N.J. Livestock Leaders Honored

CLAYTON, N.J. -- Owen Pool, dairy farmer from Mickleton, and Veronica Polen, a livestock producer from Deptford were cited by the Gloucester County Board of Agriculture at their annual business meeting and dinner recently. Also recognized was "The Sentinel Newspaper" from Franklinville.

Pool was recognized for his outstanding leadership and dedicated service to agriculture in and outside Gloucester County. He was presented a plaque and citation by Kenneth Stretch, public relations chairmen and executive committee member of the board.

Stretch said, "The Pool family has successfully farmed in East Greenwich and are leaders in the dairy industry."

In addition to being a longtime member of the executive committee, Owen Pool is president of the 4-H Fair Association.

Stretch read a long list of Pool's leadership positions with the county board and the New Jersey Farm Bureau.

Pool is currently treasurer of the New Jersey Farm Bureau, and chairman of the finance and annual convention committees.

"Mr. and Mrs. Pool have been the backbone of our 4-H programs and associations," said Stretch. In

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accepting the award, Pool recognized his wife Beth and his children for their support.

Pool said, "I could not have attended all the outside meetings and handled these activities without the help of my family.'

Polen, a former operating room nurse at Cooper Hospital, was cited for her leadership role in the swine industry and state and county agricultural organizations. In presenting the plaque and citation, Al Scott, past president of the county board, read a list of Polen's accomplishments.

Said Scott, "In addition to being part owner of Polen Farms, she was president of the New Jersey Livestock Association, a member of The National Pork Producers Council, The United States Animal Health Commission, The Livestock Conservation Institute, The U.S. Swine Advisory Committee, and a delegate to The National Pork Board."

Scott emphasized that Polen has been a tireless worker in the New Jersey Pork Industry and has done many, many presentations, TV and radio shows for agriculture and the livestock industry.

"Ronnie Polen has held every important agricultural position in New Jersey," said Scott. "She was a member and vice president of

The State Board of Agriculture, a member of The Board of Trustees of The New Jersey Agricultural Society, The New Jersey Agricultural Museum, The New Jersey Farm Bureau, and The New Jersey Agriculture in the Classroom Task Force.'

Scott also cited her service as vice president of the Gloucester County Board of Agriculture and a member of the executive com-

mittee. She was also recognized for her leadership as secretary of Gloucester County Farm Women and American Agri-Women.

Roy Gaventa, president of the Gloucester County Board of Agriculture, presented "The Sentinel Newspaper" a plaque and citation. The award was presented to Editor Jim Kinkade and his wife Carol who, along with Kinkade, serves as the publisher. The Kinkade's have owned the Sentinel since

1980.

Gaventa presented the citation in recognition of past and continued excellent objective agricultural reporting in Gloucester County. "The Sentinel is published weekly and serves a primary rural area in Southern Gloucester County," said Gaventa, "It thrives and survives by publishing local interest stories for the communities it serves."

Dairy Cattle Finish Record Year At North American

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - Leftover straw, pieces of twine, and the sweet scent of summer hay is the only remaining evidence of the dairy cattle in the West Wing of the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center.

Following the Winter National Open Milking Shorthorn Show today, all dairy cattle were released from the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE). Their departure punctuated a highly successful five-day run of dairy events in 1991.

The country's best Jerseys, Guernseys, Ayrshires, Milking Shorthorns, Holsteins and Brown Swiss competed this year in the

North American International from November 8-12. Events included open and junior shows, with sales held in conjunction with those shows. There were also special events such as an invitational Dairy Judging Contest and the glamorous Jersey Jug Futurity.

According to Dan Grigson, iunior show superintendent, this year's show was a success. He says the number of entries in the dairy cattle division were up slightly over last year, with this year's numbers reaching 3,500.

Grigson said he felt that quality in all breeds had improved. Garland Bastin, general superintendent, agreed with Grigson, saying, "The quality of dairy cattle we've had here at the North American has always been outstanding. But this year we've got top cattle all the way down through the

classes."

Grigson believed that one reason for success of the dairy cattle show at the North American International is due to Freedom Hall itself. He says he frequently hears exhibitors' comments regarding what great facilities are incorporated in the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center. Grigson says NAILE officials attempt to provide any service the exhibitor might need from enclosed, heated barn facilities to a milking parlor.

Showing registered dairy cattle is an important part of the promotion, merchandising, and breeding program of many breeders. Grigson said he believes that breeding and genetics have helped to make this show such a high quality event.

He said, "It's amazing what genetics have done."



