

Penn State Dairy Club Exposition Today

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — The 69th Penn State Dairy Science Club Dairy Exposition will be held today at the Ag Arena, beginning at 8:30 a.m. with cattle fitting and showing competition among club members and other interested Penn State students. A champion fitter and showman will be named in each of three divisions: amateur, intermediate, and professional, from which the show's Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be crowned.

In addition to the competition, several fun events are planned for all ages, youth to alumni. Penn State President Joab Thomas will participate in the annual celebrity milking contest, and several faculty members will get into the spirit of competition as they try to win the calf showmanship contest. Other special events include a milk chugging contest, calf dressing, alumni showing contest, and cow pie bingo.

Conference

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Our technicians were asked to name something good about working for Pa. DHIA, and the remark I heard far more than anything else was, "I love and care for my farm families." They really love you, and care for your future. God Bless them, and God Bless you!

Our laboratory and field training program has just completed the quality certification from National DHIA. The lab scored a 99 percent. The field service scored a pass. National DHIA QC now scores field service only pass or fail. Historically we have always scored 100 percent. I wish the scoring system had not changed because it does not give a true picture of our field service. I can assure you that they are the best in the country. Our DRPC service will be scored later in the summer. I wish that these scores were public information nationwide. If it were, Pa. DHIA would rank near the top, if not the top.

We are in the process of making some changes in State College. The West College Avenue office will be closed, June 30, and we will all move into the laboratory building on Orchard Road. Also, we are making some personnel changes in our milk testing laboratory.

All of these changes are for economic reasons, so we can provide the best service at competitive prices. However, during the next 2 months our turn around time may slow down some. I ask you to be patient with us until our new people get better trained at their work.

We, at Pa. DHIA are honored to serve you. If you have any concerns, please write or call me at 800-344-8378. Our Pa. DHIA members and their profitability are the reason that we exist.

The culmination of the day's events will be the annual awards and recognition banquet, where club members will be rewarded for their work throughout the year. Awards will also be given to winning dairy judges from the spring contest, Dairy Science Club Young Dairyman and Dedicatee, and the Department of Dairy and Animal Science Distinguished Dairy Science Alumni.

Penn State's 1994 Outstanding Young Dairyman is Mary Ann Keith, a 1990 Dairy and Animal Science alumnus. During her undergraduate education at Penn State, Keith served as secretary of the Penn State Dairy Science Club in 1988 and president in 1990. She also was an Ag Advocate and the 1988 Ms. College of Agriculture. Keith was a founding member and 1990 president of Sigma Alpha sorority, a member of the Coaly Society and Alpha Zeta fraternity, and 1990 Outstanding Senior in the College of Agricultural Sciences.

Currently, Keith is agriculture administrator at Mid-State Bank, where she evaluates loan requests and handles agriculture transactions for new and existing customers. She also lends a hand on the family farm as night and relief milker. In addition, Keith volunteers with various state and local community organizations including the Pennsylvania State Grange, Penn State College of

Agricultural Sciences Alumni, Society Board of Directors, Penn State Dairyman's Club Board of Directors, Huntington County Extension Board, and the Altoona/Blair County Chamber of Commerce. She also donates time to the Pennsylvania Rural Leadership program and the Holstein Foundation Young Dairy Leader's Institute.

Penn State Dairy Exposition Dedicatee

The club has named Robert "Whitey" McKown its 1994 Club Dedicatee. Born and raised on a dairy farm in Apollo, Pennsylvania, he came to Penn State in 1947 after attending Clarion State Teacher's College. As a dairy production major, McKown was an active member of the Penn State Dairy Science Club. He was named Grand Champion Showman at the 1948 Dairy Expo and 1949 winner of the spring judging contest. He also competed on the Penn State Dairy Judging Team, finishing fifth high individual at the Waterloo contest. McKown also found time to play varsity basketball at Clarion State and Penn State.

Upon graduation in 1951, he became farm manager at Wernersville State Hospital, a 1250-acre farm in Berks County, where he and new wife Jeanne purchased their first registered Holsteins.

In 1956, they moved to Sandy Creek, New York, where

McKown became editor of the *Pennsylvania Holstein News*. He currently is senior vice president of livestock advertising for *Holstein World*. In addition to overseeing their advertising programs, McKown reports on Holstein shows, sales, meetings, and other related events. His work has taken him across the United States, Canada, Japan, and Korea.

McKown's original herd grew to about 100 head. Over the last 14 years, twenty Excellent Holsteins were bred at MooKown Farm in Belleville, New York, with many other Excellent cows raised on the farm. The herd has earned several PBR awards, and its 1993 classification BAA was 107.2 percent, with a DHIR average for 47 lactations of 24,099 lb. milk, 822 lb.

fat, and 763 lb. protein. Averaging \$1,650 per head, the MooKown herd was dispersed in June 1993, 39 years after its establishment.

McKown has been active in his community through involvement with Holstein and DHIR county associations, fair boards, cattle judging, Boy Scouts, Little League coaching, and the Methodist Church.

In 1991, McKown was selected as World Dairy Exposition Industry Person of the Year. After serving several years on the Dairy Shrine Board, he was elected president in 1986. He has twice been a showmanship judge at the club Expo and is a lifetime member of the Penn State Alumni Association and a member of the Penn State Dairyman's Club.

Delay On Worker Protection Standards Will Help Safety

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Postponing enforcement of new Worker Protection Standards for agricultural pesticides will result in maximum compliance with new regulations and better worker protection, according to State Agriculture Secretary Boyd E. Wolff.

Wolff commended President Clinton and Members of Congress for taking action to delay enforcement of the Environmental Protec-

tion Agency's (EPA) new Worker Protection Standard (WPS) for agricultural pesticides by almost nine months, until Jan. 1, 1995.

A postponement in enforcement of the new Standard had been sought by the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) because of delays in EPA's completion of education and training materials and over serious flaws in parts of the regulation.

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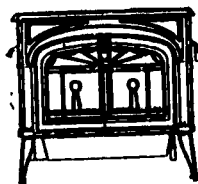
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