



NEWS

Alternative ID At Early Bird Breakfast

BRATTLEBORO, Vt.—Alternative ID systems at the Holstein Association will be the focus of the Early Bird Breakfast at the National Convention this year in Pittsburgh.

The program is to follow the meal scheduled for Tuesday, June 27 at 7 a.m. and will feature Holstein producers from around the country who are successfully using alternative identification methods in their herd.

A panel of producers is to discuss alternative ID methods such as Tag ID, Tags 'N Tattoos (TNT) or freeze brands, and Radio Frequency Identification (RFID). Each will have an opportunity to share how the systems have worked in their herds.

Dr. Sid Spahr, of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, is the original user of the RFID option for registration, and will talk about the success of trials conducted at the university over the past year.

Duane Green, of Green Meadow Farms in Elsie, Michigan, has used tattoos in his herd for a num-

ber of years, and recently added the Holstein ID Tags as part of his management system. Green's farm is also the test site for the development of the electronic application prepared by the Cow-Search program.

Jon Mast, of Mastead Farms in Millersburg, Ohio, is also a user of TNT. While he has not been on the TNT program a very long time, he has many years of valuable experience in using tattoos as a permanent and legible identification technique.

Charles Iager of Maple Lawn Farms, Fulton, Maryland, has been a key Tag ID user since May of 1994. Maple Lawn Farms with 175 Registered Holstein cows exemplifies how the newer Alternative ID systems may work well for the moderate sized registered operations.

Glenn Fischer, vice president of Allflex is to share recent and future improvements in cattle identification ear tags as well as a status report on the technical status of RFID (electronic) ear tags.

Holstein Calf To Support National Jr. Convention

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — A yearling heifer is being offered as the prize in a contest being held to support the 1995 National Junior Holstein Convention.

According to a news release, the Pennsylvania Junior Holstein Association and the 1995 National Junior Convention Planning Committee are sponsoring a calf raffle to raise funds for the convention.

To participate, contact the Pennsylvania Holstein Association at (814) 234-0364.

The calf being offered is Berkline Benchmark Prim, born Dec. 4, 1993 out of TKT Leadman Pecan-ET, a Very Good-85 3-year-old with a 352-day lactation record of 25,154 pounds of milk, 1,106 pounds of butterfat, and 868 pounds of protein.

The sire is Singingbrook Benchmark-ET.

The heifer's grandam and three preceding dams were all classified Excellent-90 percent, Gold Medal Dams, and Dams of Merit.

The grandam is Hillmont Enhancer Peach with a 365-day lactation record as a 5-year-old of 28,640 pounds of milk, 1,244 pounds butterfat, and 990 pounds protein.

The third and fourth dams also carried the

Hillmont prefix and made more than 28,000 pounds of milk and more than 1,000 pounds butterfat in 365 day lactations.

National Holstein Sale Features Breed's Elite

BRATTLEBORO, Vt.—Eighty of the country's top Holsteins are to be sold through the National Holstein Sale on June 27 while another 40 lots will be sold in the silent sale.

The sales take place in conjunc-

Holstein Offers One Side ID

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. — The national Holstein Association has announced that one-side-only identification is now available to producers registering their animals.

According to a news release, Holstein producers now have the option of sketching or picturing either the left or the right side of their animals when identifying them with the Holstein Association.

The association's Board of Directors made the change in identification rules official at a recent meeting. Many producers and classifiers have suggested that the "either side" option would be easier and allow more flexibility when officially identifying animals with the association.

By using the one-side sketch/photo option, Holstein producers can submit a sketch or clear photo of either side of the animal.

A metal USDA uniform series ear tag number is also required with the one-side sketch. Approximately 35 percent of the identification applications received by the association now contain a one-side sketch or photo.

Lynn Tuttle, manager of processing services, said the change will benefit producers who can now choose the side of the animal they wish to photograph or sketch.

Identification applications are being modified to reflect the policy change.

For more information, contact the Holstein Association USA Inc. at (802) 254-4551, or a local representative.

tion with the National Holstein Convention set for June 25-28 in Pittsburgh.

"If people only want to go to one sale this year, this is it," said Bill Nichol, executive director of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association, this year's convention host. "We'll be featuring the best of the breed that have been selected from top herds nationwide."

The live cattle auction will take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, at the Lawrence Convention Center, headquarters for the National Convention. The auction will be managed by the Pennsylvania Holstein Association in State College, and the Cattle Exchange, out of Delhi, N.Y.

The cattle are to be housed at the Marburger Farm Dairy in Evan City, until they are moved to the Convention Center. They may be viewed starting at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 25.

The silent sale will take place

Greencastle Livestock Auction

Thursday, May 11, 1995

CATTLE: COWS \$1.50-\$3.50 HIGH-

ER. HOLSTEIN: HIGH CHOICE & PRIME 1100-1275 LBS. FEW 63.25-63.50.

HEIFERS: FEW SELECT HOLSTEIN 42.25-44.00.

COWS: BREAKING UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 38.00-41.75; CUTTER AND BONING UTILITY 38.00-43.00; CANNER & LOW CUTTER 33.00-37.50; FEW BEEFX 43.50-46.00.

BULLS: YIELD GRADE 1 1320-2300 LBS. 44.50-47.75 ONE @ 57.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS ONE SMALL LOT M-1 300# @ 63.00.

CALVES: 207 STANDARD & GOOD 70-100 LBS. 50.00-53.00

FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS 85-125 LBS. 95.00-119.00;

HOLSTEIN BULLS 80-120 LBS. 54.00-105.00; HOLSTEIN BULLS 80-115 LBS.

160.00-213.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS FEW 70-85 LBS. 75.00-130.00; BEEF

CROSS BULLS AND HEIFERS 70-95 LBS. 56.00-100.00.

HOGS: FEW, 1-3 400-700 LBS. 24.00

IND. BOARS: 19.50.

from 7-10 p.m. Monday, June 26, from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., Tuesday, June 27, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, June 28.

A special sale telephone will be available for both sales. The phone number is 412-565-4444. Sale catalogs are available from both the Pennsylvania Holstein Association and the Cattle Exchange.

Jersey Shore Livestock Market, Inc.

Auction every Thursday
at 4:00 p.m.

Jersey Shore, Pa.

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Thursday, May 11, 1995

RETURN TO FARM CALF
70.00-175.00.

GOOD VEAL: 60.00-69.00.

COMMON VEAL: 30.00-59.00.

CHOICE STEERS: 63.00-66.50.

SELECT STEERS: 55.00-62.00.

COMMON STEERS: 44.00-54.00.

COMMERCIAL COWS: 37.00-43.00.

CANNERS-CUTTERS: 34.00-42.00.

SHELLS: 29.00-33.00.

SELECT HEIFERS: 58.00-62.00.

COMMON HEIFERS: 47.00-57.00.

COMMON FEEDERS: 42.00-60.00.

BULLS: 42.00-46.50.

GOOD HOGS: 34.00-37.00.

HEAVY HOGS: 22.00-28.00.

SOWS: 24.00-28.00.

ROUGHIS: 18.00.

Front Royal, Virginia Horse Sale

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143 HEAD. RIDING HORSES,
SERVICEABLE AGE: AVERAGE TO

GOOD QUALITY 925-1175 LBS.

575.00-775.00, 800-900 LBS.

495.00-590.00; BETTER QUALITY

1000-1200 LBS. 875.00-1375.00, 800-900

LBS. 620.00-800.00; EXCELLENT

QUALITY 1050-1250 LBS. 2 AT 1950.00.

RIDING PONIES: LARGE

260.00-510.00.

LOOSE HORSES: AVERAGE TO

GOOD FLESH 925-1175 LBS.

585.00-730.00; 800-900 LBS. 2 AT 350.00

AND 400.00; 1200-1400 LBS.

750.00-1010.00.

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Crop Storage Institute
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*Dry Matter Retention in Silage Storage Units," Marshfield Exp. Station, 1983
**"Keeping Air Out of Bunkers Is The Key," Hoards Dairyman, March 25, 1992

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