

Numerous Awards Presented At Pa. Jersey Convention

Joy Vance Crowned 1995 Pa. Jersey Queen

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— For the next year, Joy Vance will live the life of a queen — Pennsylvania Jersey Queen, that is.

She was crowned at the Pennsylvania Jersey Convention held at the Penn Wells Hotel last week.

Vance, the daughter of Alvin Vance, Jr. of Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland County, is a senior at Southmoreland Senior High School. Her involvement with Jerseys began when she was very young. She now owns 25 Jerseys and has shown at the county, district, state, and national levels.

In her presentation, Vance said, "The Jersey breed means to me success, opportunity, and style."

She further explained that she has had success with her Jerseys in the show ring, opportunities to travel all over the country and to learn about farming firsthand, and that the Jersey style shows how special she is, "from the dish in her forehead to the smile on her face."

Joining Vance in her court are first alternate Roberta McConnell and second alternate Samantha Hillyard.

McConnell is the daughter of John and Lois McConnell of Volant, Lawrence County. She is a junior at Wilmington Area High School. As an eight-year 4-H member, McConnell has traveled with her eight Jerseys to local, district, state, and national shows.

McConnell's presentation focused on her involvement with Jerseys.

"I started on the farm feeding calves when I was very young," she said. "At 12 years old I began milking Jerseys."

Hillyard, daughter of Benjamin and Kathy Hillyard of Ulster, Bradford County, chose to use "Hillary the Holstein," a bovine who was considering painting herself brown, to get her point across. Her presentation focused on the history of the Jersey breed from their color to the latest milk records.

Hillyard is a senior at Athens Area High School and has been a 4-H member for 10 years. She is also a member of the Athens Area FFA and owns 11 Jerseys.

Judges Howard Stoltzfus, Arlene Wilbur, and Arlyn Wilbur

conceded that their decision was "very, very difficult," and noted that each contestant was highly qualified.

Other junior awards presented included the achievement awards, the scrapbook awards, and the Jacob Brunges Memorial award for milk production.

Emily Norman was the junior recipient of the achievement award. Other finalists in the junior division were Joy McConnell and Julie Sollenberger. In the senior division, Pam McConnell captured the award. Others in contention were Judy Geissinger and Lynn Koinski.

Winners in the scrapbook contest were, junior Missy Wertz, and senior Janelle Koontz.

Ten winners were named in the Jacob M. Brunges Production contest. Topping the list was Ellen Norman's Normandell Brigadier Breanne with a 3-1 record of 17,319 pounds of milk, 846 pounds of fat, and 668 pounds of protein.

In second place was Emily Norman's Will-Do Boomer Sooner

fney, Pam McConnell, Mark Norman, Paul Blackwell, Joy McConnell and Roberta McConnell, respectively.

In addition to the junior awards, senior Jersey Association members had ample opportunity for recognition. Awards included numerous production awards, the Young Dairyman Award, the Norman Genetic Award, and the Distinguished Service Award.

The Young Dairyman Award went to John and Cindy Batchelder of Quarryville. The Batchelders are very active with Jerseys in all respects. John, a former national field representative for the Jersey Cattle Association, and his wife, Cindy have served as chair couple for the Pennsylvania Top of the Harvest Sale, have consigned top-selling animals to state and national sales, and exhibited the grand champion Jersey at the 1995 Pennsylvania Farm Show.

In addition, Cindy has been a state director of the cattle club for five years. Their herd is the fifth highest CPI herd in Pennsylvania.



John and Cindy Batchelder were the recipients of the 1995 Young Dairyman award. Pictured from left are Cindy, holding Scott and John, holding Stephen.

Editor, with a 3-10 record of 17,170 pounds of milk, 804 pounds of fat, and 642 pounds of protein.

Meadowbrook Magic Lucky Rose, owned by Missy Wertz took the third position. At 4-04, her record was 17,256 pounds of milk, 752 pounds of fat, and 657 pounds of protein.

In fourth through tenth place were Cathleen Norman, Tarik Gaf-

Their DHIR mature equivalent lactation average on 43 lactations is 17,671 pounds of milk, 785 pounds of fat, and 639 pounds of protein.

The Norman Genetic Award is presented to the herd with the highest CPI in Pennsylvania. In addition, the herd must be at least 80 percent homebred, use at least 20 percent young sires, and be above the Pennsylvania herd average for



Carroll and Marle Doan proudly display their stained glass mirror after being named the winners of the Distinguished Service Award. The Doans milk 75 Jerseys on their farm in Knoxville, Tioga County. At right is David Norman, secretary of the Pennsylvania association.

Jerseys. Don and Angie Koontz, owners of Vantage Jerseys of Freedom, took home the honors. The Koontz's average 21 pounds of protein on 136 animals. Their 117 CPI ranks them 14th nationally.

This year the Distinguished Service Award went to Carroll Doan of Knoxville. Carroll has been a long-time supporter of the Jersey breed. Although they have always had Jerseys, about 35 years ago when Carroll took over the farm, very few were registered. Today, due largely to the genetic recovery program, the family milks 74 registered Jerseys and has been active in many activities and programs. He and his wife, Marie, have five daughters.

Production awards for high lactation averages by age and cheese yield dollar (CY\$) were also distributed. The first place winners in each category were as follows:

- Senior Yearling: Wilderness Venture Iris, owned by Carol Greathouse, with a 1-11 record of 19,584 pounds of milk, 878 pounds of fat, 725 pounds of protein, and 2,898CY\$.

- Jr. 2-year-old: Houtz Acres Paula S Magnum Peach, owned by Ed Houtz with a 2-2 record of 18,347 pounds of milk, 920 pounds of fat, 697 pounds of protein, and 2,839CY\$.

- Sr. 2-year-old: Cedar Lane Be Magic Brenda, owned by Ivan Zimmerman, with a 2-9 record of 20,554 pounds of milk, 921 pounds of fat, 786 pounds of protein, and 3,122CY\$.

- Jr. 3-year-old: Normandell Sunrise Frolic, owned by Normandell Farms, with a 3-3 record of 21,589 pounds of milk, 875 pounds of fat, 769 pounds of protein, and 3,034CY\$.

- Sr. 3-year-old: Kenny Sooner Barb Checkers, owned by Kenny Farm, with a 3-10 record of 23,452 pounds of milk, 1,256 pounds of fat, 862 pounds of protein, and 3,589CY\$.

- 4-year-old: GR Hidden Valley Duncan Cim, owned by Ed Byers,

with a 4-1 record of 21,896 pounds of milk, 953 pounds of fat, 830 pounds of protein, and 3,283CY\$.

- 5-year-old: Lollie Royal Lollipop O Rankin, owned by Lisa Rankin, with a 5-9 record of 24,647 pounds of milk, 1,183 pounds of fat, 946 pounds of protein, and 3,312CY\$.

- 6-7 year-old: Rankin Legend Bambi Fawn, owned by Jason Rankin, with a 6-6 record of 28,029 pounds of milk, 1,298 pounds of fat, 960 pounds of protein, and 3,504CY\$.

- 8-9 year-old: WF Magic Tess-ET, owned by Steven Myers, with an 8-1 record of 25,507 pounds of milk, 1,203 pounds of fat, 980 pounds of protein, and 3,930CY\$. This animal also received the high protein cow award.

- 10 years and over: Hillacres Deni Tee, owned by Tom Arrowsmith, with a 10-2 record of 20,294 pounds of milk, 903 pounds of fat, 793 pounds of protein, and 3,133CY\$.

High herd awards for milk, fat, and protein were also presented.

In the 15-30 cow category, Ralph and Gary Oakes took the award for high milk, fat, and protein with an average of 17,412 pounds of milk, 842 pounds of fat, and 684 pounds of protein.

Bill Yoder captured the high milk, fat and protein award in the 31-60 cow range with an average of 16,562 pounds of milk, 773 pounds of fat, and 618 pounds of protein.

In the 61-100 cow category, Xana Jersey Farm took top honors with their record of 16,947 pounds of milk, 818 pounds of fat, and 657 pounds of protein.

Separate awards were distributed for milk, fat, and protein for herds with more than 100 animals. Dawn Rhein won in the milk production category with a record of 16,317 pounds. Taking home honors in fat production was Van De Jerseys with a record of 790 pounds and Robert Dreisbach was the winner in the protein division with 619 pounds.



Junior award winners gathered after the banquet for a snapshot. Winners from left, are Cathleen Norman, Roberta McConnell, Missy Wertz, Tarik Gaffney, Joy McConnell, Pam McConnell, Emily Norman, Mark Norman, Ellen Norman, Judy Geissinger, and Janelle Koontz.