

Penn Star Farms Shows Grand Champion At Pa. Dairy Classic

INTERCOURSE (Lancaster Co.) — Pennstar Starbuck Bonnie, a 3-year-old Holstein which had placed well in earlier Holstein competitions was named grand champion of the Pennsylvania Dairy Classic show and sale held Tuesday at the Ben Stoltzfus farm in Intercourse.

Shown by Patty Hushon, of Delta, the cow was owned by Pennstar Farms, of Quarryville, and sold for \$2,300 to Breck-A-De Farms.

The reserve champion cow was a 3-year-old also, Gajan Midnight Pearl, shown and consigned by Galen Martin, of Honeybrook, which was later sold for \$2,200 to Dr. Ben Turner, of Apulia Station, N.Y.

Judge for the show was Gordon Wood, of Gor-Wood-D Holsteins, in Mansfield. It was managed by the Cattle Exchange, of Delhi,

N.Y., and Stonehurst Farm, in Strasburg.

During the sale, held following the show, 102 head were sold for a total of \$140,000, or for just under an \$1,400 average.


There were eight cows sold for more than \$2,000 and buyers came from five states. The top selling animal was sold by Star Rock Farm of Elizabethtown, with Chemline Majesty selling for \$2,750. The second highest selling animal was consigned by O. Clayton Smith, of Jefferson, Md., which was sold for \$2,600.

Called the Fall-Harvest Show and Sale, the annual show is one of the Pennsylvania Classics organized by the Cattle Exchange and Stonehurst Farm.

For more information, call Dave Romney at the Cattle Exchange at (607) 746-2226, or Don Welk at Stonehurst, (717) 687-7475.



From the left, Galen Martin, of Honeybrook shows the reserve champion of the Pa. Dairy Classic show and sale, Gajan Midnight Pearl, while Patty Hushon shows the champion Pennstar Starbuck Bonnie. Also shown is show judge Gordon Wood, of Mansfield.



MILK CHECK

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SCRANTON (Lackawanna Co.) — As of Oct. 15, the description of the market for dairy product prices as "cautiously steady" is about as close as you can come to describing it the past month.

Block cheese prices increased over 2 cents the middle of September and stayed near the \$1.33 level ever since.

Barrel cheese prices haven't changed in six weeks and remain at \$1.29. That's about as steady as you can get, but the question is, which way next?

Will cheese buyers look at the latest cold storage report and see cheese holdings down more than 11 percent from last year and commercial disappearance up over 4 percent this year and keep on buying for the holidays?

Or will they look at the milk production reports that show an increase of 2 percent over last August and 3 percent over September and wait for lower milk prices?

What would you do?

It would appear that, with reports of bumper crops of feed grains, producers will have a better feed price/milk price ratio in the months ahead and production will continue to increase over last year.

Wisconsin production was 3 percent more than last September, but fluid milk deficits in Florida that usually come from the upper Midwest are now being met with shipments from the Northeast.

Good Sign

Perhaps that's a good sign that Florida deficits are not being met with Wisconsin milk. Usually they are sending 15 to 20 loads a week to Southeastern markets at this time, but not this year. The indication is that they still need all that milk in the upper Midwest for processed dairy products.

In addition to a growing demand for cheddar cheese, increases in other cheeses, especially mozzarella, are up nearly 5 percent over last year.

Nonfat dry milk prices are still being strengthened by subsidized sales for export under the Dairy Export Improvement Program (DEIP), and by the Class IIIa price for powdered milk that diverts more supplies

away from cheese processors.

All of these factors are combining to keep the Minnesota-Wisconsin Price increasing and in September it went up 31 cents more to \$12.04, for a total increase of 79 cents in three months. Certainly not giant strides, but in keeping with the cautiously steady market. However, there doesn't seem to be enough momentum from increasing demand for all dairy products including butter, power and cheese to keep pace with increasing milk production.

Seasonally, this is the time for declining production, as we go into the late fall and early winter months, but is also the season for declining demand.

Putting it all together, you may get another increase in the M-W for October, but that will be the last for now.

Good News Bad News

The good news is that farm prices will continue their increases of the last three months. You can expect 40 to 45 cents more in your check for September milk than you got for August milk. For most producers in this area, this will mean an increase of 65 to 90 cents over two months with more coming as Class I prices continue to climb monthly into December.

Right now, the farm price is 35 to 40 cents better than last year, but the bad news is that's not expected to last to the end of the year.

Emu Farm To Host Open House

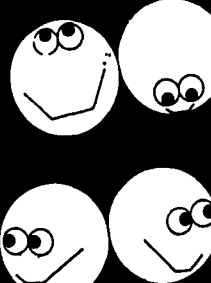
BLOOMSBURG (Columbia Co.) — Longview Emu Farm, located near Jerseytown, will be hosting an open house on Sunday, October 23, at 3 p.m. for those interested in becoming involved in emu farming.

There will be a live demonstration of bird handling, discussions relating to care, maintenance, and facilities needed to raise emu, and emu meat tasting. A local veterinarian will be on hand to answer any medical/husbandry questions.

The American Emu Association, (AEA), based in Dallas, Texas, has more than 5,000 members who are involved in emu production in the U.S.

For more details or to register for the Longview Emu Farm Open House, call (717) 437-9185.





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