

Jersey Cattle Club Holds Annual Convention

WEST MIDDLESEX (Mercer Co.) — The Pennsylvania Jersey Cattle Club held its annual state meeting and calf and cow sales at West Middlesex.

Garnering several top production awards was Spruce Row Farm, owned by Jeff Peters of Crawford County. Spruce Row received several state and class production awards. They had the highest herd average for protein and milk for herds with from 50 to 99 head. The herd averaged 56.8 head with 16,913 pounds of milk and 632 pounds of protein.

A 5-year-old cow of Spruce Row, S.R. Top Brass Gidget was recognized for being the state's top protein producing Jersey cow overall, and the top 5-year-old, of course. Gidget made 20,927 pounds of milk, 821 pounds of protein and 970 pounds of fat and a cheese yield of \$3,500.

Spruce Row Bold Venture Cracy was the top producing senior yearling with 16,374 pounds of milk, 631 pounds of protein and 738 pounds of fat with a cheese yield of \$2,680.

Cheese yields were calculated with the formula: Cheese yield dollars = (2.927) x (protein) + (1.18) x (fat) - (.0023 x milk).

The first place finisher in the Jacob M. Brunges Production

Contest was Jay Moose, whose Overnight Magic Julie produced 18,892 pounds of milk, 1,001 pounds of fat and 763 pounds of protein in 293 days. She had an ME of 21,197 pounds milk and 840 pounds of protein.

Donald and Angie Koontz had the herd with highest genetics and he received the Distinguished Service Award.

Other receiving awards included Gerald and Deborah Moose who received the award for high protein herd in the state.

Glen Kenny of Kenny Farm, of Lawrence received an award for having the highest producing 3-year-old, Brass Piano Song. She produced 23,374 pounds of milk, 776 pounds of protein and 1,010 pounds of fat with a cheese yield of \$3,409.

Kenny's also the top 4-year-old, Top Brass harriet Flo. She produced 21,448 pounds of milk, 787 pounds of protein, and 985 pounds of fat with a cheese yield of \$3,417.

John Vanderstappen, of Van De Jerseys, received an award for owning the herd with the highest fat production from among herds with from 50 to 99 head. Vanderstappen also received recognition for owning the high producing 2-year-old, Van De Fyn Haug Sal-



From left, Glen Kenny, of Kenny Farm, John McConnel of Hillcrest Jerseys, Jeff Peters of Spruce Row Farm, and John Vanderstappen of Van De Jerseys receive production awards during annual Jersey Breeders meeting.

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John McConnel of Hillcrest Jerseys had high producing cow in the 6- and 7-year-old class, Jem Freedom Purple Passion.

During the calf sale, the high calf purchased was Vantage Sooner Treasure, a consignment by Donalk Koontz, of Fredonia, which brought \$900 from buyer Craig Rhein, of Pine Grove.

Of the 11 calves sold, they averaged \$546.36 and grossed \$6,010.

The highest selling cow of the Jersey cow sale was a consignment from John Vanderstappen, Van De Duncan Jasmine Minnie. She sold for \$2,100 and was sold to David Barr of Port Matilda.

The second highest selling cow was EHV Noble Gail, a consignment from Normandell Farms, in Liberty, which brought \$1,900 from Ray Shepler of Reynoldsville.

The third highest selling cow was Bi-Wa Opportunity Begins, consigned by Billman Bros. of West Salem, Ohio. She sold for \$1,850 to Dean Moose of New Wilmington.

The 39 lots of cows sold for an average of \$1,126 and grossed \$44,560.

In other business, Melanie Dietrich, daughter of Bill and Susan Dietrich, of Newburg, won the nod from a pannel of judges to represent the association as 1991 Pennsylvania Jersey Queen.

Melanie is a junior in high school and active in 4-H. She presently owns 22 Jersey cattle. She is also active in other school activities such as National Honor Society, track and Students Against Drunk Drivers, but she still helps with the daily chores.

The queen contest was run by Debbie Moose. The judges included Susan Crowell, editor of an agricultural publication; Carol Dreisbach, associate editor of Jersey Journal; and William



Gerald Moose with wife Deborah receive the award for high protein herd.



Top honorees, from the left, Jeff Peters, Donald Koontz and Gerald Moose.

Heald, with the Pennsylvania State University Dairy Department.

The speaker during the banquet

was Gary Rogers who talked about "Production and Type Traits for Jersey Sire Selection."



From left, Charles Hotson, Janet, Jeff, Cole, Jessica and Slade Peters represent Spruce Row Farm. Jeff holds the plaque for high protein cow, S.R. Top Brass Gidget, the 5-year-old was also high cow in her class. Spruce Row also captured the award for high senior yearling with S.R. Bold Venture Cracy and was Pennsylvania high herd in protein and milk for the 50- to 59-cow category.



From left, Donald, pictured with his wife Angle Koontz, sons Adam and Erick (standing), received the Distinguished Service Award and the award for the highest genetic herd.

Farm Forum

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breeding grounds for reptiles and harmful insects that carry deadly diseases. Wetlands are indeed responsible for wildlife's demise and problems. Swamps and wetlands stink and are absolutely hazardous to all health.

The best thing to do to wetlands is to drain them, fill them up and get rid of them. Keep the area

clean and dry so none of the above mentioned will occur.

The wildlife lovers are just crazy and wild in their minds to be pushing wetlands preservation.

The EPA DER have been set up to protect our health and not try to kill us and rob us like they are.

Since they are doing just that their usefulness has been exhausted and therefore it's time

to dismantle the EPA & DER. The wildlife lovers are just "free loading" on us and the taxpayers and violating the Constitutional rights of farmers and citizens of the United States. The Fifth Amendment clearly states that.

The farmer's property is his, not theirs, and they have no right to trespass upon those rights.

It's time to address this to the short-minded politicians and vote them all out of office for their "wetlands robbery schemes." The wetlands will not improve any wildlife, but it will diminish it further.

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