

## Pa. Ayrshire Association Board Reports Actions

**BEDFORD** (Bedford Co.) — The board of directors for the Pennsylvania Ayrshire Association met Nov. 20 in Bedford and addressed a number of issues, including the possibility of offering membership to Ayrshire breeders in Virginia.

According to a news release from the Pa. Ayrshire Association, the board approved offering membership to West Virginia breeders since they do not have a state organization.

Dale Maulfair, president, and Ben Hillyard, promotion coordinator are to contact breeders in West Virginia about interest in joining the Pa.AA.

In other news, the board also has approved changing the association's annual dues structure. In addition to adopting a billing system for dues, minor dues changes were approved. The rates are \$5 for a youth membership; \$15 per individual; \$30 per family; or \$50 per farm membership.

Those aged 20 years or less qualify as youth for membership purposes. An individual membership is for those aged 21 year or more. A family membership includes husband, wife and children aged 20 or less. A farm membership is for partnerships or for a family farm, etc.

Also included in the new billing system is to be an optional subscription to the Ayrshire Digest and the option to due a ninth page advertisement in the digest.

According to news release, the advertising rate in the Digest has increased recently, along with several other changes. Anyone with questions should contact Ben Hillyard, promotion, or Earl Keefer, secretary-treasurer.

The board also approved offering the association's services through Wayne Weaver to members who need help with private treaty sales. Those who need association help with sales should contact the association.

In other news, the board approved the 1994 Spring Calf and Heifer Sales, and annual convention to be held in Wampum. Chairpersons for the event are to be Cindy and Philip Bozinski. More details are to be announced as they are finalized.

According to Hillyard, "We have nine to 10 quality animals already consigned for this sale and we are always looking for more."

The state board also approved submitting Pennsylvania as host of the 1997 national convention. If the national convention committee approves, it will require support from all members of the Pa. Ayrshire Association.

## Adams DHIA Holds Awards Banquet

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technicians will use laptop computers for electronic transmission of barn records to the main frame computer at University Park. This new technology will greatly speed up the turn-around time on test day results and improve flexibility of choices available to members.

Shenk outlined recent changes to the by-laws of Pennsylvania DHIA which places Adams County in the newly created District No. 9 with Franklin County and entitled to a total of two delegates. The state directors are to hold an annual meeting Feb. 18 and 19, in State College. The state board has announced a rate increase to become effective in the new year, the first such increase in 3½ years.

In other business, "What the Computers Can Do For You" was described by Daniel Smith, spokesman for the Agricultural Records Information Service. He predicted improved accuracy and better service to members when the technicians master the computer input of information at the farm.

Smith related how the state records processing laboratory is ready to forward data direct to on-farm computers. The new flexible program allows dairymen to purchase only those records they need and will use in making better herd

management decisions.

County Agent Thomas E. Piper presented the 1993 records summary. The report this year carried a special summary of cows sired by various studs and a genetic inventory for the county. The latter report was to support the importance of complete identification for all animals in the herd.

Piper invited the dairy farmers to attend Dairy Day set for Tuesday, Jan. 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Adams County Extension Office.

The program is to feature Penn State Extension specialists A.J. Heinrichs and Lawrence Hutchinson updating the knowledge based on caring for calves and heifers, reviewing the possible use of bovine somatotropin and current vaccination recommendations.

Managing Waste Water for wellhead protection is to be the topic for Dr. Tom McCarty, multi-county agent on water quality, also scheduled to speak.

Piper also said that enrollment is currently open for the 1994 Dairy Nutrition Teleconference and Workshop which is scheduled to be held at various sites throughout the Northeast on Feb. 10, 17, and 24. The Adams County Extension Office will be one such downlink site. A \$25 registration fee will cover notebook costs. Lunch cost will be additional.

## Pa. Holstein Seeks Applicants, Nominations

**STATE COLLEGE** (Centre Co.) — The Pennsylvania Holstein Association has announced it is seeking nominations for its Hall of Fame Award, and also applications for its Distinguished Young Breeder Award.

The deadline for the Hall of Fame nominations is Dec. 31. The deadline for the Distinguished Young Breeder Award is Jan. 15.

According to a news release, the Pa. Holstein Association's Hall of Fame Award is presented annually to a member of the association to recognize that person's achievements and contributions to the Holstein industry, as well as for participation in activities in other agricultural and community activities.

Applications should be completed and sent to David Morrow, 1060 Haymaker Road, State College, 16801. For more information, call the state Holstein Association at (814) 234-0364.

The young breeder award contest is open to any Pennsylvania or National Holstein Association member between ages 21 and 40, as of Dec. 31, who owns or has management responsibilities for a herd of cows which are on official test with the Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

The purpose of the award is to recognize accomplishments of young Holstein breeders and to encourage them to establish goals that will aid in their management decisions to help achieve a profitable dairy operation.

Applications can be obtained from the state Holstein Association. Letters should be addressed to the Pennsylvania Holstein Association, 839 Benner Pike, State College, 16801. The office facsimile transmission telephone is (814) 234-1698.

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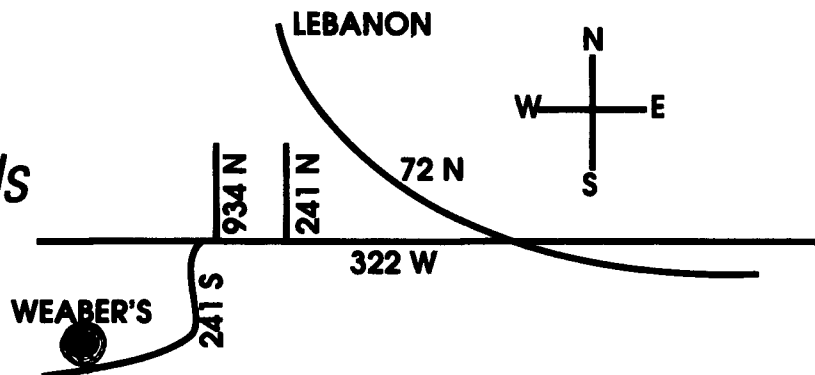
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