

# NAAB Holds 47th Convention

COLUMBIA, Mo. — The National Association of Animal Breeders (NAAB) held its 47th annual convention recently at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

There were approximately 275 in attendance with 11 supply companies exhibiting their products. This year's convention was hosted by Tri-State Breeders Cooperative, Baraboo, Wis.

The Convention Committee consisted of Deborah Wilson, chairperson, Roger Ripley, Bruce Odeen, Julie Larson, Char McCauley, Dianne Deaton and Jim Cabaj.

Wednesday evening, convention guests gathered outside in the garden for a "Taste of Wisconsin" at the host reception. The NAAB Awards Banquet was held Thursday evening where delegates and guests enjoyed the presentation of four industry awards. The next day, convention attendees expressed their appreciation to Tri-State Breeders, by unanimously passing a special resolution recognizing their efforts of the past few months in preparation of this event.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

In other business, one new director was elected to serve on the NAAB Board, that was Kenneth Leick, board director for 21st Century Genetics, Shawano, Wis.

Two incumbents re-elected to the NAAB Board were Dick Chichester, general manager, Select Sires, Plain City, Ohio and Jon Mast, director for Noba, Inc., Tiffin, Ohio. Jack Shelton, president of American Breeders Service,

DeForest, Wisconsin, was elected to fill the unexpired term of Dr. John Sullivan.

Following the business session, the NAAB Board reorganized electing DuWayne Kutz, general manager, Sire Power, Tunkhannock, to serve as chairman.

Dan Ranney, owner of Excelsior Farms, Corona, Calif., was elected vice chairman, and Jon Mast is to serve as the third member of the executive committee.

Other members of the board include Bruce Bean, general manager, Eastern AI Cooperative, Ithaca, N.Y.; Peter Blodgett, general manager, Landmark Genetics, Hughson, Calif.; Ken Persyn, owner, Medina Valley Genetics, Castroville, Texas.

Dr. Gordon A. Doak, was appointed secretary/treasurer and president of NAAB.

Retiring from the NAAB Board was R. Douglas Wilson, CEO for 21st Century Genetics, Shawano, Wis. He was recognized with plaques for his six-year tenure on the board, the last two of which he served as chairman.

The Thursday morning opening general session was highlighted with the annual chairman's address by Doug Wilson.

He spoke of the many challenges NAAB would be faced with in the coming years and questioned as to where NAAB should be positioned in such areas of international marketing, member unity, trade association priorities and structure, research, beef programming and the many key issues to be worked out in the dairy industry. But he said, "I'm pleased you have a board and staff that are

ready to tackle the next decade of change and assure your trade association is positioned properly."

There were eight new high achievers of the Cow and Unit Sales Awards recognized with a special plaque presentation.

Alan Bair, director of Member/Public Relations, Atlantic Breeders Cooperative, then previewed next year's annual convention. Attendees got a real taste of the "Sweetest place on Earth" as handfuls of mouth-watering Hershey chocolate kisses were passed out along with an invitation to come to Hershey. Dates for next year's convention are August 24-26, and the host is Atlantic Breeders Cooperative of Lancaster.

Thursday afternoon's educational session included Dr. Martin Sieber, NAAB director of International Market Development who spoke on the topic of "International Semen Market"; Dr. Rex Powell, research geneticist, USDA-Animal Improvement Programs Laboratory spoke about "International Comparison of Dairy Genetics"; Roy Wallace, vice president Beef Programs, Select Sires, spoke on "Export Market for US Beef Semen"; and the subject of "Genetic Improvement Programs in other Countries" were addressed by Dr. Dave Selner, vice president for sire procurement, 21st Century Genetics and Dr. Rex Powell, USDA-AIPL.

At Friday morning's business session, delegates passed a resolution strongly urging USDA-AIPL to develop methods for including Owner/Sampler production records in their Sire Genetic Eva-

uation Program as a cost effective method of maintaining and increasing the rate of genetic progress in the national dairy herd.

Dr. Donald R. Monke, vice president Sire Health Programs at Select Sires, and CSS chairman of the board, reported on the status of NAAB subsidiary, Certified Semen Services (CSS). He reviewed the status of such topics as the Semen Plasma Brucellosis Test, BVD Virus Test Protocol, CSS Combination of Antibiotics and Semen Import Regulations.

In his president's address, Dr. Gordon A. Doak presented an indepth overview of the activities being carried out by NAAB.

He said in 1992, unit sales increased for dairy domestic 3.8 percent, dairy international 10.1 percent, beef domestic 5.7 percent, beef international 48.1 percent, and beef custom frozen 21.9 percent. Only dairy custom frozen decreased, -12.7 percent. The value of international dairy sales increased three percent and beef value increased 48.5 percent. Total units exported in 1992 increased to 5.6 million with a val-

ue of \$43.3 million.

Following a review of funding cuts in the USDA-FAS Foreign Market Development and Market Promotion Programs, it was announced that NAAB will participate in a national livestock genetics organization. US Livestock Genetics Export Inc. is to consolidate the foreign market development programs of a number of organizations associated with cattle, sheep and swine. Through this national organization, it is hoped additional funding for export development of US genetics can be generated.

Delegates were informed about NAAB's work with USDA-APHIS/Veterinary Services regarding regulations for inspecting semen imported into the US. In the research area, NAAB and a number of other organizations will be funding research at USDA-AIPL. This work is to update age and season-of-calving factors to standardize milk, fat and protein yield. A proposed uniform policy for advertising foreign dairy genetics in the US was also reviewed.

## Grace Gains Status

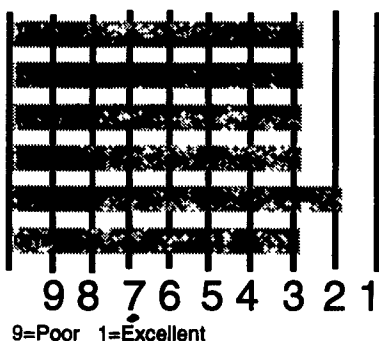
REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio — At four years of age, "Grace" was just raised from Excellent-91 to 95 points, making her one of the highest scored cows recognized by the American Guernsey Association.

"Grace" was bred by Ken Winters, the 1993 Guernsey Master Breeder, of Mabton, Washington. She is owned by John and Bonnie Ayars, Mechanicsburg, Ohio, and Winters.

Not only has "Grace" earned an Excellent-95 status as a 4-year-old, but she is also on her way towards making another superior record to add to her merits. At 4-01, she has a record-in-progress of 25,000M, 1,135F and 739P in 200 days. Her 365 day record at 2-03 was 27,900M 4.5% 1,245F 3.2% 905P, earning national class leader status for milk, fat and protein.

## Companion Hybrids. For A Better Shot At A Bigger Yield.

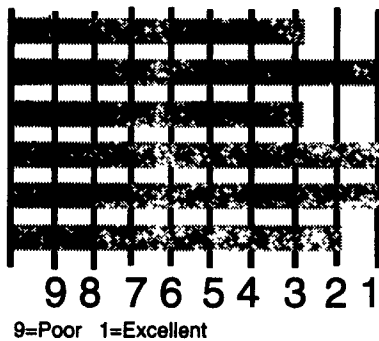
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(EXP 258)  
Excellent plant health provides consistent yields.

**Key traits:** Produces consistent yields under a wide range of conditions. Excellent stalk strength with excellent late-season plant integrity and very good drydown. Very good seedling emergence. Flexible usage for grain or silage.

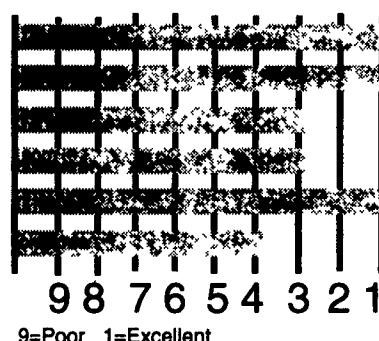
**Management tips:** Good choice for tough conditions where good stalk, plant health are required. Fast seedling emergence and growth allow planting under variable tillage practices, including no-till or minimum tillage. Adaptable for medium to high populations. Flowers early for its maturity to help avoid mid-season heat stress.



(EXP 261)  
Superior plant health, emergence and standability. Plant this one early.

**Key traits:** Excellent seedling vigor and emergence. Super stalk strength and staygreen with excellent late-season plant integrity. Very good yields and grain quality with relatively thin and loose husk cover at harvest for excellent drydown.

**Management tips:** Plant early; excellent choice for no-till or minimum-till situations. Superior standability allows flexible harvest schedules. Superior plant health for full-season areas. Tough hybrid adapted to a wide range of soil types.



(EXP 266b)  
New for Eastern Corn Belt! Excellent choice for no-till.

**Key traits:** Excellent seedling growth rate, stalk strength and staygreen. Produces consistent yields across a wide range of environmental conditions. Good choice for no-till. Plant for grain or silage. Excellent resistance to Southern Corn Leaf Blight.

**Management tips:** Plant at medium to high populations. Adapts to a wide range of tillage practices — an excellent choice for no-till. Exhibits strong performance across all soil types. Adaptable to all crop rotations. Good choice for grain or silage.

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