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Breeders Majority Meets At Holstein Convention

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STOIX FALLS, S.D. — Joel Hastings, editor of "Holstein World," was the keynote speaker at the Breeders Majority meeting at the National Holstein Convention.

Hastings recognized the purpose for which Breeders Majority was organized more than five years ago:

- The need for new evaluation methods in response to the emerging dominance of indexes which caused breeders to think everything else was being forgotten.
- The lack of responsiveness

from Holstein Association to its members.

"The system was choking on a high volume of paperwork," he said. "The association that was built on breeders' enthusiasm now seemed cold and indifferent to breeders' concerns."

The Breeders Majority has had a positive role in change. Cow families are now being recognized. The goal remains to breed high-producing, trouble-free cows.

"Opportunity is still in play in the Holstein business," Hastings said. If breeders supply efficient productive cattle, much more can

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Pennmarva Contest Names Three Young Couples

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ROCKVILLE, MD — Three young dairy farm couples were named top winners during the annual Pennmarva Dairywomen's Federation Young Cooperator luncheon, held June 21 at the Sheraton Potomac.

Named outstanding young cooperators for Atlantic Dairy Cooperative are Kevin and Karen Holtzinger, East Berlin. Robert

and Joy Jackson, Brownsville, are young dairymen winners for the Middle Atlantic Division of Dairymen, Inc. Neal and Linda McCulloch, Newville, were named the outstanding young cooperators couple for Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative Association, Inc.

The awards luncheon was the finale of three days of personal interviews, fellowship, tour of Washington, D.C. and congressional reception for legislators and their staffs. Though the program was sponsored jointly by the Federation's member cooperatives, each organization held its own separate competition within the framework of the three-day event.

Atlantic Dairy Cooperative Kevin and Karen Holtzinger were selected the outstanding young cooperators couple for Atlantic Dairy Cooperative, Southampton.

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Honored at the PCC Summer Institute are, left to right, front, Scott Stone and Jacy Clugston received the Jay Irwin Leadership Award. Back, Hal Doran, director, Penn State cooperatives business education program, presented Doran Award to Bruce Stainbrook, adult resource leader.

Youth Scholars Attend Summer Institute

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SHIPPENSBURG (Franklin Co.)—One hundred and nine scholars were registered for the Pennsylvania Council of Cooperatives' summer institute at Shippensburg University this week. The agenda for this 31st annual event called for an extensive educational program about cooperatives and their management for the attending teenagers.

"Young people are the future of cooperatives. They have the advantage of access to advanced information and technology that

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Tobacco Growers Burning Over Tax Proposal

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Co.) — Self-described as politically aloof, a large number of tobacco growers have said they strongly oppose attempts by state Gov. Robert Casey to thwart a burgeoning state deficit by increasing taxes on all tobacco products.

The proposal would raise the tax on a pack of cigarettes from 18 cents to 48 cents.

On Tuesday, 43 tobacco growers — most of whom are members of religious sects which normally avoid political involvement — spent several hours in the Capital building meeting with senators and representatives to discuss Casey's proposed tobacco tax and state budget options.

The growers, mainly from the west central portion of Lancaster County, met initially with tobacco industry lobbyists George Wolff and William Cornell Jr. The two lobbyists talked to the group about the importance of organizing and making themselves be heard.

Immediately after the introduction of Wolff and Cornell to the representatives of the PTGA, the group had a chance to talk with four state senators and seven representatives, lead by Sen. Noah

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In The Cool Of The Morning

In the cool of the morning this farm scene is a place of serenity and beauty to all with farming in their blood. But for those who are old enough to remember when everyone harvested grain with a binder and threshing rig, they know a lot of hard work went into creating the field of shocked

wheat, and a lot of toil still remains to get the grain in the bin and the straw in the mow.

This Lancaster County Amish farm is located along Route 896 between Strasburg and Gap at the end of Cherry Hill Road. Photo by Everett Newswanger, Managing Editor.

