

Pennsylvania Dairy Goat Association Holds Annual Show

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NEWPORT (Perry Co.) —

While celebrating the 50th anniversary of its founding, the Pennsylvania Dairy Goat Association held its annual show to select breed champions and "Miss Pennsylvania" and Best Doe of Show winners last weekend at the Newport Fairgrounds in Perry County.

Two judges select Best of Breed winners in separate rings, but they select Miss Pennsylvania together. The judges this year were Judy Quigliana of Westfield,

NY and Theresa Baker of Keymar, MD.

Miss Pennsylvania, which must be bred and owned in Pennsylvania, was Poet Hill Genuine Risk, exhibited by Susan Meas of New Albany, PA. Both judges also chose this Nubian as Best of Breed, and Judge Quigliana made her Best Doe of Show.

Best Doe of Show in Judge Baker's ring was GCH Stump Hollow TS Bonjour, an Alpine shown by Joan Stump of Telford, PA. Bonjour was Best of Breed for Alpines.



The class of champions for Best of Breed competition.

Best of Breed winners and exhibitors were as follows (number of exhibitors for each breed is in parentheses):

Judge Quigliana's selections: Alpine (31) - GCH Little Orchard Vicky Lynn, Joan and Harold Stump, Telford; La Mancha (27) - GCH Rockspring Pulsar Dixie Debra, Ann Miller, Telford; Nubian (41) - Poet Hill Genuine Risk, Susan Meas, New Albany; Toggenburg (11) - GCH Rockspring PS Lucy Lula, Ann Miller, Telford; Recorded Grades (20) -

GCH Kidding Hills B Mira Marina, Helen Snyder, Newport.

Judge Baker's selections: Alpine (31) - GCH Stump Hollow TS Bonjour, Joan Stump, Telford; La Mancha (27) - GCH Kidding Hills AB Eternal Flame, Carole Robinson, Shippensburg; Nubian (50) - Poet Hill Genuine Risk, Susan Meas, New Albany; Oberhasli (3) - Amor MTOB Ambiance Rosemary Sprengle, York; Toggenburg (15) - Rockspring Comm Gabriele Gleam, Ann Mill-

er, Telford; Recorded Grades (20) - GCH Kidding Hills B Mira Marina, Helen Snyder, Newport.

PDGA, which currently has over 130 members, promotes dairy goat milk as being easily digestible and a good substitute for people allergic to cow's milk. This year's PDGA officers are: President - Helen Snyder, Newport; Vice President - Dennis Hogg, Grove City; Secretary - Gwen Musselman, New Enterprise; and Treasurer - Delores Peifer, Herndon.



Best Doe of Show and Miss Pennsylvania winner is Poet Hill Genuine Risk, shown by Susan Means of New Albany.



GCH Stump Hollow TS Bonjour was also named a Best Doe of Show for Joan Stump of Telford.

USDA Upgrades New York's TB Status

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has raised the status of New York to "accredited-free" in the national eradication program for bovine tuberculosis.

"We commend the cattle industry, state animal health officials and private veterinary practitioners of New York for working together to restore the tuberculosis-free status of their state," said Donald Luchsinger, acting deputy administrator for veterinary services in USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection services.

New York first obtained accredited-free status in the National Cooperative Federal-State Tuberculosis Eradication Program in 1980. An outbreak of bovine tuberculosis in farm-raised cervids (deer and elk) spread to cattle in 1992, causing New York to be downgraded to modified accredited-free status in the program. Intensive efforts to depopulate infected herds and to conduct widespread testing and extensive epidemiological investigations over the past two years restored the state's accredited-free status.

USDA designates each state's status in the eradication program based on evidence of freedom from tuberculosis in cattle and bison, the effectiveness of the state's tuberculosis eradication program and the state program's compliance with national standards. To attain "accredited-free" status, a state must not find cases of tuberculosis in cattle or bison for a least five years. To have accredited-free status restored, a state must not find new cases for at least two years and must meet other program requirements. Including New York, currently 42 states have accredited-free status.

Cattle or bison that are from accredited-free or modified accredited-free areas and that are not known to be affected with or exposed to tuberculosis are eligible for interstate movement without restriction or testing requirements. Restrictions apply to cattle and bison

from nonmodified accredited areas with a higher incidence of tuberculosis. The owners of the 21,000 cattle herds in New York stand to benefit economically from the upgrade, as many national and international buyers prefer cattle and bison from accredited-free states.

Bovine tuberculosis is caused by *Mycobacterium bovis*, which can cause disease in many animal species, including cattle, bison, deer and elk. Although the current resurgence of human tuberculosis is caused by a different bacteria than *M. bovis*, humans can contract bovine tuberculosis by breathing respiratory excretions from infected animals or from drinking unpasteurized milk from infected animals.

This interim rule was effective upon publication in the June 6 Federal Register. Written comments will be considered if received before Aug. 5. To comment, send an original and three copies referring to docket number 94-047-1 to Chief, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Room 804 Federal Building, 6505 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Md. 20782. Comments once received may be reviewed at USDA, Room 1141 South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C., between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to review comments are encouraged to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

Ag Department Issues Disaster Guidelines

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Maryland Secretary of Agriculture Lewis R. Riley has announced that the Department of Agriculture has produced a pamphlet outlining steps all horse owners need to take to protect their horses during the time of a natural or man-made disaster.

"The key to protecting your horse is to plan in advance for an emergency. By planning ahead, you can increase your chances of saving your horse's life," Riley said.

The pamphlet outlines specific steps all horse owners should take before, during and after a disaster occurs. They include evacuation plans, permanent horse identification, and the preparation of an emergency kit.

It is important to have enough fresh water and hay on hand for

48-72 hours. Maintaining good records and having them with you can help in documenting ownership when claiming lost horses.

"I think every horse owner will want a copy of this emergency action pamphlet for horses. Its simple step-by-step approach can help you come up with an efficient check list for protecting your horse. More and more people are taking seriously the need to plan for any eventuality. We hope this little brochure will help all horse owners," said Riley.

For more information on horse safety during disasters or to obtain a copy of the brochure, send a self-addressed envelope to the Maryland Department of Agriculture, Office of Food Safety and Consumer Services, 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401, (410) 841-5782.