

Guernseys Return To Homeland

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio — Genetics of top U.S. Guernsey cows went back to their homeland, the Island of Guernsey, in June, according to the American Guernsey Association (AGA).

Ten embryos out of outstanding pedigreed Guernsey cows were exported to Guernsey Island, having been sold to a syndicate headed by John Posnett, of Tarporley, Chestshire.

The selection of the cows was conducted by AGA of Reynoldsburg, Ohio. The syndicate had specific criteria such as high production, outstanding type and high index cows. The best available genetic matches to the criteria were made among those U.S. cows ready to be flushed at the time.

The AGA's Executive Secretary-Treasurer Erick Metzger worked closely with the syndicate, traveling to the Island of

Guernsey and working with them in selecting productive additions to their herds.

Soon after returning to the United States, three initial selections were made by the syndicate with only two producing eggs.

AGA worked closely with American Marketing Service of Arlington, Va., in providing transportation and assuring all health requirements were met.

AGA also worked with an embryo transfer company in England to implant the embryos.

The new owners plan to breed the ET heifers to the best U.S. bulls available at the time and flush them as virgin heifers. Any ET bulls will be sampled.

Six embryos were exported from Yellow Creek Farm, owned by Truman Weaver, Goshen, Indiana; and four embryos came from Land of Living Farm, owned

by John and Bonnie Ayars, Mechanicsburg, Ohio.

The embryos sent from Land of Living Farm are sired by Lincrest Telestar Buttermost out of a Very Good 88 Merit Fortune Agni with 17,530M, 5.2% 916F and 3.9% 680P at 1-11.

The maternal grandam, Walnut Corner Choice Kym, is an Excellent 93 Kellogg Minnies Choice with 6-05, 365D, 30,380M, 5.0% 1,528F, 3.6% 1,087P. "Kym" is also the dam of an EX-94 Jerico daughter with 2-10, 305D, 31,220M, 4.6% 1,434F, 3.5% 1,091P.

The six embryos from Yellow Creek Fayette Carmen-ET are sired by Lincrest Telestar Buttermost. "Carmen" is out of a Very Good-84 Dutch Mill Telestars Fayette and a Gold Star Dam with 19,890M, 4.3% 865F, 3.8% 748P, at 3-04.

The maternal grandam is an Excellent-90 Kellogg Minnies Choice Gold Star Dam with a lifetime record of 213,240M, 4.6% 9,724F, in 3,764 days. She was the recipient of the top Living Lifetime award for milk and butterfat production in 1990.

"Carmens" Two maternal brothers, hold the number 1 and 4th rating for active AI bulls for PTL.

Two Excellent-90 full sisters are both over 20,000M and 900F, one of which was among the cows exported to Brazil in May of this year.

Counties Receive Free Dairy Promotion Tickets

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — It's summertime and a great time for county fairs. Local groups are planning to seize this unique opportunity to promote their products to thousands of consumers.

The American Dairy Association and Dairy Council (ADADC) will provide local dairy promotion groups with Dairy Promotion Starter Kits to help kick off their county fairs this summer. These kits are designed to deliver a positive message about dairy products and ADADC, and attract consumers to the fair booths.


The free Starter Kit includes one large ADADC/dairy promotion banner, two dairy promotion posters, 100 growth charts for children,

200 cow coloring sheets, 200 ice cream bookmarks, and 500 "I Love Milk" stickers.

These packets will give local county groups a big head start on promoting real dairy products at their county fairs or other local activities. Dairy promoters exhibiting at county fairs may obtain these kits through ADADC district directors by mid-July.

For further information about these starter kits contact the ADADC office in Syracuse at (315) 472-9143. ADADC is a dairy promotion organization representing dairy farmers and producers in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

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