



Named PHA Young Holstein Breeders for 1994 were Berks County dairy couple Dave and Phoebe Bitler. The Bitlers will represent Pennsylvania at the June national Holstein convention competition in Seattle.



A whole herd of cow-related and farm-theme handcrafted items generated a lively auction to raise funds for the 1995 National Junior Holstein Convention to be hosted in Pittsburgh.

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20,000-pound average. The Beshore Farms herd produced 14 Excellents, 9 Gold Medal Dams, 8 Dams of Merit and 68 cows with lifetime lactations over 100,000 pounds of milk. Merchandising of the herd genetics has put young sires into several AI sampling programs and embryo and live animal exports into many foreign countries.

Beshore was named a Grassland Farmer in 1965 and Master Farmer in 1981. He has served as a director and president of the Pennsylvania Dairyman's Association and been a recipient of its Charles Cowan award for leadership in the dairy industry. Currently, he chairs the York ASCS committee, remains actively involved in the Grange, and has served on the county's DHIA and Farmers Home Administration boards.

Active in his community, Wayne has been president of the local school board, served on the Fairview Township's planning committee and taken many leadership roles at Newberrytown St. Paul's United Methodist Church. He serves as a local driver for the Meals on Wheels program.

Wayne and his wife, Athena, have four children. Marvin is an attorney, Joy and Kirby are stockbrokers, and Jed is the third generation farming at Beshore Farms.

John Umble's 36-year registered Holstein breeding career began in 1943, with the purchase of his Chester County farm. He developed his noted Swampy-Hollow herd from a foundation cow purchased in the 1950's. At the herd dispersal in 1983, 45 direct descendants of that foundation animal helped generate the state high herd dispersal average of \$5,717. Included in the sale offerings were seven Excellents and nine head with lactation averages over 1,000 pounds butterfat. The herd has earned the Progressive Breeder Registry award 13 times.

Umble has served as a national Holstein delegate for many years, as well as state director, county president and director. He was a founding member and president of the Brandywine Valley Breeders farmer-owned, sire-proving group.

For many years, Umble has served on the board of the Maple Grove Mennonite Church and on the board of the West Fallowfield Christian School. He is co-chairman of the Pennsylvania World Relief Heifer Sale.

John and his wife Susanna have  
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