela, 8y6m, produced 25,930 pounds of milk, 1,027 pounds of fat and 931 pounds of protein.

Shelburned Tom Jones Sue, owned by Jerry Harkness, of Marcellus, at 8y1m, made 26,350 pounds of milk, 1,004 pounds of fat and 895 pounds of protein during a lactation of more than 306 days.

In Maryland, two cows owned by Dwayne Bell, Knoxville, received recognition. Le Fer Ban Stylish Mary, 5y0m, made 23,400 pounds of milk, 1,022 pounds of fat and 760 pounds of protein in 305 days or less. Shady Creek Bonnie Bertie, 4y4m, made 22,650 pounds of milk, 1,029 pounds of fat, and 762 pounds of protein during a lactation of at least 306 days.

PFA Provides Dairy

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This issue is still unresolved. Membership enrollment in southeastern PA was also poor. RCMA is currently endorsing a petition calling on the Secretary of Agriculture to suspend for one year the Louisville Plan which reduces spring milk prices in return for higher prices in the fall.

In Federal Order 36 the Producers' Equalization Agency has been holding membership meetings during the past few months to organize support for its goal of a \$1 over-order premium.

The Pennsylvania Farmers' Association (PFA) supports the efforts of these over-order price bargaining agencies although we recognize their limitations in times of oversupply.

What about reopening the 1990 farm bill? Secretary Yeutter said recently that reopening the farm bill would result in more than a 50-50 chance that farm subsidies would be reduced even more.

Another option to consider is the budget deficit cut. The five

cents dairy assessment will cost the average Pennsylvania dairyman \$513 in 1991, then \$1,154 in 1992; and will cost dairymen an average of \$5,131 over the entire five year period. The assessment is part of a 24% budget cut for agriculture. A strong argument can be made that this is a disproportionate amount which will do more harm to agriculture than good for the budget. PFA believes that the 5 cents assessment is an unfair burden on dairymen.

The total cost of farm price and income support programs is a little over 1% of the federal budget and it has been declining in the last five years. Farm program spending has been cut by more than half since 1986, from \$25.8 billion to less than \$11 billion, as opposed to only moderate reductions in the level of increases for other categories of government spending. The 24% reduction in farm program spending is at least two or three times the amount budget negotiators applied to other spending areas.

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