

Alfred State College Dairy Team Is Fourth Nationally

ALFRED, N.Y. — The dairy cattle judging team from Alfred State College ranked fourth overall, with a team member earning two first-place wins, in competition at the World Dairy Exposition in Madison, Wis.

Competing with 16 other colleges, Alfred State students placed third in Jersey judging, fourth in Guernseys, and fifth in both Brown Swiss and Ayrshires. The team also ranked fifth in oral reasons.

Timothy K. Elsbree of Troy, a senior in the animal science curriculum at Alfred State, was first-place individual in Jerseys and in Brown Swiss, third in oral reasons, and fourth in Ayrshires.

Elsbree, son of John and Donna Elsbree of Troy RD 1, placed seventh overall among individuals.

The team was coached by Matthew Stewart of Alfred State's Agriculture and Horticulture Department faculty.

He reported rankings for Elsbree and his teammates, includ-

ing:

-Katherine A. Lunde, daughter of Ingrid Lunde of Apalachin and the late Lars Lunde, fifth in Guernseys.

-Colleen M. Palmer, daughter of Ben and Marilyn Palmer of Holland, NY, ninth in Guernseys and 12th overall.

-Brian L. Zug, son of Edward and Debra Zug of Peach Bottom, 20th overall.

At the earlier Eastern States Exposition competition in Springfield, Mass., Alfred State's team finished in third place, just one point out of second place, coach Stewart said.

The team placed first in Ayrshires, and took thirds in Holsteins and Jerseys.

Among individuals, Elsbree was first in Ayrshires, second in Holsteins, and third in Jerseys. Lunde placed first in Holsteins, fourth in Ayrshires, and seventh in Brown Swiss. Zug took sixth and seventh in Ayrshires and Jerseys, respectively.



The Alfred State College dairy cattle judging team placed fourth at the national competition. The team consists of, from the left, Brian Zug, Colleen Palmer, Katherine Lunde, Timothy Elsbree, and Matt Stewart, coach.

State Accepts Agribusiness

Award Nominations

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — State Agriculture Secretary Boyd E. Wolff is accepting nominations for the Department's 1994 Agribusiness Achievement Awards.

The awards are presented to Pennsylvania companies that have made a special contribution to the development and expansion of Pennsylvania agribusiness. First place awards will be given in two separate categories.

"The Agribusiness Award is part of our effort to recognize the people who contributed so much to Pennsylvania's leading industry," Wolff said.

"Prestigious companies that have won this award include Hatfield Quality Meats, Knouse Foods, Newhart Foods, Pellegrino Food Products, and other firms that helped establish a quality standard for Pennsylvania Agricultural products."

Awards will be presented at the annual Farm Show Dinner on Saturday, Jan. 8, at the Sheraton Inn Harrisburg East in Harrisburg.

The deadline for receipt of completed award applications is Nov. 12. Contact the Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Market Development at (717) 787-4210 for more information or to request an application.

Legislation To Fight Animal Disease

WASHINGTON, D.C. — More than half of the House of Representatives and Senate now support legislation to allow veterinarians to administer life-saving drugs to animal patients when clinically appropriate.

Sixty-one Senators and 242 Representatives have cosponsored S.340 and H.R. 1423, the Animal Medicinal Drug Use Clarification Act.

"Veterinarians must be permitted to treat sick animals and protect people from animal diseases," said Rep. Charles Stenholm (D, Texas), sponsor of H.R. 1423. "I intend to continue to fight for passage of this important legislation."

An existing amendment to the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) restricts the use of animal drugs prescribed by veterinarians to the species and usage(s) specified on the label. Passage of the parallel bills would change the FD&C Act to allow veterinarians to prescribe the safest and most beneficial drugs to fight disease and alleviate suffering among animal patients.

The legislation would codify current FDA policy and permit veterinarians to use the safest and most beneficial animal drugs when treating animal patients.

The discretionary or "extra-label" use of drugs would be restricted to those times when the

veterinarian makes a professional and clinically appropriate judgment that the health of the animal to be treated is threatened or suffering or death would result from the failure to use such treatment.

"Strict adherence to the FD&C Act makes it impossible to practice modern veterinary medicine,"

said Sen. Howell Heflin (D, Ala.), sponsor of S. 340. "This law conflicts with the veterinarians' oath to use specific knowledge and skill to maintain animal health and safeguard the public."

Ultimately, veterinarians would be permitted to provide for animal health and well-being, and help ensure the safety of food from animal origin for human consumption.

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Promotion Program Continues

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — State Agriculture Secretary Boyd E. Wolff congratulated the nation's dairy farmers for voting to continue their efforts to promote their product.

The Dairy Promotion and Research Order was established in 1983 to implement a national program for the promotion of dairy products and nutrition education.

"We're very pleased that the referendum has been approved," Wolff said. "Over 71 percent of the voters elected to continue the order, showing that there was broad support for this important program."

The dairy promotion program is financed by a 15-cent — per hundredweight assessment of all milk produced in the 48 contiguous states and marketed commercially

National Association of Dairy Farmers of Zimbabwe, told the group.

Willi Kampmann, representing Germany, said the primary issues facing German dairy farmers concern the wholesomeness and perceived social responsibility with which milk products are produced.

The group also examined different models for handling industry-related research. John McQueen of the Australian Dairy Farmers Federation led the discussion by outlining the system in Australia, whereby the dairy organization's funding for research and development is matched one for one by the federal government.

Research, which is interactive between scientists and farmers, is carried out in the government facilities, but involves greater industry input than traditional research protocols.

There was also an array of opinions on world trade and the effect of liberalization on dairy farming.

"I see the writing on the wall. Government support of agriculture worldwide is declining and will continue to do so," said Ernie Glienke, representing the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation. "I advocate free trade, so that my family has the option of expanding our operation as much as we want and having the new markets via reduced trade barriers for this additional production."

"At the same time, Irish farmers find it terribly unfair to have to operate on static quotas with reduced prices, in order that a far-

mer in another part of the world is able to expand his production,"

said Michael Drea, chairman of the IFAP dairy group and representative of the Irish Farmers' Association.

"Agricultural products produced within varying economic, political and social situations can't be expected to compete with one another," said Manfred Bobner of the Swiss Central Dairy Association.

"Although opinions on most every issue we discussed vary, there is a deep-rooted sense of commitment among the participants to the economic well-being of the family-farming system," said Swenson.

Following two days of intensive discussions, the delegates participated in an industry tour of Wisconsin's dairy country. The tour included stops at a single-family, 45-cow dairy, a two-family, 300-cow dairy farm and a cooperative cheese processing plant. Tour participants also had the opportunity to discuss dairy issues with some 20 Wisconsin Farmers Union members that joined the tour.

Also attending the meeting from Farmers Union were: Dennis Rosen, president of the Wisconsin Farmers Union and Dennis Wiese, president of the South Dakota Farmers Union. Meeting delegates included dairy organization representatives from Argentina, Australia, Canada, Denmark, the European Community, Germany, Ireland, New Zealand, Sweden, Switzerland, the United States and Zimbabwe.

The International Federation of Agricultural Producers is comprised of 81 national farm organizations representing 57 countries, including both developing and industrialized countries.

IFAP serves as a forum for farm leaders to exchange information and ideas and to discuss issues of common interest. Because of IFAP's size and scope, it also serves as a communication vehicle and international spokesman for the world's farmers. NFU is a member organization of IFAP, with NFU President Leland Swenson serving as one of IFAP's three vice presidents.