

Young Jersey Dairymen Honored

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio — The Glenn Kenny family, of Enon Valley, is to be one of six other dairy families nationally to be honored as recipients of the 1992 Young Jersey Dairyman Award when the American Jersey Cattle Club holds its awards breakfast June 27 in Lansing, Mich.

The awards breakfast is part of the AJCC/National All-Jersey (NAJ) annual meetings. The Young Jersey Dairyman Award is presented annually to AJCC members and/or members' families who, in the opinion of the board of directors, merit recognition.

The winners must be active members in AJCC and have been less than 36-years-old by Jan. 1, 1992. The seven selected from 28 nominees have excelled in dairy farming and Jersey cattle breeding; participated in AJCC and NAJ programs; and have shown leadership in Jersey and other dairy and agricultural organizations.

The only Pennsylvanian to be honored, Glenn Kenny, said he believes in the strength of the family, when it comes to getting things done on the farm.

In partnership with brother Don and father Bob on a 475-acre farm, Glenn helps milk 280 cows and keep 255 heifers. He said it takes everyone's help to get the work accomplished. Glenn is primarily responsible for feeding and breeding.

But also in the Glenn Kenny family is wife Lisa and two sons, Joshua and Nathan.

As president of Liberty Jersey Sires Inc., Glenn spends time studying young bulls that are candidates for proving through this group.

In addition to working with Liberty, he has been instrumental in marketing a number of bulls with the "Kenny" prefix to various artificial insemination organizations. Nine bulls from the farm are currently in A.I. use.

In 1991, the Kenny herd ranked fifth for protein, sixth for milk and fourth for fat, among national herds with 200 or more records.

Their 1991 DHIR lactation average, on a milk-equivalent basis, on 234 records was 16,300 pounds of milk, 786 pounds of fat, and 618 pounds of protein.

Because the farm is located within 75 miles of a dozen cheese

plants, Glenn said he is very conscious of protein production when making sire selections.

There have been at least a dozen Hall of Fame lactation records set at the Kenny Farm. Once cow the Kennys are particularly proud of is Brass Piano Song, a national class leader.

In addition to being active with the farm and the A.I. business; Glenn said he also takes time to participate in several other organizations. He was president of the District 5 Jersey Breeders' Association in 1991. During 1990 and 1991, he was a member of the county dairy extension advisory committee. He has been a trustee for Mid-East UDIA dairy promotion since 1988 and an alternate committeeman for the local Farmers Home Administration since 1990.

Others to receive the award include Kirk and Julie Traver, of Williamson, Mich., with Singpine Farms. Singpine has been in the Traver family line since the mid-1800s.

Singpine animals have been named winners of pedigree indwx and cheese yield awards at the All American Jersey Show four times. One of the bulls in is A.I. service. The 1991 herd average on 57 lactations was 16,346 pounds of milk, 769 pounds of fat, and 602 pounds of protein. They ranked first in Michigan for milk and milk component production by a Jersey herd.

Kirk has been involved with Michigan Milk Producers' Association (MMPA), through which he worked to help secure a higher premium on solids-not-fat. Previously, the premium was 10 cents per point and is now 20 cents per point. He is president of the local MMPA organization.

Kirk and his wife Julie were honored in 1990 by MMPA as its Outstanding Young Dairy Couple.

In addition to his other activities, Kirk is active in DHIA, having served as president of the local for three years and secretary for the district for two years; and he is a member of the Farm Bureau State Dairy Advisory Committee. He was also vice president of the Michigan Jersey Cattle Club for five years and served as state sale committee chairman.

Joel and Gail Black, of Saluda,

S.C., also received the award. They operate Jo—Ren Farm as a team and have a 78-cow operation which showed an average lactation of 15,948 pounds of milk, 706 pounds of fat and 589 pounds of protein.

The couple is also heavily involved with the dairy industry in their state and locality.

Joel is vice president and a member of the sales and membership committees of the South Carolina Jersey Cattle Club, while Gail is involved in the S.C.JCC youth and arrangements committees. In 1991, the couple chaperoned the junior club's trip to the All American Jersey Show and Sale.

Jo—Ren is a regular stop for 4-H dairy judging teams in their state and North Carolina, Georgia and Florida. Joel also has judged several county fair dairy shows. The couple also show at the Clemson Spring Dairy Show, the North Carolina State Fair and several county fairs.

Joel also leads the Saluda 4-H Dairy Club and has been a coach and umpire for the local Little League baseball team.

From Jefferson, N.Y., David Betz is also to receive the award.

Betz's career started slowly, growing up in a rural area, but not on a farm. The family had enough acreage so that he could raise a 4-H Jersey calf. Eventually he started buying additional animals and working on local dairy farms.

He excelled in 4-H projects and participated in a number of leadership activities and participated in the All American Jersey Show.

After graduating from Cobleskill SUNY, he worked for a dairy farmer before starting his own dairy operation.

After renting and then buying a farm, he eventually sold his farm and moved his herd to Danforth Jersey Farm, where he is currently located. However, for a couple of years he worked for the AJCC as a northeast area representative.

He currently works with the Danforth Jersey Farm herd and his own Butter Brook Jerseys. His 24 registered Jerseys, 15 milking, are enrolled in the Total Performance Evaluation and 25 percent of service sires are young sires. he invests in the Equity Program and actively promotes fair milk prices.

He is also an elder in the Stanford Presbyterian Church and is active in local and state Jersey organizations, currently serving as president of the Delaware County Jersey Cattle Club and as a director for the N.Y. State Jersey Cattle Club.

Roger and Kim Owens, of Federic, Wis., are award recipients and part owners of Owens Farm Inc., an 880-acre operation which includes Roger's brothers Wilfred and Walter and parents Harold and Agnes. Roger is in charge of raising replacement heifers for the 300-head milking herd.

While in college, Roger was active in dairy judging and in 1981, he was the assistant coach for the national championship team.

He worked for the family farm for five years before buying into it. As a genetic recovery agent, he has encouraged a number of Jersey breeders to enroll animals into the program. He is also a volunteer fireman, a trustee of the Lorain United Methodist Church, and a member of the Farm Bureau. In 1991, he was elected to the Frederick Board of Education. He is also active in the Parish VI Jersey events and the Wisconsin Jersey Breeders' Association.

In addition to taking care of their home and two children, Kim assists in raising calves and maintaining herd record books.

Stanley Weldy, from Middle Point, Ohio, is also a recipient of the award, who along with wife Marcia, have worked together to improve production and type in their 31 Jerseys.

A Jersey owner for 17 years, Stan had worked as a herdsman for Jerseyland Farm in Parma, Mich., where he said he gained valuable experience in feeding and breeding.

While working in Michigan, he was president of the Jackson County Farm Bureau and after moving to Ohio, he continued involvement in the Bureau.

The Weldy family has produced Fortunes Baronet Lorelei, a Hall of Fame cow in their herd who is a national leader for fat production.

From Alstead, New Hampshire, Steven and Jeffrey Holmes, are to receive the award. Together, they are in partnership with their father, Royal. The partnership formed after both sons returned to the farm after graduating college.

Steven returned in 1982 after graduating from University of New Hampshire; Jeff returned in 1985 after graduating from Cornell University.

When Steven started, the family herd averaged under 10,000 pounds of milk. In the next four years it climbed to 13,000 pounds and since Jeff returned to help, the rolling herd average has increased to 16,425 pounds of milk, 795 pounds of fat and 634 pounds of protein on 67 lactation records.

Two bulls with the "Holmesland" prefix are currently being used for artificial insemination.

Both Steve and Jeff are active in agricultural organizations.

Steve has been the New Hampshire representative to the board of the New England Jersey Breeders' Association since 1982 and has held various offices in the Eastern A.I. Cooperative as well as the N.H. Jersey Cattle Club.

Jeff is active in Farm Bureau and a member of its county board of directors. He is on the state Farm Bureau Young Farmers' Committee and has been the county chairman of the Young Farmers' Committee since 1986. He is also vice president of the Sullivan County DHI and a state delegate to the Northeast DHI.

Competition Strengthens Corn Grower Commitment

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — The recent plight of biodegradable plastics has made corn growers more determined than ever to stand by their investments in new uses as they make the difficult journey from lab bench to retail shelf.

First showcased at the National Corn Growers Association's Corn Utilization Conference I in 1987, biodegradable plastics are under intense scrutiny in the marketplace, said Jeff Bornstein, founder and vice president of marketing for Fully Compounded Plastics, Inc. in Decatur, Ill.

At first celebrated as part of a

solution to the solid waste and litter concerns, these new materials from corn are now caught in a crossfire between recyclers and the landfill industry.

"Without corn growers' continued help, U.S. scientists and entrepreneurs could lose their world lead in this field," Bornstein said.

In fact, other countries are in a position to move ahead, using U.S. technology and cornstarch, according to Dr. Sam Huang of the Institute of Materials Science at the University of Connecticut at Storrs.

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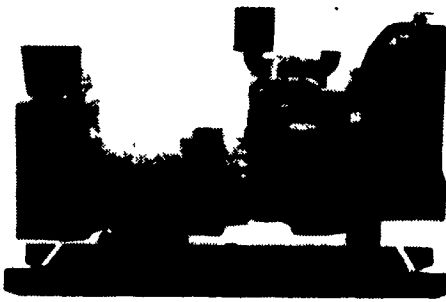
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