

Forget Your Discomfort, Keep Cow Comfort Year Round

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STATE COLLEGE (Centre
Co.) — This, has been a snowy,
blowy, cold winter, with many
days below zero degrees.

But a dry, well-fed cow, out of
the wind, does not mind harsh
winters.

She does need a well-ventilated
barn, regardless of temperature or
weather conditions. Given a
choice, cows still prefer cold and
dry to warm and damp.

A dry, fresh, well ventilated
freestall barn at 10 degrees is
healthier than a poorly ventilated,
humid, smelly barn at 40 degrees.

I am concerned that too many
dairy managers will forget all we
have learned about good
ventilation.

They will let a few cold days or
blowing snow keep them from
ventilating barns with curtains and
open ridges.

They will forget that we have
many more hot, humid summer
days than cold, windy, below-zero
winter days.

But, the inconvenience of a few
winter days should not outweigh a
summer's worth of cow comfort.
We must build our barns for the
cows' comfort year-round.

So, please, don't punish your
cows because it was cold this winter!
Continue to provide a dry, well-
ventilated freestall barn all year.
Provide adequate ventilation openings,
even on very cold days.

Use frostproof waterers, and run
alley scrapers continuously or tractor
scrape regularly. Provide your
key employees and your cows with
a world class working environment
every day of the year.

Keep building and modifying
barns so that side and end walls can
be removed in the summer and
ensure adequate openings — even
on cold winter days.



Top awards at the Guernsey convention were presented to these winners from left, Justin McMurray, the George W., Snyder award; Amber Clark, the Sewickley trophy; and Jan Snyder from Snider-Homestead Farm, the John Brachman award.

State Guernsey Banquet

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high herd for fat in 1993 with 43
cows, 16,898 milk, 593 protein,
and 790 fat.

Top cow for milk and protein in
1993 was given to Lindenhof
Mercury Ginger for 4:08, 27,783
milk; 1206 fat, and 917 protein.

The top cow for butterfat in
1993 was Rutter Bros. Jaspers
Dorie of the Rutter Bros. Farm.
4:08, 21,735 milk, 768 protein,
and 1367 fat.

"All Pennsylvania Awards"
were presented to the following:
Junior Calf: Scott and Elsie
Wolff and Peb-L-Brook Farm,
Quarryville.

Intermediate Heifer Calf:
Elsie and Scott Wolff and Kevin
Stoltzfus, Quarryville.

Senior Calf: Beth Anne Clark,
Bedford.

Summer Yearling: Paula D.
Guyer, Derry.

Junior Yearling: Amy Liggett,
Enon Valley.

Intermediate Year-
ling: Amanda Hem-
sarth, Millville.

Senior Yearling:
David Shupp,
Tunkhannock.

Junior 2 Year Old:
Matthew Morrow,
Tyrone.

Senior 2 Year Old:
Elsie Wolff and Bernata
Gable.

Junior 3 Year Old:
Justin McMurray,
Eighty-Four.

Senior 3 Year Old:
Beth Anne Clark,
Bedford.

Four Year Old:
Sniders Homestead,
New Enterprise.

Five Year Old &
Over: Snider Home-
stead, New Enterprise.

Dry Cow, Four
Years & Under: Jan
Snider, New Enterprise.

Dry Cow, Five
Years & Over: Aaron
Gable, New Enterprise.

Best Bred & Owned
All-Pennsylvania:
Beth Anne Clark,
Bedford.

Charlene Shupp of
Tunkhannock was
selected as the 1994
Guernsey Queen.

An auction of hand-
crafted, mostly Guernsey
theme items, benefitted the Guernsey
Youth.

Two cows brought
more than \$3000 at the
sale which concluded the
convention.

Held at the Bedford
Fairgrounds 4-H building,
selling average was
\$1415.

Two Guernseys
stood patiently while
the bidding climbed
beyond \$3000.

Scott Bates of West-
erville, Ohio, saw his
R-Way Perfect Laven-
dar senior calf go for
\$3100. It was purchased
by Troy Hill of Sandy
Lake.

Peb-L-Brook F. Lor-
ie, owned by Scott and
Elsie Wolff of Pebble-
brook Farm, Quarryvil-
le, was purchased by
John DuPont of Lifeter
Farms of New Town
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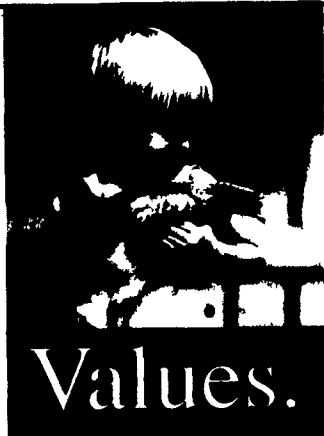
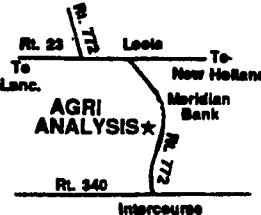
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