

Pa. Jr. Holstein Members Alive In 1995!

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selected from a field of eight entries. In addition to the scrap-books and essays on their ideas of the future of agriculture and the Holstein industry, each finalist was interviewed by a panel of judges.

These two senior-age winners are to represent Pennsylvania in the national distinguished junior member contest held during the national convention.

Production Awards

Also recognized during ceremonies at the junior convention were the member-owners of the top-producing registered Holsteins. There were 266 entries submitted by more than 120 members in the separate milk, fat and protein production recognition contest.

For each of the three aspects of dairy production considered, there were four cow-age classes, and 10 places officially recognized.

The top milk-producing 2-year-old was Braund-Valley Leadman Milly, owned by Greta Braund, with 31,659 pounds milk on a 305-day lactation started at 2 years, 11 months.

In fact, Greta's Milly was the top fat and protein producing 2-year-old Holstein with 1,140 pounds of fat and 1,089 pounds of protein.

The average production of the top 10 2-year-olds was 26,347 pounds of milk.

The top milk-producing 3-year-old was Allegen Dixiecrat Barbara, owned by Danielle Sparling, with a record of 31,502 pounds of milk. The average of the 10 top 3-year-olds was 29,521 pounds milk.

Among the 4-year-olds, Donald Harwood's Harwood Hippy Julie made 30,938 pounds of milk. The average production was 29,138 pounds.

Among the cows aged 5 years or older, Teresa McIlwain's Cha-do Ned Boy Carren made 33,515 pounds of milk with 3.3 percent fat and 3.2 percent protein to top the list. The average of the 10 aged cows was 31,118 pounds milk.

In the fat production category, starting with the 3-year-olds, Aaron Sheeley's Braund-Valley Jet Krissy leaded with 1,215 pounds, or 4.4 percent fat, on 27,730

pounds of milk.

The top 4-year-old for fat production was Matthew Day's Tri-Day Astro Jet X-Eve, a cow that made 1,370 pounds of fat, or 4.9 percent, in 27,950 pounds of milk.

Among the aged cows, Rachel Tanis's 6-year-old Ideals Macwayne Radar made 1,198 pounds of fat with 32,309 pounds milk.

In protein production, Rachel Tanis's Ideals Inspiration Raquel was the top producer with 1,021 pound of protein which came with 31,423 pounds milk and 1,205 pounds of fat.

Matthew Day's X-Eve was top 3-year-old with 937 pounds protein.

Teresa McIlwain's 5-year-old Carren was the top protein producer among the aged cows with 1,063 pounds.

By age group, the average production based on the whole number of entries was reported as: 2-year-olds, 94 entries, 20,999 pounds milk, 759 pounds fat, and 670 pounds protein; 3-year-olds, 74 entries, 24,432 pounds milk, 875 pounds fat, 773 pounds protein; 4-year-olds, 25 entries, 24,415 pounds milk, 878 pounds fat, 760 pounds protein; and 5-year-olds, 73 entries, 25,455 pounds milk, 911 pounds fat, and 790 pounds protein.

30,000 Pound Cow Award

Another type of production recognition is associated with the Junior Holstein Association's award to those members who have bred and owned cows that produced 30,000 pounds of milk in one 305-day lactation.

Four members were presented with awards and were congratulated for breeding and developing animals with the ability to make top milk records.

Rachel Tanis's Ideals Lot Suzanne made 30,248 pounds of milke with 1,239 pounds of fat and 1,075 pounds protein during a lactation she started at 7 years, 2 months of age.

Matthew Guise, of York Springs, was honored for the production of his Buttonwood Tone Blare-TW cow which made 30,830 pounds of milk, 1,150 pounds fat, and 918 pounds protein during a lactation started at 4



Amy Packard
Scholarship winner



Jesslyn Oberholtzer
Scholarship winner



Justin McMurray
Scholarship winner

years, 8 months.

Donald Harwood, of Shippensburg, was honored for his Harwood Hippy Julie, a cow that made 30,938 pounds milk, 912 pounds fat, and 885 pounds protein during a lactation started at 4 years, 10 months.

Also honored was Rebecca Kelly, of Tyrone, for the production of 30,248 pounds milk, 1,065 pounds fat, and 918 pounds protein that her cow, Spring-Lane Cleitus Bleach, made during a lactation started at 3 years, 6 months.

The breed organization also recognizes outstanding "type" in animals its members breed by presenting its Breeder of an Excellent Cow awards. Those members who



Intermediate-aged Jr. Pa. Holstein Association distinguished members are, from the left, sitting, Joy Hess and Chris Connolly. Standing, from the left, are Danielle Mummah, Erica Davis, David Packard, and Joe Best.

have bred and owned a cow that scores "Excellent" were recognized during the convention.

In order to qualify for receiving an award, the animal must have been bred by the junior member; must have been scored Excellent; and must have been alive the year the application is made. An animal can only win the honor once and those who seek the award recognition for their animal must send a photo copy of the registration paper with the entry form.

Those members how have bred Excellent cows and were honored are Matthew Day, of Shippensburg, for his Tri-Day Mark Darling, E-90; Joseph Stitt, of Mechanicsburg, for his Sue-Bets Lone Star Marta, E-90; Jeremy Welk, Quarryville, for his Welk-Acres Marvel Marlene, E-90; and Jeffrey Smiley, of Berlin, for his Bervalon Tab Melanie, E-90.

Progressive Breeder

One of the most coveted awards for young Holstein breeders is to receive recognition as a "Junior Progressive Breeder." The award recognizes a young breeder's achievements in developing — through breeding — a consistent output of strong producing, strong typed dairy cattle.

This recognition program is a little more complicated than some of the others, and sets five, milking-age categories for cows that correspond to minimum production and classification levels, in order to receive award recognition.

Further, for each qualifying animal, a breeder is awarded a "star." Those with five stars automatically are designated progressive breeders. The stars may be accumulated over the years.

There are a number of different additional minimum standards that are required, though the breeder does not have to own the animal.

As part of the entry, a copy of the registration stating the breeder's identity; the latest official DHIA 305-day (or less) lactation production record and a copy of that record; and a copy of the latest official Holstein classification record are required. Further, an animal can earn a progressive

breeder star for its owner only once.

For animals with a lactation started as a 2-year-old, the cow must have made 17,000 pounds of milk and classified at least 81 points; 3-year-old, 18,000 pounds milk, 82 points; 4-year-old, 19,000 pounds milk, 83 points; 5-year-old, 20,000 pounds milk, 85 points; and aged cows, 21,000 pounds milk, 86 points.

Receiving recognition as five star progressive breeders were Matthew Day, Donald Harwood, Teresa McIlwain, and Amy Packard.

Leslie Nirschle, of Berks County, was honored as a four-star progressive breeder.

Three-star junior progressive breeders were Erica Davis, Jason Ruffaner, of Armstrong County, and Joseph Stitt.

Two-star breeders honored were Carrie Bryant, of Wayne County; David Day; Dixie Doll, of York County; Dianne Glock, of Juniata County; and David Packard.

First-star breeder awards were presented to Gregory Davis, of Berks County; Robert Fredd, of Centre County; Todd Getz, of Lebanon County; Ryan Graham, of Butler County; Danette Nolt, of Lebanon County, and Angela Werley, of Berks County.

All-Pennsylvania Show Awards

Another award presented during the convention was the 1994 Junior All-Pennsylvania show award. Recipients of those were announced in January and photos of the top cows published in the state Holstein magazine, Profiles, and in *Lancaster Farming*.

There were 15 show classes recognized in the annual contest, which recognizes consistently outstanding achievement of an animal showing in its age class during the course of a year.

In each of the 15 classes, one All-American winner is selected, as well as a reserve champion. In addition, depending on achievements, honorable mentions are also made.

There were 55 entries for the contest, with 36 honorable mentions.

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Senior-aged Jr. Pa. Holstein Association distinguished members are, from the left, sitting, Jill Harnish and Rachel Tanis. From the left, standing, are Stephanie Anderson, Amy Packard, Justin McMurray, and Nichol Bozilnski.