

Windy Knoll Pala Best

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cow, New-Trend Valiant Happy, was born 10-27-84 and was sired by SWD Valiant. Her dam was Ploylac Bell Henrietta-ET.

The junior champion for both the open and junior division was Ro-Meyer Luna Inspiration, bred and owned by Eric Horsh of St. Thomas.

Others who made a strong showing included Gor-Wood-D Farm, owned by Gordon and Dorothy Wood. The Woods recently received notice of a January classification on their herd and showed 60 Excellents, 85 Very Good and 20 Good Plus, with a total 49 homebred Excellents. They have a BAA of 109.8 percent. They took first place in the 100,000 pound class with Gor-Wood-D Creek harriet, born 8-20-81 our of Creek Bluff Elevation Lester and dam, Gor-Wood Milu Beauty Huff-Twin.

In the youth division, John Foster III, of Globe Run Farms, Petersburg, took grand champion female title with Globe Run Starbuck Beverly. A senior 2-year-old, she had placed second in open competition behind his parents' entry, Globe Run V Tab Chisma. John III also showed the reserve grand champion in the youth division with Globe-Run Sexy Darlene. She had placed third in the open division.

Globe Run Farms had placed third overall in both Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor competitions.

The competition level and participation were both strong, despite economic tightness in the dairy industry. There were 74 owners represented in the show.

According to show judge, Jim Patterson, Greenville, Ohio, the show compared in degree of competition with top state shows anywhere.

"It was a nice quality show with a lot of nice cows, exceptionally dairy-looking cows," he said.

An employee of the Holstein Association, Patterson was prohi-

bited from judging during those 12 years.

He has, however, been judging a number of top shows at state level and even internationally, during the past three years. He had been involved with judging for years prior to working with the Holstein Association.

"A lot of the people I know from working for the Holstein Association," Patterson said, and he judged last years Pennsylvania All American show. But the cows he saw March 22 were new to him.

HOLSTEIN ASSN. SPRING SHOW

WINTER CALF: 1. Windy Knoll View 2. Welk Shade Logic 3 Penn Gate
FALL CALF: 1 Windy Knoll View 2 Oren Clay-pool 3 Penn Gate Farm
SUMMER YEARLING: 1 Matthew Day 2 Michael Hart, George Moricci 3 Steven Comman
SPRING YEARLING: 1 Al, Mary Sparling 2 Donald Eaton 3 Windy Knoll View
WINTER YEARLING HEIFER: 1 Eric Horsh 2 Windy Knoll View 3 Windy Knoll View
FALL YEARLING HEIFER: 1 Penn Gate Farm 2 Penn Gate Farm 3 Shannon Doll
JR BEST 3 FEMALES: 1 Windy Knoll View 2 Penn Gate Holsteins 3 Sunndybend Holsteins
JR CHAMPION: Eric Horsh
RESERVE JR CHAMPION: Jason Burdette
DRY COW, 4-YRS-UNDER: 1 Jake III, Sally Tans 2 Michael, Eugene Hart 3 Penn Gate Farm
DRY COW, 5-YRS-OLDER: 1 Justin McMurray 2 Penn Gate Holsteins 3 Dianne Glock
UNFRESH JR 2-YR-OLD: 1 Windy Knoll View 2 Alan McCauley 3 Andrea Bednarski
SR 2-YR-OLD: 1 Globe Run Farms 2 John Foster III 3 Patty McMurray
JR 3-YR-OLD: 1 Windy Knoll View 2 Mike, Cindy Weimer 3 Carrdale Holsteins
SR 3-YR-OLD: 1 Thomas Eckstine 2 Gordon, Dorothy Wood 3 Curtis, Ann Day
4-YR-OLD: 1 Windy Knoll View 2 Guy, Sharon Hammond 3 Penn Gate Farm
5-YR-OLD: 1 Gordon, Dorothy Wood 2 Keith Shaffer 3 John, Alice Foster
100,000 LBS: 1 Gordon, Dorothy Wood 2 Gordon, Dorothy Wood 3 Bridgette Boyer
AGED COW: 1 Windy Knoll View 2 Pen Col Farm 3 John Foster III
SENIOR CHAMPION: Windy Knoll View
RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION: Penn Col Farm
GRAND CHAMPION: Windy Knoll View
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION: Penn Col Farm
PREMIER BREEDER: 1 Windy Knoll View 2 Gordon, Dorothy Wood 3 Globe Run Farms
PREMIER EXHIBITOR: 1 Gor-Wood-D Acres 2 Windy Knoll View 3 Globe Run
BEST THREE FEMALES: 1 Windy Knoll View 2 Globe Run Farms 3 Gordon, Dorothy Wood
PRODUCE OF DAM: 1 Windy Knoll View 2 Penn Gate Farm 3 John Foster III
DAM AND DAUGHTER: 1 Windy Knoll View



From the left, state Dairy Princess Kristin Metzker holds the trophies for John Foster III who holds the halter of his junior division senior champion, while Janelle Boyer helps out by holding the halter of Foster's reserve senior champion. Terry Hill, Lebanon County Dairy Princess, holds the trophies for reserve champion.



The Burdettes with friends accept the banner for Premier Breeder of the Pennsylvania Holstein State Spring Show.



Reserve Junior champion in the junior and open division from left, Justin Burdette with Windy Knoll View JJB Crisey and Corey Meyers with junior champion in the junior and open division Ro-Meyer Luna Inspiration. The boys are flanked by Huntingdon County Dairy Princess Amy Jo Hawn and state princess Kristin Metzker.

Dairymen Seek Price Relief

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — The low price of milk is prompting action across the region and in the nation's capital to improve dairy farmers' financial fortunes.

On Capitol Hill last week, a group of senators led by Agriculture Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-Vt) introduced legislation that would have provided for a temporary increase in the minimum Class I milk price used in the nationwide federal order system. However, the legislation was dropped from a spending bill passed March 22 after the threat of a veto by President George Bush.

In New York, cooperative and independent dairymen are trying to resurrect over-order pricing using state regulatory authority. And, in Virginia and western Pennsylvania, they are trying to get new joint bargaining efforts off the ground.

The national legislation would have required the U.S. Department of Agriculture to establish \$13.09 as the minimum basic formula price for computing Class I prices in all federal orders, thereby supplanting the Minnesota-

Wisconsin manufacturing milk price as this base through the remainder of 1991. Proceeds from any increase generated by this action would have been pooled nationwide among all farmers regulated by the federal order system, according to Lisa Keller, spokesperson for the National Milk Producers Federation.

The defeat of Leahy's measure prompted strong language from Jim Barr, National Milk's chief executive officer. He assailed critics of the legislation, which included the American Farm Bureau Federation and some dairy cooperatives, for making what Barr said were distorted arguments about its impact.

"This was a tremendously distorted campaign against an important attempt to bring some financial relief to the nation's dairy farmers, who are suffering through the lowest milk prices since 1978," Barr said in a statement.

The proposed action would have had a considerable impact on producer prices because the M-W price has slumped to just above the \$9.88 government support price (for milk containing 3.5 percent butterfat). National Milk eco-

nomists project the action would have netted farmers an extra \$1.25 a hundredweight, Keller said.

National Milk officials say they will continue to pursue price relief measures at the national level. However, their latest setback has refocused attention on regional efforts such as those in New York and western Pennsylvania.

In New York, the Regional Cooperative Marketing Agency, whose over-order pricing efforts in the New York-New Jersey Order broke down in the fall of 1989, is pursuing a different tack. It has formed a separate legal entity — the Regional Cooperative Bargaining Agency — to lobby the state to use existing authority to impose higher prices. Gregg McAllister, an RCMA spokesman, said the result could be the creation of a New York counterpart to the premiums currently imposed by the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board, although in broader fashion.

Specifically, RCMA would like

New York's State Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets Richard McGuire to use the authority in the Rogers-Allen Act of 1937 to set minimum prices for Class I, II and III milk above the levels that now exist in Federal Order 2. PMMB regulates only Class I prices. McGuire has solicited proposals relating to this request and is expected to announce a hearing for it as well.

In western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio, efforts continue to establish the Producers Equalization Agency as a bargaining entity in Federal Order 36. John Siglow, the general manager of the two-year-old organization, said producers and others are showing a lot more interest in his group today than they did when prices were setting record highs a year ago.

The over-order bargaining agency, which has the backing of Milk Marketing Inc., the largest cooperative in the region, can claim as members only about

3,100 of Order 36's 5,000 producers. Siglow said PEA will need about 90 percent of the dairy farmers in the market to negotiate for premiums with handlers.

Virginia dairy leaders met March 11 to discuss participation in a new over-order bargaining group, the Southeastern Dairy Farmers Federation. Its organizers hope to mobilize farmers in a 10-state region to allow the group to bargain with handlers for higher prices.

This regional scramble to achieve higher prices through collective bargaining highlights the effectiveness of the Middle Atlantic Cooperative Milk Marketing Agency, according to local dairy leaders. In operation since 1987, this over-order premium agency has given dairymen in parts of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, West Virginia and Virginia anywhere from 25-50 cents a hundredweight more a month than the minimums defined by federal order pricing.