

Scientist Named Acting Director

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Dr. Thomas J. Sexton will become acting director of the Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station (MAES) for a six-month term effective April 19, according to Dr. Raymond J. Miller, president of the Maryland Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources (MIANR).

"I am extremely pleased that Tom has agreed to serve as acting MAES director," said Miller. "He is a distinguished avian scientist and administrator whose expertise will benefit MAES and its many efforts on behalf of Maryland agriculture and natural resources."

Sexton, 50, replaces Interim MAES Director Dr. Bryan H. Johnson. Johnson, who became interim director on Aug. 1, 1992, became animal sciences department chair at Texas A & M University in College Station, Texas.

The director of the Livestock

and Poultry Sciences Institute at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC), Sexton received his doctorate in reproductive physiology from The Pennsylvania State University. A native of Mount Holly, N.J., he received his master's degree in animal science from the University of New Hampshire.

Sexton began his career at BARC in 1971 as a research physiologist in the Animal Science Institute's Avian Physiology Laboratory and became research leader of the laboratory in 1978. He has been director of the Animal Science Institute — the largest animal research location maintained by USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS) — since 1988. In 1987, he was Distinguished Scientist of the Year, ARS' highest recognition for research achievement.

Holstein Association Announces Convention Schedule

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. — The 1993 national Holstein convention partial schedule was announced this week by its headquarters office in Vermont.

Set to be held at the Rochester Convention Center, Rochester, N.Y., from June 27 through June 30, the highlights include an excursion to Niagara Falls, farm tours for early arrivals, a chuck wagon chicken barbecue, and a nation sale, according to a news release this week from the Holstein Association.

Two farm tours are set to start early Sunday, June 27. One tour is to focus on cow breeding programs within three herds; the other tour is

designed to look at three large, state-of-the-art commercial dairies in the Genesee Valley.

The breeding tour is to visit the Ziems Farms in Weedsport, Ellbank Farm in Stanley, and Coyne Farm in Avon, to look at herd with cattle featuring generations of type, production and pedigree.

For the facilities tour, visited will be the Emerling Farm's 630-cow herd, housed in a 515-stall barn; the Ransom Rail Farm, which features a double-12 parallel parlor of Germania equipment, and the Vanslyke Dairy which has a 26,000-pound milk rolling herd average on 540 cows

being milked four times per day.

Sunday night is the traditional President's Reception, to be held in the center. Featured is to be entertainment and a sit-down dinner of N.Y. Strip Steak, or baked stuffed trout.

On Monday, June 28, the New York Holstein breeders have planned to offer an excursion to Niagara Falls. The tour bus is to meander the historic lakeshore road of the Old Lake Iroquois Indian. Trip stops scheduled are at the massive power station and Goat Island Park, which offers views of the American side of the falls.

The bus is to then pass across the Rainbow Bridge and stop at customs and in Ontario. A "Maid of the Mist" boat ride is also scheduled.

Monday night, back at the convention center, is a chuck wagon chicken barbecue featuring Country Western dancing. Also, a musical laser-light show for junior members starts at 8:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, June 29, and Wednesday, June 30, the annual meeting of the national Holstein Association is scheduled.

Other events on Tuesday include the evening's "National Galaxy of Stars" live cattle and silent sale, in the South Exhibit Hall of the Convention Center. The cattle are to be ready for inspection Monday and Tuesday.

On Wednesday morning, junior members are to battle and determine national dairy bowl team finalists. A Junior Awards Luncheon follows during which the six Distinguished Junior Finalists are to be recognized.

In the afternoon, buses are to go to Darien Lake Theme Park, which features two roller coaster amusement rides, the "Viper" and the "Predator." Also featured is "Grizzly Run," a white-water rapids water ride.

For the juniors, a farewell dance and dinner ends the convention.

At the annual banquet Wednesday night, entertainment is to feature David Pengelly, whose has a big band-sounding ensemble. Pengelly is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Pengelly, breeders of Wilceda Holsteins.

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