

Juniata County Holstein Club Holds Annual Meeting

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— Juniata County's proud Holstein heritage came shining when the Juniata County Holstein Club met for their annual dinner meeting at the Walker Grange near Port Royal. Awards to the Club's junior members for their accomplishments highlighted the evening and the Club's future commitment to the breed.

Junior Activities Chairman Nancy Toms announced production winners, detailing each cow's record for the award.

Ronda Mummah received a plaque for first place in production for her two-year-old with 20,976 pounds of milk. Danielle Mummah came in second with a two-year-old that produced 20,822 pounds of milk.

In the three-year-old cows, Tara Kocher placed first for her cow that produced 23,263 pounds of milk while Ronda Mummah took second place with a three-year-old that produced 22,160 pounds.

For butterfat production, Danielle Mummah's three-year-old took first place honors by producing 4.1% 839 pounds of butterfat. Dan Geissinger placed second with a three-year-old that produced 3.8% 802 pounds of butterfat.

Protein awards went to Ronda Mummah for placing first for her three-year-old at 3.2% 714 pounds of protein. Danielle Mummah placed second with a three-year-old that produced 3.3% 690 P.

In the four-year-old division, Dianne Glock took top honors for milk, fat, and protein with a cow that produced 23,219 M, 4.3% 1,003 F, 3.2% 752 P.

Dan Geissinger received a plaque for his first place in the five-year-old division with a cow that produced 21,395 M, 4.0% 849 F, 3.0% 652 P.

In the aged cow division, Jennifer Toms placed first for her cow that produced 23,904 M, 3.9% 934 F, 3.1% 746 P.

Danielle Mummah was recognized for reaching finalist status in the Distinguished Junior Member Contest. Mummah continues this honor for Juniata County from last year. Last year Juniata County had two finalists in the competition.

Dianne Glock was honored for her five-year-old cow Walnut Hills Astro Bridget. This cow received Reserve Junior All Pennsylvania, was Supreme Best Bred and Owned at the 4-H District Show and at the State Junior Show

in Harrisburg.

Tara Kocher was recognized for her Summer Yearling that received Junior All Pennsylvania and All Pennsylvania last year. Her heifer was nominated All Pennsylvania and received high honorable mention.

In other business, Donald Adams, Nancy Toms, and Steve Wilson were elected to serve on the Juniata County Holstein Club's board of directors.

Earlier in the evening, Dairy Extension Director Dave Swartz took to the podium to update dairy activity in the area. Swartz reported a good turnout at the Dairy MAP meeting in Juniata County. Swartz announced a 4-H Animal Science Day to be held at the Port Royal Fairgrounds on April 8. This meeting is for dairy, beef, swine, rabbit, dairy goat, and sheep projects in Perry, Juniata, and Mifflin Counties. Youth will attend seminars on judging, ethics in the showing, equipment, feeds and forages.

Swartz announced that the local show will no longer serve as a qualifying show for the District Show. The District Show will be combined with FFA. Swartz said any questions concerning this should be directed to the county extension office or to him personally.

Steve Wilson presented the State Directors Report. At the last board meeting, Wilson said approval was given to present a \$50 award to dairy promotion scrapbooks entered at the State Convention. He said PA Profiles Magazine will experience its first increase in advertising rates since 1986. The rate hike is due to the recent increases in postage and the cost of paper.

Wilson said the Holstein Association will be testing a purchase discount at the Showcase Sale to be held April 1 at the Pennsylvania Holstein Association farm in Middletown. The Pennsylvania Holstein Association will be offering 4-H and FFA members a 5% discount towards the purchase of an animal.

Wilson reported a shift in the Holstein Association's \$3,000 Scholarship program. Previously the money was divided in different ways. The Board voted to offer three \$1,000 scholarships effective in 1995.

In other State news, Wilson reported that John Cope will be chairman of the National Convention to be held in Pennsylvania in June of 1996. The Central District

Brown Swiss Hires Young

BELOIT, Wis. — The Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders' Association of the U.S. A. has named Michael W. Young of Holladay, Utah, as the breed's new executive secretary.

The Association's 10-member Board of Directors selected Mr. Young from among several candidates at its January board meeting.

As executive secretary, Young will also be fulfilling the duties of director of marketing for Brown Swiss Enterprises, the marketing subsidiary of the Association.

Born and raised on a Guernsey farm, Young received his bachelor of science degree from Pennsylvania State University. In the 20 years since then, he has gained significant experience in agricul-

tural marketing and sales. For eight years, he served as national advertising manager for the Holstein World magazine.

He was director of sales and marketing for Genmark, Salt Lake City, Utah, being instrumental in establishing the genetic Weaver testing program with the Brown Swiss Association.

Most recently, Young was senior vice president of international sales for Global Ag Enterprises Inc., an agricultural product trading company in Washington, where he was again based out of the Salt Lake City, Utah area.

Young continues to reside in Salt Lake City, but may be reached at the breed's National Office, located in Beloit, Wisconsin.



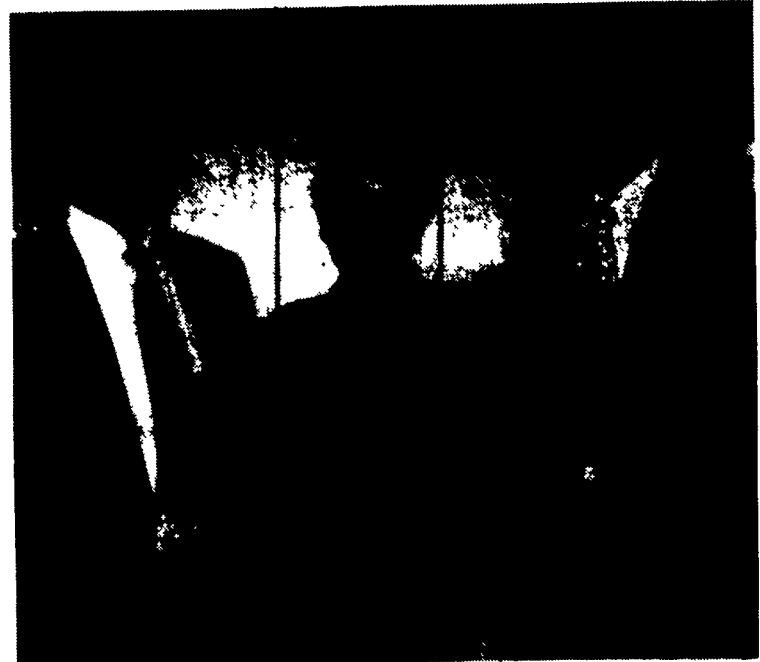
Building a solid Holstein base for the future, the Juniata County Holstein Club honored its junior members for achievements. Seated, from left, Jennifer Toms, production winner; Tara Kocher, junior All Pennsylvania winner; and Danielle Mummah, junior member finalist and production winner. Standing, Ronda Mummah and Dan Geissinger, production winners; Dianne Glock, reserve junior All Pennsylvania and production winner; and Missy Hostler, Juniata County dairy princess.

will be the site of the Pennsylvania State Holstein Convention in 1996.

An open forum will be held February 16 at the Sheraton Inn in Harrisburg starting at 9:00 a.m. Wilson said State Directors will be on hand. Members are encouraged to voice their ideas at this open forum.

Former Juniata County Extension Director George Settlemyer stood to announce the computerization of information for this year's Juniata County Livestock fair. He reminded participants that entries needed to be in a week before the fair to tally the necessary information.

Juniata County Holstein Club President Ronald Mummah emceed the evening. Featured speaker Bob King from Sausman Insurance spoke on the ways to and advantages of saving for retirement.



Elected to serve on the Juniata County Holstein board are from left, Donald Adams, Nancy Toms, and Steve Wilson.

Keystone Beef Classic Resumes In May

MEADVILLE (Crawford Co.) — After being canceled in 1994 because of the spring B.V.D. outbreak in Northwestern Pennsylvania, the Northwest Keystone Junior Beef Classic will once again be held over Memorial Day Weekend here in the Crawford County Fairgrounds.

Nineteen ninety-five is the tenth year for the all-breed heifer and steer show, which in 1993 saw young cattlemen and women from four states exhibit nearly 300 head of cattle.

The show is designed as a kickoff for the summer show season and gives youth, under 21 years of age, an opportunity to enter competition drawn from a larger area than usually seen at the county fairs in which they compete during the summer.

The resumption of this year's show is being anxiously awaited by many. Entrants must only be younger than 21 years of age and need not be a member of either

4-H or FFA. However, it is becoming a tradition for groups to come to the Classic as a club.

Since the three-day Memorial Day Weekend allows Monday for rest and recuperation, and since the main show schedule takes place on Sunday, young cattle enthusiasts find the event a favorite preview to the summer show season.

Once again, in 1995, the Keystone Beef Classic is being held in the extensive facilities of the Crawford County Fairgrounds, just north of Meadville. The popular showmanship contest will kick off the classic show starting on Saturday, May 27, at 5 p.m. The showmanship contest will again be divided into three age divisions.

But the real excitement occurs Sunday, May 28, when the steers and breeding classes are judged. As in the past, the 1995 Classic will offer registered steer classes. Cash prizes and trophies will be awarded as a grand and reserve

champion steer will be chosen from breeds represented. Cross-bred steers will also compete for premiums to be paid in all steer classes, as well as for grand and reserve trophies. A supreme champion steer will then be named — the overall show champion and a cash jackpot will be paid to this winner.

In the breeding show, premiums will be paid for all classes and trophies will be awarded for grand champion, reserve champion, and bred and owned for each of the breeds as well as for an unrestricted "commercial" class.

Additional information about the 1995 Classic is being prepared for mailing to past participants and breed associations. For other answers to questions about the show, county extension agents will have brochures and entry forms, or you may write to the Keystone Junior Beef Classic Committee, c/o Bob Calvert, Mercer County Extension Office, P.O. Box 530, Mercer, PA 16137.