Jersey Scholarships Available

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio—The American Jersey Cattle Association administers 11 scholarships that are available to Jersey youth.

Three V.L. Peterson scholarships are available to youth who have completed at least one year of college. Peterson has been called the "dean of dairy breed representatives" for his 25 years of service as an AJCA area representative.

One Paul Jackson Memorial scholarship is awarded to a youth who has completed at least one year of college. Jackson was a longtime Jersey breeder, showman, and herdsman who was devoted to encouraging junior interest in Jerseys.

Jersey juniors who are graduating from high school and have been accepted by a college or university are eligible to compete for two William A. Russell scholarships. The Russell scholarship was established in 1977 to honor Bill Russell, a lifelong Jersey enthusiast who was an area representative of the American Jersey Cattle Association and National All-Jersey Inc.

Three Jack C. Nisbet Memorial scholarships are awarded annually to participants in the National Jersey Youth Achievement Contest. Nisbet joined the AJCA staff in 1941 as an extension director. He served as executive secretary for the Association from 1943 to 1947.

There is a $1,000 Stanley K. Bansen scholarship to be awarded to students working on an advanced degree (master's or doctoral) in dairy or animal science, dairy manufacturing, or agricultural business. The Bansen scholarship was established in 1992 to honor Bansen's lifelong interest and dedication to the Jersey breed and the dairy industry.

In addition to these scholarships, the American Jersey Cattle Association administers the ABS/Morris B. Ewing Essay Contest sponsored by American Breeders Service. The contest winner will be awarded a $500 scholarship.

This year contest entries are to be written on the topic: "How can Jersey breeders work with the genetic industry (A.I. organizations, universities, etc.) to help further the Jersey breed in the dairy industry."

To be eligible for the contest, applicants must be between 16 and 22 years of age on January 1 of the contest year. Essays should not exceed 1,000 words and will be judged on accuracy of information, creativity, and grammatical correctness.

Jersey scholarships are available to youth who own at least one registered Jersey and who are accepted or enrolled in college. Selection is based on financial need and scholastic achievement, as well as Jersey and related activities. The deadline for applying for a 1995 scholarship is July 1.

Applications are available by calling Sara Gaetz at the American Jersey Cattle Association (614) 861-3636 or writing to: American Jersey Cattle Association, 6486 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-2362.

Pasture Meeting Set

MILTON (Northumberland Co.)—Penn State's multicounty extension unit in the central Susquehanna Valley has scheduled the first pasture and grazing meeting for dairy producers for the 1995 season.

The session will be from 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, April 28 at the Turbot Township Building near Milton. From Route 147 take the Broadway Street exit to Route 254. Go a very short distance east and turn right. The township building is just behind the Bed and Breakfast.

The guest speaker will be John Rodgers of Plum Bottom Farm in Mifflin County. Rodgers has been using intensively managed pastures for several years as a major component of the feeding program for his herd of mostly Ayrshire dairy cattle. He recently served a term as president of the American Forage and Grassland Council. He is also on the board of the Penn State Grazing Research and Education Center. Rodgers is active in the Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland Council as well as many other state and community organizations.

The second part of the meeting will be devoted to discussion and planning of educational activities for dairy producers interested in management intensive grazing programs.

For more information, call Dave Hartman at the Columbia County Extension office at (717) 784-6660.

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