

University Of Maryland Holds Successful Ag Day

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — A new setting for many agricultural activities was the scene at the 1994 Ag Day held at the University of Maryland, College Park campus on Saturday, April 30.

A large crowd of students, parents, friends and families had an opportunity to observe many different exhibits and programs. The new agricultural engineering facility was also dedicated at a ceremony during the day.

One of the highlights of the day was the dairy and livestock competition involving students from the college of Agriculture. Students enrolled in the dairy cattle production course taught by Dr. Lee Majeskie participated in the dairy cattle fitting and showing competition.

Judging the dairy show this year was Bonnie Remsburg, Middletown, Md. Assisting with the activity as coaches were teaching assistant Anne Digges and Jamie Cranford, along with undergraduate teaching assistants, Kelly Hydoski, Elizabeth Charlton and

Aaron Sanders. The show took place in the new outdoor showing that was constructed in the courtyard of the animal science and ag engineering complex.

In the five individual classes, the following students placed first in their class: Class 1, Denise Kurant, Baltimore; Class 2, Ashley Henshaw, Cleveland, Ohio; Class 3, Rikki Kane, Silver Spring; Class 4, Dawn Knill, Woodbine; Class 5, Kerri Deuchler, Ellicott City.

The grand champion and reserve grand champion trophies were sponsored by Remsburg Sale Service, Jefferson, Md. Receiving the grand champion award was Dawn Knill. The reserve grand champion showperson, Kristen Cady, Brandywine, placed second in Class 4. All of the Holstein animals that were part of the dairy cattle fitting and showing activity were from the dairy herd at the Central Maryland Research and Education Center, Ellicott City. This was one of the finest group of heifers that the students have had



Presenting trophies to student winners in the dairy fitting and showing competition are, left to right, Maryland Senator Art Dorman; Dr. Dan Fallon, provost; Bonnie Remsburg, judge; Kristen Cady, reserve champion; Dawn Knill, champion; Dr. Willa Kirwan, president, University of Maryland, College Park; and Maryland Senator Larry Levitan.



Proudly displaying their ribbons are the faculty that participated in the fun-filled hog showing competition, left to right, standing, Dr. Nancy Deuel (in costume); Dr. Jerry DeBarthe; Dr. Ed Young, judge; (kneeling) Dr. Lee Majeskie (calming the hog with a drink); Dr. Marla McIntosh, acting associate dean, College of Agriculture; and Dr. Joe Soares.

an opportunity to work with over the years and students will be exhibiting some of these animals at fairs later this summer.

For the first time, there was a dairy steer fitting and showing competition. Mark Butler, Emmitsburg, Md., was the judge and Anne Digges worked with the students in this activity. The class winners were Laurie Zimmerman, Frederick, and Johanna Froelich, Eldersburg. Laurie Zimmerman

was the champion showperson in the dairy steer competition.

In the afternoon activity, sheep and swine were also shown by the students. Again this year, there was a faculty swine fitting and showing contest that provided good entertainment for the hogs and the people at ringside.

For the overall fitting and showing competition, the champion and reserve champion showperson for dairy, dairy steers,

sheep and swine participated in the activity. Providing the grand champion and reserve champion trophies was the Maryland Sales Division of Sire Power, Inc. After each student had an opportunity to exhibit their skills in showing the different species, the judges unanimously agreed that the overall showperson for 1994 was Laurie Zimmerman with the reserve champion honor going to Dawn Knill.

Conservation School For Youth Set

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Where can young people between the ages of 14 and 16 go to learn more about conservation of natural resources?

The answer is the Lancaster County Youth Conservation School.

Now in its 16th year of operation, the school is a joint effort between the Lancaster County Conservation District, the Federated

Sportsmen of Lancaster County, and local environmental organizations.

Subject areas to be covered during the 1994 school include outdoor survival skills, forestry, solid waste disposal, wildlife management, aquatics, boating safety, firearm safety, soil and water conservation, archery, and trapping. Field trips and a stream improvement project are also a part of the

week-long activities.

The resident school will be held July 24 - 30 at the Northern Lancaster Game and Fish Protection Association grounds. Space is limited. Sponsorships are available.

For applications or more information, contact Nevin Greiner at the Lancaster County Conservation District office, (717) 299-5361.

Accreditation Program

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The board of directors of the Egg Association of America (EAA) asked the egg industry, government advisors, and customers to join in developing and implementing an accreditation program that would assure customers' confidence in the egg production process.

"With so many new challenges facing us in food safety, environment, and animal welfare, it is important to collectively focus our talents and resources on the best way to meet these challenges," said Andy Wadsworth, chairman of the EAA board. "A lot of changes are happening so fast these days — in particular, globalization, reduction in government supports, and consumer attitudes. All these changes will impact agriculture."

The program is divided into three phases. Phase I, available now, is a pamphlet creating an awareness of the need for a customer-oriented accreditation program. Phase II, to be developed by industry and government experts, will describe management practices that will achieve desired goals. Phase III will consist of review and certification of the producer.

A conference is being organized to give egg industry leaders an opportunity to assist in setting broad guidelines for program developers.

For meeting details, contact Mac McLaurin (202) 296-8248. Meanwhile, for a copy of Phase I, write EAA, 808 17th St. NW #200, Washington, DC 20006. The cost is \$5 for EAA members and \$15 for nonmembers.

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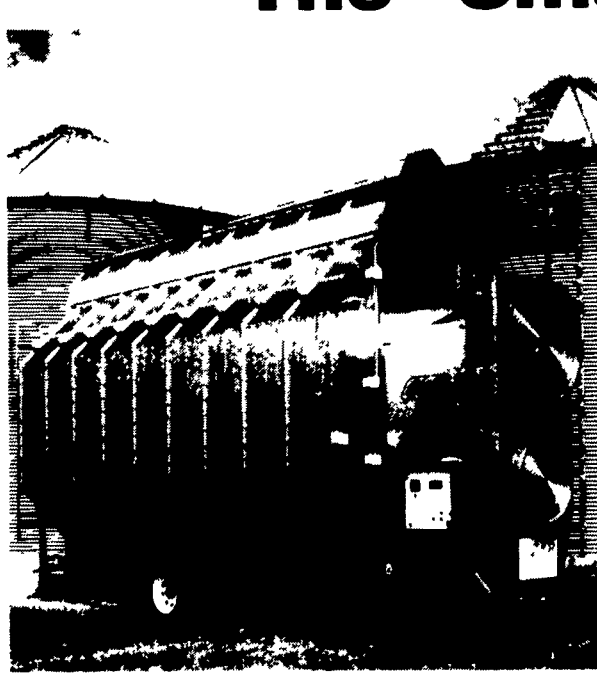
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