

AGA Board Approves 1995 Budget

REYNOLDSBURG Ohio — The American Guernsey Association Board of Directors held its annual meeting Dec. 2 and 3 in Reynoldsburg, Ohio. The board, led by President E. Cline Brubaker of Rocky Mount, Virginia, approved a number of actions for the association for the upcoming year.

- The board accepted an invitation from the Kentucky Guernsey Breeders' Association to host the 1998 World Guernsey Conference. The conference will be held in Louisville, Kentucky.

- The AGA will sponsor a consignment sale at the 1995 World Dairy Expo. The AGA intends to market 20 to 25 top-quality animals at a sale following the National Guernsey Show in Madison, Wisconsin.

- The board approved a Western National Show to be held in Sacramento, California. The awards and premiums for this show will be sponsored. The Western National Show will be held in addition to the current national shows in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Madison, Wisconsin; and Louisville, Kentucky.

- The board approved that future national outstanding youth and national queen winners will receive a free lifetime AGA membership.

The board approved fee changes reflecting increases in inflation. They include:

- Guernsey Breeders' Journal advertising fees were increased 10 percent effective with the February 1995 issue.

- Pedigree fees will be raised from \$4 to \$5. Total Performance Evaluation and non-TPE herds will pay the same price for pedi-

grees.

- Breeders on the TPE program can receive pedigrees for \$2 if purchased at the time of registration.

- Embryo transfer fees will be \$10 per embryo or \$15 per calf resulting from a transferred embryo.

The board approved a budget with a deficit of \$5,225 for 1995. The AGA has shown an improved net income over the last four years. This has been accomplished while maintaining quality services to members. The 1995 budget brings the association closer to a positive budget while providing opportunities for promotion and expansion in several areas. The approved budget will require the AGA to reduce staff by one person. The appraisal director's position will be moved back into the Reynoldsburg, Ohio, office and be combined with other responsibilities.

The AGA is developing a new trademark to capitalize on the beta-carotene content in Guernsey milk, which is three times higher than commercial milk. This new trademark, called Beta Life, is in the research and development stages.

In other news, the ninth annual 3-year-old Guernsey Gold Futurity was held in Louisville, Kentucky, on Nov. 6, with judge David Jones of Yale, Oklahoma, placing 18 animals in the show.

The winner was Marfred Smokey Della, an 83-point Wampanoag Fayette Smokey daughter owned by Marfred Farm, Saluda, South Carolina. In addition to their first place winnings of \$342.99, Steve and Johnna Mills were presented with the Shirley Wright Memorial Award, a silver champagne cooler, sponsored by Leroy and Nita Lindley and Ralph

and Martha Turley, Ohio, and the first place banner sponsored by Ernest Berousek, Oklahoma.

"Della" also won the Russell Wenger Memorial Best Bred and Owned Award, a silver tray, sponsored by Carlton Wenger, Indiana. With the highest Cow Performance Index of the show with +274, the Mills' also received an octagonal wall clock donated by Bay Meadow Farms, California.

Going home with the second place rever bowl sponsored by R-Way Farm, Ohio, was Atlasta Gusto Almost. This 88-point Atlasta Rons Gusto-Twin daughter is owned by John and Donna Salava, Leroy, Kansas. The second place prize money totaled \$285.83.

The show was competitive for production awards, as well as the type awards. Ayars Lindsey V Lornas Lily-ET, an Excellent-90 Bettwards Telestar Victory daughter owned by Lucas Ayars of Mechanicsburg, Ohio, ran away with the production awards and placed third in the show.

With a record of 20,020M 4.8% 958F 3.5% 697P at 2-01 in 305 days, "Lily" won the high milk production silver water pitcher sponsored by American Breeders Service, the high butterfat production silver bread dish sponsored by Marfred Farm, South Carolina, and the high protein cheese tray sponsored by Tri-State Milk Cooperative.

This excellent record was produced in a superior udder as "Lily" was awarded the best udder award, a footed silver tray, sponsored by Four Winds Farm, Wisconsin.

Jan Lambrecht represented juniors well earning the first place

junior exhibitor award with Lambrecht Fayette Ella, an 87-point Dutch Mill Telestars Fayette daughter. Jan was presented with a silver mirror picture frame sponsored by Branstetter Dairy, Kentucky.

The total pot for the 1994 Guernsey Gold Futurity was \$2,286.60. The breakdowns for payments for the top four placings are as follows: 1st \$342.99; 2nd \$285.83; 3rd \$228.66; and 4th \$171.50.

In the national Guernsey show, judge Merv Scott of Ontario, Canada, was put to task as he judged the largest National Guernsey Show of the year with 251 animals. Judge Scott crowned the third grand champion of the season. First there was Littlefields Fayette Mona Lira in Harrisburg, Pa., and then there was Westlynn Tom Dee in Madison, Wisconsin. Now, there is a third. Round Pond FAYETTES Molly, the first place 4-year-old, is owned by John and Bonnie Ayars and Sons, and Matthew Oliver of Mechanicsburg, Ohio.

Westlynn Tom Dee, no stranger in the national winner's circle, nudged her way behind "Molly" to receive the reserve grand champion title. "Tom Dee", the 94-point first place aged cow, is owned by Mark Rueth, Randy Kortus, and Clark and Joy Vilter, Jefferson, Wisconsin. She is housed at Four Winds Farm of Hartland, Wisconsin.

Peytons Andy Laddie, owned by James Berryman of Nicholasville, Kentucky, surfaced to the top to win the title of junior champion. "Laddie" was the first place junior year-

ling. The first place intermediate yearling, Ayars Lindsey S Murphy owned by Austin and Lucas Ayars of Mechanicsburg, Ohio, was named reserve junior champion.

Marfred Farm of Saluda, South Carolina, exhibiting in 11 classes and placing in the top three in nine of those classes, was awarded with the premier breeder and premier exhibitor banners.

Earlier in the week, Judge Brian Schilling of Boggstown, Indiana, placed 123 Guernseys in the largest national junior Guernsey show of the year.

Ludy Griggs of Seminole, Oklahoma, showed the grand champion, Wincrest Fayette Cocheta, Very Good-88, was a 1993 unanimous All-American and Junior All-American winner.

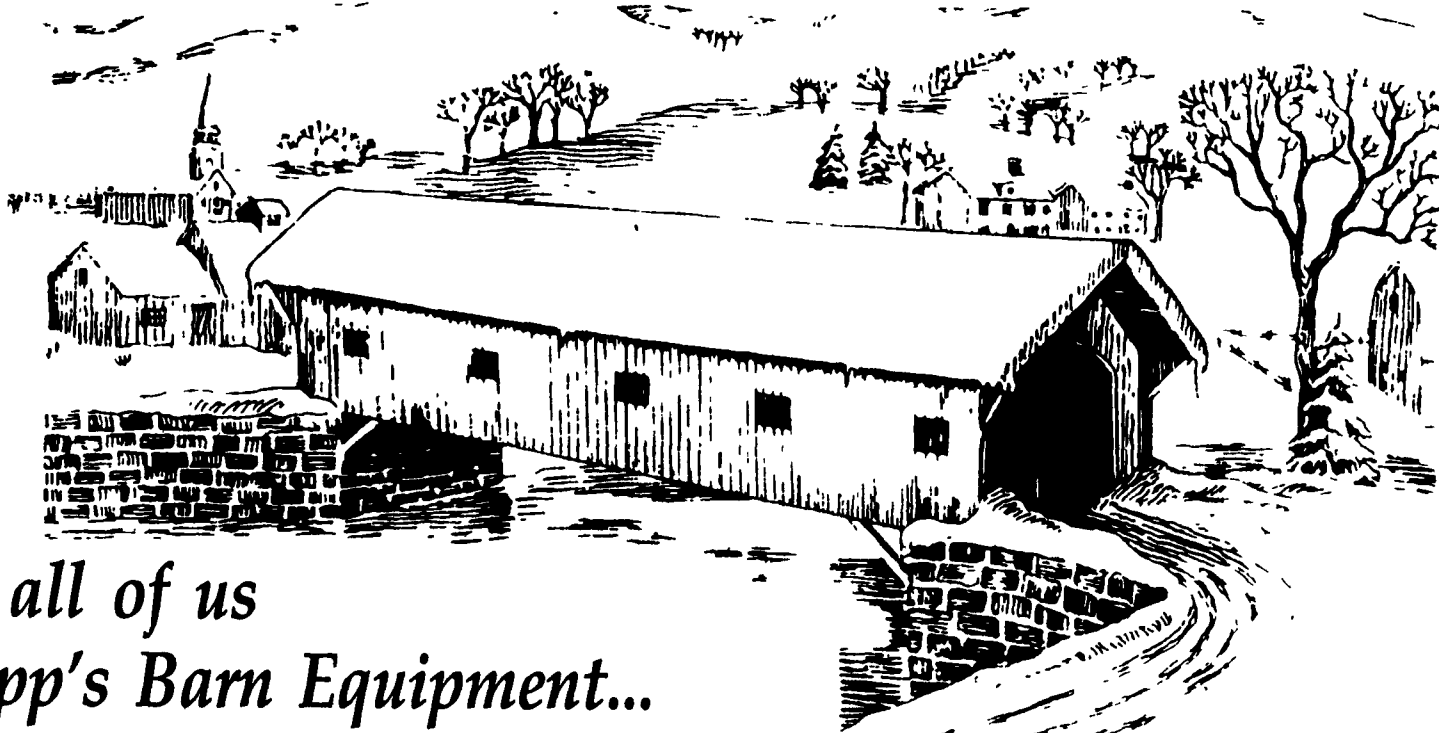
Amanda Sparks of Greenfield, Indiana, owned the reserve grand champion, for Lou Farns Smokey Miracle, a junior 3-year-old, also the best bred and owned animal of the show.

Peytons Andy Laddie, the first place junior yearling owned by Julie Peyton of Harrodsburg, Kentucky, was crowned junior champion of the show. Ayars Lindsay S Murphy, the first intermediate yearling, was named reserve junior champion. "Murphy" is owned by Austin and Lucas Ayars of Mechanicsburg, Ohio.

Juniors from across the country competed in this National Junior Show held in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky.

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