

National Jersey Convention

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tion was down in May, indicating a trend toward a better supply and demand balance.

The strength of the cull cow market is also an indicator that the milk price will rebound quickly, Clauss said.

Another indicator that the milk price will rise is the USDA's revised estimated average milk price for 1991.

Operating with a Jersey dairy herd — "Many times I stop and think how much more difficult it would be to dairy with another breed, especially in this time of low prices. On the production end, as we all know, Jerseys are the most efficient converters of forages and grains into high quality milk. On the plant end, Jersey milk is the most profitable milk used for manufacturing. My milk market recognizes and compensates me for the profitable milk. The price I receive . . . is over 25 percent higher than the price paid for average milk."

A growing acceptance of multiple component pricing and renewed interest in higher minimum standards for fluid milk —

I am convinced that these two programs are the best means to strengthen the dairy industry. I have seen how higher minimum standards can help sell more milk. California has had such standards for the last 25 years."

Clauss said that all dairymen should write and call their federal representatives immediately to urge support of pending legislation

which would increase standards for all milk.

The National All-Jersey Inc. — "NAJ played a vital role in working with the Jersey producers in my area to develop our equitable milk market. NAJ has helped thousands of Jersey producers in marketing their milk for a fair and equitable price. Last year alone, we estimate, as a result of equitable milk pricing, Jersey producers received over an additional \$20 million for their milk. Jersey producers paid . . . \$190,000 in the form of equity fees. This \$190,000 was used by NAJ to help you as Jersey producers to receive that additional money. That is over a hundred-fold return on investment."

Clauss also said the NAJ is strong for Jersey breeders because, "With all the activity taking place in regards to the national dairy policy, Jersey producers must be united in one organization to look out for our best interests.

Presenting awards and recognizing outstanding members is also a function of a national convention. On Monday, a number of awards were presented.

The master breeder award was presented to Henry P. Knolle, of Sandia, Texas. The award is presented annually to a living AJCC member, family, partnership of corporation, who, in the opinion of the board of directors, has bred outstanding animals for many years and made a notable contribution to the advancement of the Jersey breed in the United States.

Knolle, 85, continues to pursue

a program to breed Jerseys that are profitable, according to an AJCC fact sheet.

In 1928, Knolle and his father started milking grade Jerseys. During the early 1940s they made the transition to 100 percent registered Jerseys. And at one time, the Knolle Jersey Farm claimed the title of the "World's Largest Jersey Herd," with the herd up to 10,000 animals.

Currently, Knolle and his two sons own about 5,000 Jersey cattle.

Also honored was Edwin Crotty, of Columbus, N.J., who received the AJCC Distinguished Service Award. The award is present annually to the member who has rendered unselfish service for many years, and in doing so has made a contribution toward the advancement of the Jersey breed in the United States.

Crotty has worked in the dairy industry and with the Jersey breed for more than 40 years.

Several production awards were also made.

The most cherished production award is the President's Trophy, an award recognizing the highest individual 305-day record for pounds of protein (M.E.) production.

The award this year was made to William and Barbara Mason, of Buhl, Idaho, whose cow, Barbs Duncan Day 3539547, had a 1-10, record of 20,620 pounds of milk, 4.6 percent, or 956 pounds, of fat and 4.0 percent, or 824 pounds, of protein.

The Ogston Farm Trophy is presented to the living lifetime milk champion cow. This year's award



Nancy Quimby, center, accepts the AJCC Edyvean Farm Trophy in behalf of her sister Ann Whitcomb. Whitcomb is the owner of the Jersey cow with the highest living lifetime protein production record. Presenting the award are sponsors Walter and Joan Brown.

went to Sea Wood Kelly Carolina 2994475, for 4,407 days in production with a record of 245,680 pounds of milk, 11,026 pounds of fat and 4,070 pounds of protein. Carolina is owned by Joseph M. Regli, Ferndale, Calif.

The High Lawn Farm Trophy is presented to the lifetime fat champion. This year it was presented to SLJ Faithful Mary Francis 3010631, with 4,130 days in production and a record of 232,940 pounds of milk, 12,099 pounds of fat and 2,718 pounds of protein. Mary Francis is owned by Hays State Line Jerseys, of Seneca, Mo.

The Edyvean Farm Trophy is presented to the living lifetime protein champion. This year it was awarded to Springdale P Abe pearl 3051743, owned by Ann Whitcomb Somers, of Belfast, Maine. Pearl produced 223,656 pounds of milk, 10,662 pounds of fat and 8,142 pounds of protein.

Other awards made included the Young Jersey Dairyman award presented to seven breeders. The awards are made annually to members (or their families) who, in the opinion of the board of directors, merit recognition.

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