

Jersey Juniors Enjoy Louisville

MERCER (Mercer Co.) — The Pennsylvania Jersey Junior Cattle Association took 23 animals and 21 members to Louisville, Ky., to the National Jersey Show this year.

Among those attending were Curtis Reichard, Paul and Amy Plummer, Joy Vance, Rynnell Barker, Randi Marchezak, Martin Watson, Ryan Sprout, Kent Barker, Gwen Medic, Mark Bailey, Jennifer Kellerman, Michele Ryan, Janelle Koontz, Lisa Heimbach, Jennifer Neiman, Mark Norman, Erica Lloyd, Michele Proctor, Joy McConnell, and Roberta McConnell.

Among some of the higher placings, Joy Vance place third with her senior calf. Amy Plummer who the senior division of the show-

manship contest, while Martin Watson received the Hanford Award for the parent protein average for the intermediate calf class.

In addition, the Pennsylvania contingent also came home with one of its members, Janelle Koontz, newly crowned as the national Jersey Jug Futurity Queen. Koontz, from Bedford, is the 1994 Pennsylvania Jersey queen and was selected from among 15 national contestants. She was also the youngest contestant in the pageant.

According to the juniors, they would like to thank all supporters for the opportunity to take their trip, and that they encourage anyone who has not had such an opportunity to attempt to make the trip to Louisville sometime.

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — The Lancaster County chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association, Inc., recently elected eight new members to its board of directors. Karen Peiffer, chapter president, made the announcement.

Elected were: Doug Brossman, Ephrate, class of 1980; Don Crowner, Lancaster, associate life member; Helen Ebersole, Lancaster, class of 1995; Ronald Fink, Jr., East Petersburg, class of 1987, and Gail Graybill, Lancaster, class of 1986.

Also, David Kreider, Lancaster, class of 1978; William Lines, Mountville, class of 1985, and Meredith Trower, Lancaster, class of 1953.

Agribusiness Professionals, Farmers Gather To Discuss Future

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excessive regulations by unfriendly proponents; labor problems; lack of management ability; consumer education and product promotion; lack of record keeping; wrong measure of success; high fixed costs, and nutrient management problems.

Also, farm, non-farm interface problems; farming as a way of life, not a business; social pressures; non-farm land use; animal rights; lack of research; unfavorable tax climate; lack of cooperation among farm groups; negative media and variable input costs.

In commenting on the outcome of the meeting, Shirk said, "You are our eyes and ears to help us find the real successful operations we can use as examples. This is an excellent example of how we in extension can work together with you to help each other."

The consensus was that we are facing change on farms, and we need to make information avail-

able. If farmers don't accept the needed changes, they will be out of business. Comparing agriculture to non-agriculture, we know other industries have changed. And we need to help farmers make the needed changes so that the outcome is palatable and profitable to those who stay in business.

Of special note was the idea that the agribusiness industry must do what is right for the farmer even though it may lose a customer.

The county agents then showed the industry leaders the Dairy-MAP education program from Penn State that is being used to help farmers increase their management skills.

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