

Pennsylvania Holstein

Association Jr.
Dairy Bowl Set

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — The Pennsylvania Junior Holstein Dairy Bowl Contest is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 6, during the Pennsylvania Junior Holstein Convention, to be held at the Ramada Inn, Wilkes-Barre.

A dairy bowl is a contest where teams of four members compete against each other. Competition points are awarded for correctly answering questions about the dairy industry and closely related areas.

Eligibility

- Each County may enter two junior age and two senior age teams.
 - a. Junior age team members must not have reached their 16th birthday by July 1, 1993 in the year competing.
 - b. Senior age team members must not have reached their 21st birthday by July 1, 1993 in the year competing.
 - c. Juniors 16 and under may be on the senior team, but may not compete in two divisions.
 - d. No individual may compete in the Junior division more than twice at the National Contest. No individual may compete in the Senior division more than twice at the National level. Individuals on a winning National team are not eligible to compete in that division at the state level.
 - e. Once an entrant has participated on a senior team, he or she is not eligible for participation on a junior team.
 - It shall be the responsibility of the team's coach to doublecheck team member's eligibility. Any team competing with a member who does not meet eligibility rule A thru E shall be eliminated from the contest.
 - A team will be comprised of four members. One or more alternates may be listed on the entry form. Alternates may compete on the team only in extreme cases where approved by the Dairy Bowl Coordinator. If a team proceeds to National competition, and one member is unable to compete, one alternate so designated before the State Convention may replace one team member. If more than one team member is unable to compete, the second place team shall have the opportunity to compete. The same rule shall apply to the second place team. In no event shall a team placing lower than third proceed to National Competition. If no alternate has been designated, second place team will automatically have the opportunity to compete.
 - Team members must be national junior members of the Holstein Association.
 - Teams will be seeded by a test given on Friday, Feb. 5, 1993 beginning at 7:30 p.m. We will use the following procedure:
 - a. Each team member will answer a 25 question written exam.
 - b. The team total from the written exam will be used to seed the team.
 - c. Scores from the written exam will be used to seed the team. They will not carry over to the team competition.
 - The three main question sources will be Hoard's Dairyman January 10, 1992 to January 10, 1993, Holstein World January 1992 - January 1993, and the Progress of the Breed. Additional questions will come from PA Holstein Profiles, Information section of the Red Book, Dairy Herd Management, Purebred Dairy Cattle Association Score Card, Pedigree Information, 4-H Veterinary Science Project Books, Farmshine, and Extension Dairy Publications. There also may be some general knowledge dairy questions included.
 - All teams must designate a team captain and a coach.
 - Entry forms must be received at the PA Holstein Association 839 Benner Pike, State College, PA 16801 postmarked by Jan. 8, 1993.

C.M. BURNS
Extension Veterinarian
STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — Pennsylvania has recently begun a new testing program which will certify Test Negative Farms for Johne's Disease.

This is a cooperative program among the herd owner, herd veterinarians and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA).

The state will schedule and provide free testing and technical advice. The herd owner will maintain records and implement management practices to eradicate Johne's from the herd. The veterinarian will collect and submit samples for testing, provide advice to the herd owner, and act as a communications mediator between the herd owner and the PDA.

Dairy producers who volunteer to participate in this program will be divided into one of two categories.

The fast track category includes producers who have had no evidence of Johne's disease within the past five years. All cattle over the age of 24 months will be tested annually for two years. If all results are negative both years, the herd will become certified test negative.

The slower track is for producers whose herds have had Johne's exposure within the past five years. These herds will be serum tested for two years and fecal samples cultured a third year.

The PDA laboratory at Sum-

merdale will use two improved methods to test for Mycobacterium paratuberculosis, the organism known to cause Johne's disease. A serum test will be used for most testing. One Advantage of this test is that results are ready within several days. Unfortunately, this test may produce some false positives because it can react with other Mycobacteria species.

All cattle reacting positively with the serum test must remain in the herd and be fecal cultured within 30 days. The negative or positive fecal results is the confirmatory test. The fecal test the lab officials will be using has also been improved and should identify three times the number of cattle shedding Johne's organisms than the state's previous fecal test.

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Using these two methods of testing, Pennsylvania should be able to test more cattle over the same period of time and find cattle that were previously missed. Producers will be able to use testing as another tool in ridding their farm of Johne's disease.

Cattle herd owners who are interested in the Johne's disease certification program should have their veterinarian contact the Bureau of Animal Industry for information about the testing program.

Keystone Credit Scholarships

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Keystone Farm Credit, ACA announces the availability of two \$500 scholarships toward the higher education of students planning to pursue careers in agriculture.

An applicants parent(s) or guardian(s) must reside in one of Keystone's 15 southeastern Pennsylvania counties: Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Delaware, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia, Pike, and Schuylkill. Applicants must be high school seniors planning to attend a four year college on a full-time basis with agriculture or agri-business as the major emphasis of study.

Notification of the availability of the two \$500 scholarships has been sent to the administrators of the secondary schools in Keystone's territory. Keystone Farm Credit, ACA also intends to reach as many of the private schools in the area as possible — scholarships are not limited to the public school systems.

Anyone whose educational institution was not contacted should not consider himself or herself excluded from requesting an application form. He or she is encouraged to contact Keystone Farm Credit, ACA, Attention: Carl M. Mercner, P.O. Box 7397, Lancaster, PA 17604 or call (717) 291-1999.

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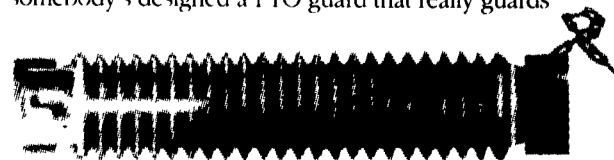
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