

Holstein Breakfast Features Award Winners

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WEST MIDDLESEX (Mercer Co.) — "The single, most important thing to have in your life is Jesus Christ," was the message ballplayer Sid Bream shared with fellow Pennsylvania Holstein Association members attending the association's annual awards breakfast.

"Some day what you have materially won't matter, but how you've served," he added, sharing his faith and beliefs with the more than 200 Holstein breeders and guests at the wrap-up event of the group's annual convention, held at the Radisson Hotel.

Bream, a native of Mt. Holly Springs, Cumberland County, is a well-known major league ballplayer and owner of Grand Slam Holsteins. His string of registered black-and-whites is housed with the herd of the Tim Sturgeon family, Fombell. Bream has played major league ball for 10 years, primarily with the Pittsburgh Pirates and then the Atlanta Braves.

Comparing baseball with the

cattle and farming business, Bream reminded his audience that "how we think, feel and act is what makes winners." Winners, he outlined, must be confident in themselves, keep a positive attitude, stay focused, never give up, do their homework and always remember that winning is a team effort.

The personable ballplayer expressed his appreciation for the effort it requires to be in agriculture, citing honesty, integrity and good work ethics as qualities he especially admires in farmers. He also noted that he really loves working with his cattle and the opportunity to work out in the countryside.

Six individuals were cited by PHA for their efforts in soliciting membership for the association, by either signing up more than five new members, or more than 10 renewals. Membership solicitor honors went to Steve Dillion, Mercer County, James Houser, Jay Houser and Paul Hartle, Centre County, Dave Stratton, McKean County, and Willard Maust,

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Stoltzfus, Will Named To Holstein Hall Of Fame

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show string is a familiar one at both local and state shows and has produced many class and show winners, including the 1986 Holstein Futurity Winner. Among the herd's numerous awards are many banners for Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor honors.

Harvey has judged shows across the state at the county and district level. He enjoys working with young people and has been a 4-H leader for nearly 15 years. The FFA has honored him with its Honorary Keystone Farmer Degree. Among his other agriculture leadership has been service as a director on the Red Rose DHIA board.

The Stoltzfus family remains active at the Conestoga Mennonite Church, where Harvey has served on both the Fellowship and Cemetery committees.

A life-long dairy farmer, Calvin Will joined the Pennsylvania Holstein Association in 1950 and has

remained active in its leadership to the present. A state director for many years, Calvin retired from the Executive Committee at the annual meeting, completing his term representing the Southwest Region. He was state convention chairman in 1967 and has held a variety of committee and leadership responsibilities at both the local and state level.

Married 49 years ago to Mary Elizabeth, Calvin and his wife are the parents of four children. Their three sons, James, Dan and John operate in partnership with them at their Northview Farm.

Willsholm Holsteins has long been recognized for its progressiveness in the registered industry. The family has organized and hosted four embryo-transfer sales over the past several years, with buyers and consignments from many states participating. Ag Progress Days was hosted at their farm in 1972 and they continue to

welcome many farm tours and school groups who visit their well-kept and spacious farm facilities.

An enthusiastic dairy products promoter, Calvin has served on and chaired the Somerset County Dairy Promotion Committee for many years. He is a past president of the Somerset County Extension executive committee, has served on the Somerset County Fair Board and is a director of the First Philson Bank. History is an avocation of Will's and he is a member of both the Somerset County and Berlin Historical Societies.

Active in their local church, Calvin has been a teacher, member of the church choir and served as Sunday School superintendent.

Named Distinguished Young Holstein Breeders during the banquet festivities were Steve and Chris Wood, Littlestown.

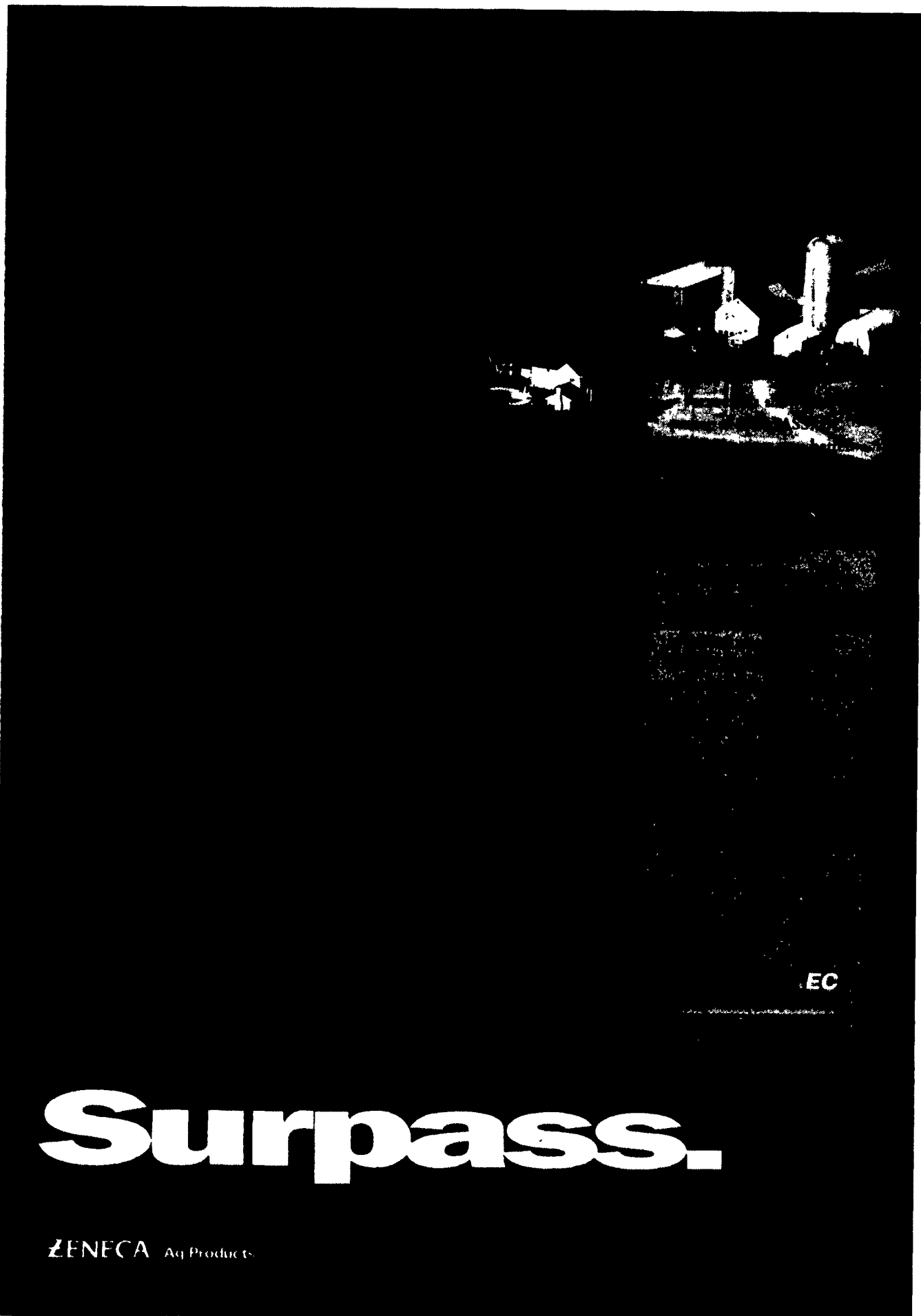
The couple became owner-operators of their Penn Gate Farm in 1986 and milk 73 registered Holstein with a herd average of 21,466 milk, 879 fat and 730 protein. Their BAA classification average is an impressive 109.7, with 30 Excellents and 32 Very Goods in the herd. They crop 220 acres to corn, alfalfa and bromegrass.

Both Steve and Chris are extremely active in Holstein leadership and showing cattle. They were chaircouple of the 1994 state convention hosted at Gettysburg. Steve is a state director from Adams County, has chaired the state Show Committee and served on the Program Development and Evaluation Committee. Chris has served on the state Youth Committee, and both are active in local Holstein leadership.

Penn Gate's show string is often found at the top of classes at shows from the local to state and national levels and has won 49 All-Pennsylvania awards since 1987. They were named Premier Breeder at the 1993 and 1994 Eastern National Holstein shows and earned both Premier Breeder and Exhibitor honors at the 1994 state Fall Championship Show. Both Steve and Chris have judged numerous local and regional shows throughout the Middle Atlantic area over the past three years.

Steve and Chris have two sons, Clayton and Corbin. The Wood family are members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Dairy Shrine, Atlantic Dairy Cooperative and the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau.

As Pennsylvania winners, Steve and Chris' application will be submitted to the National Holstein Association for consideration in the National Distinguished Young Breeder competition.



**6th Annual
Pennsylvania Beef Expo**
March 10-12, 1995
Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, March 9	
After 4:00 p.m.	Youth and Sale Cattle and Trade Show Exhibitors may arrive
Friday, March 10	
Noon	Trade Show opens, Registration
1:00 p.m.	4-H and FFA Safety Clinic Cattle Behavior and Handling Demo
3:00 p.m.	All Sale Cattle must be stalled (including Private Treaty Sales*)
4:30 p.m.	Reception (special entertainment)
6:00-8:30 p.m.	Youth Obstacle Course
Saturday, March 11	
8:00 a.m.	Judging Contest
8:30 a.m.	Trade Show opens
10:00 a.m.	All junior cattle must be stalled
11:00 a.m.	Simmental Sale
1:00 p.m.	Angus Sale
3:00 p.m.	Limousin Sale Youth Beef Skill-A-Thon begins immediately after cattle sales Trade Show closes (optional**) Private Treaty Sales of cattle closes Barn Party and Dance
6:00 p.m.	
Sunday, March 12	
8:30 a.m.	Junior Heifer Show
10:00 a.m.	Junior Steer show
1:00 p.m.	Junior and other awards
* Private Treaty Sales of breeds not holding sales	
** Trade Show exhibitors may remain until 2:00 p.m. Sunday at their option	
The co-sponsors invite your participation, the program is open to all, without regard to race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, handicap or age.	

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