

# Pennsylvania Jersey Queen Begins Reign



Pennsylvania Jersey royalty gathers on the stairs after the competition. From left are 1992 Alternate Queen Noel Schelb, 1993 Alternate Queen Michelle Ryan, 1993 Queen Anna Calhoun, and 1992 Queen Marsha Chess.

**BONNIE BRECHBILL,** Franklin Co. Correspondent **CHAMBERSBURG** (Franklin Co.) — Wearing a satin peach gown, Anna Calhoun of Dayton, Armstrong County, was crowned 1993 Pennsylvania Jersey Queen at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Jersey Cattle Club March 26. The daughter of Bill and Betty Calhoun, Anna is a sophomore at Dayton High School, where she is a cheerleader and soccer player. An active member of the Dayton Livestock 4-H Club, the Dayton Area Variety 4-H Club, and the Armstrong County 4-H Council, Anna owns two Jersey cows. She has been recognized as the outstanding senior 4-H Girl in Armstrong County and was a Keystone 4-H winner in dairy foods.

In her presentation, Anna, 15, told the audience of Jersey breeders at the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge in Chambersburg how the Pennsylvania Jersey Club is keeping abreast of challenges. Citing the efficiency of the Jersey cow, she said that the current emphasis on protein content of milk makes the Jersey cow attractive to dairymen. Jersey milk has 20 percent more protein and 15

percent more calcium than milk from other breeds, Anna said.

In the impromptu question portion of the competition, master of ceremonies Todd Stroup asked Anna, "What would you do if you found out your name had been selected in a drawing and you were getting 50 bred Jersey heifers and 50 bred Holstein heifers tomorrow?"

"I'd take them all," Anna replied. "It would build my herd up, and the Jerseys would bring more butterfat and protein into my herd."

As Queen, Anna said that she plans to support the Jersey breed and let everybody know that there is a Pennsylvania Jersey Cattle Club.

Crowned Alternate Pennsylvania Jersey Queen was Michelle Ryan, daughter of Maryann and Bob Chavey of Linglestown, Dauphin County. A freshman at Harrisburg Area Community College and a member of the Lower Dauphin FFA, Michelle owns three Jerseys, which she shows.

In answering the impromptu question, Michelle said that at first she would be upset if she were about to receive 50 bred Jersey heifers and 50 bred Holstein heifers because she does not live on a farm. She said she would ask questions about how to take care of them, and that she would keep the ones with the best genetic backgrounds. "It would be better than winning the lottery," she said.

1992 Pennsylvania Jersey Queen Marsha Chess thanked the Jersey breeders for the wonderful year she had as Queen. She had been named fourth runner-up in the National Jersey Queen contest in Louisville, KY during her reign.

Judges for the event were Julia Meyers of St. Thomas, chairperson of the Franklin County Dairy Promotion committee; Duane Norman of Fulton, Maryland, research leader of the Animal Improvement Programs Laboratory, USDA, Beltsville Laboratory; and Kathy Hartung of Mercersburg, Jersey breeder.

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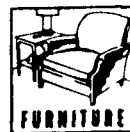
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