

4-Year-Old Canadian Holstein Wins Solanco

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QUARRYVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — A 4-year-old Holstein owned jointly by Steve Wagner and Rudy Allen, both of the area, on Thursday was named grand champion of the Southern Lancaster (Solanco) Fair Holstein dairy show.

The Holstein show was judged by Ron Buffington, of Rosebuff Holstein Consulting, Dublin, Ohio.

Buffington grew up in Dauphin County where he was involved in 4-H and FFA and showed cattle at the Guernsey Barn in Lancaster County. He attended Penn State University and had been a member of the 1962 dairy cattle judging team that won the international collegiate contest in Chicago.

He was also coach of the 1969 Virginia 4-H dairy judging team which won the national contest. He worked for 10 years as a Virginia extension agent.

After that he worked for 10 years as a sales coordinator for Select Sires Inc., an artificial insemination business. He is now a Holstein consultant and has judged dairy shows in 16 states including Pennsylvania, Georgia, Virginia, Florida, Mississippi and New York.

In his comments on the grand champion, Buffington remarked on the Holstein's overall stature, front strength and angularity, correctness of foot and leg, depth and length of body, spring of rib, rear attachment and overall composition of udder, and correctness of head. He said that while she was "dairy," she wasn't "frail."

The cow, C Broadhill Typemaker Zorro, was a summer purchase by Wagner and Allen from a local farm, according to Wagner, who recently began working for Em-Tran Inc., a dairy genetics business in Middletown.

Wagner said that Zorro was classified Very Good as a 2-year-old in Canada, but that she hasn't been on test lately. He said that he and Allen have been showing her during the summer, taking a third place at the Lancaster County Holstein show, and was third in her class to the grand champion of the Central Pa. Holstein Championship.

He did say that she has been milking since last November and is about to dry up. She's due in February and he said he intends to show her at some spring shows.

The reserve grand champion was a 3-year-old Walkway Chief Mark daughter, Wams Mark Carolyn, shown by Joe Best.

Because of the number of animals entered, the 3-year-old and 4-year-old Holsteins were lumped together to form a judging class. Carolyn took second in the class to the grand champion. It was also the grand champion cow of the youth division.

The junior champion of the open show was a senior calf owned by Jacob Hushon. Hushon, a fifth grade student, was unable to attend the show, according to his mother, Pat Hushon. She said since he was going to miss some school for the All American Dairy Show, and since some school assignments were due, he had to attend and miss showing his champion.

Judge Buffington selected the senior calf over a senior yearling shown by Richard Lieske, because I have to go with the animal that I think will go further in competition, he said.

Hushon's senior calf is Lady's Manor Mavabell Sheik, sired by Lady's Manor To-Mar Sheik. Lieske's reserve junior champion was Wending-Creek Golden Oak Su, sired by Forsberg Golden Oak.

The reserve grand champion Holstein of the youth division was Hushon's senior calf.

The James Hess family, owners of Sea Green Holsteins, Quarryville, were named premier breeder and exhibitor of the show. Representing the family were James and Virginia Hess, and children Susan, James, Mark and Sarah.

The family brought 13 animals to the show out their 50-milking herd of registered Holsteins which they maintain about four miles south of Quarryville on a 111-acre farm.

"It's the first time we won premier breeder and exhibitor," James said, adding that he's been showing 47 years, since he was in 4-H.

"(The children) get the credit for this one, they did the work," James said. Last year they showed the reserve grand champion.



From the left, Joe Best shows his reserve grand and reserve grand champion Holstein while Steve Wagner and Rudy Allen, partners, stand with their grand and senior champion of the show.



From the left, Ron Buffington, show judge, stands with Joshua Hushon who shows his brother Jacob's reserve grand champion of the youth division dairy show at Solanco Fair, and Joe Best, who holds the halter of the grand champion.

SOLANCO FAIR HOLSTEIN SHOW

JR CALF: 1.Joshua Hushon; 2.Barbara Schenning; 3.Kennard Henley III
INTERMEDIATE CALF: 1.Jill Harnish; 2.Calvin Keene; 3.Barbara Schenning
SENIOR CALF: 1.Jacob Hushon; 2.Josh Housekeeper; 3.Daniel Reed Magness
SUMMER YEARLING: 1.Matthew Welk; 2.Melissa Enck; 3.James Hess
JUNIOR YEARLING: 1.Calvin Keene; 2.Bryan Byers; 3.Randy Wenger
INTERMEDIATE YEARLING: 1.Josh Housekeeper; 2.Daniel Magness; 3.Sheri Bollinger
SR YEARLING: 1.Richard Lieske; 2.Barbara Schenning; 3.Matthew Welk, Ed and Jill Harnish
JR CHAMPION: Jacob Hushon, senior calf
RESERVE JR CHAMPION: Richard Lieske, senior yearling
DRY COW: 1.Allan Heaps Mar-Ash Holsteins; 2.Mike, Denise Meliott
2-YR-OLD: 1.Sheri Bollinger; 2.Susan Hess; 3.Allan Heaps, Mar-Ash Holstein
3-, 4-YR-OLD: 1.Steve Wagner; 2.Allan Heaps; 3.Jeremy Welk
5-YR-OLD: 1.Matt Welk; 2.Allan Heaps, Mar-Ash Holsteins; 3.John Kiser
SENIOR CHAMPION: Steve Wagner, Rudy Allen
RESERVE SR CHAMP: Joe Best
GRAND CHAMPION: Steve Wagner, Rudy Allen
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION: Joe Best
PREMIER EXHIBITOR: Sea Green, Jim Hess family
PREMIER BREEDER: Sea Green Holsteins, Jim Hess family
YOUTH DIVISION CHAMPION: Joe Best
YOUTH DIVISION RESERVE CHAMP: Jacob Hushon
GET OF SIRE: 1.Hanover Hill Starbuck — Matthew Welk, Michael Meliott, Barb Schenning
BEST THREE: 1.Barb Schenning; 2.Hess family
DAIRY HERD: 1.Hess family
PRODUCE OF DAM: 1.Mark Hess; 2.Mike, Sheri Bollinger; 3.Sheri Bollinger, Jody England
DAM, DAUGHTER: 1.Allan Heaps

Eastern Milk To Meet

SYRACUSE, NY — Some 500 farmers and dairy officials are expected to attend the annual meeting of Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative in Syracuse, N.Y. on Tuesday, Sept. 28.

The annual meeting and banquet will be followed on Sept. 29 by the co-op's Delegate Meeting. Attending will be about 200 delegates representing dairy farmers from Lake Champlain to the Chesapeake Bay.

James Barr, head of National Milk Producers Federation, will be a featured speaker at the annual meeting, which will get underway at 1 p.m. Sept. 28 at the Sheraton University Inn. He will discuss current dairy issues facing farmers, including efforts to get a farmer "self-help" program passed by Congress.

A milk punch reception at 5:30 p.m. will precede the 6:30 p.m. Annual Banquet. The banquet speaker will be Harry Houston, a nationally known Southern humorist who is former director of training for Tennessee Farmers Cooperatives.

Delegates will be offered a break during the business portion of Wednesday's Delegate Meeting when guest speaker Bill Perry makes a presentation on the topic, "The Politics of Milk." Perry is director of member services for

Milk Marketing Inc. (MMI), an 8,000-member dairy co-op based in Strongsville, Ohio.

"The farmer delegates will meet to discuss the co-op's operations, including hearing reports from management on performance in a number of areas," Eastern President Lewis Gardner said. As president, Gardner heads the co-op's board of directors. When he is not working on co-op business, he runs a family farm with his wife and sons in Galeton, Pa.

Gardner noted that the delegates also will debate proposals to change the cooperative's bylaws and act on resolutions submitted by farmers to set dairy policy direction.

Based in Syracuse, N.Y., Eastern has 3,000 member farms throughout the Northeast, with the majority concentrated in Pennsylvania, New York and Vermont.

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The James Hess family farm, Sea Green Holsteins, is named premier breeder and exhibitor of the Solanco Fair Holstein Show. From the left are Virginia, Susan, James and Mark Hess. Missing from the photo is Sarah Hess.