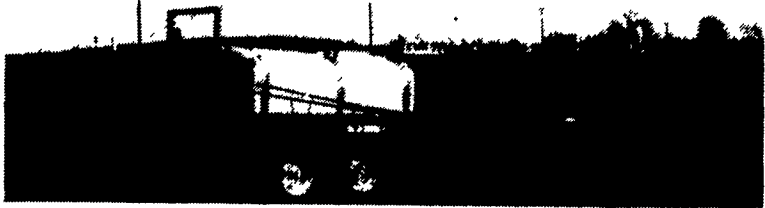




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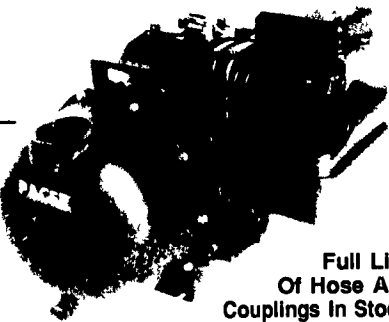
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Batcheldors, Stroups National Young Jersey Breeders

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio — Two Pennsylvania breeding operations of Jersey dairy cattle have recently been named winners of the American Jersey Cattle Association's national 1995 Young Jersey Breeder Award.

Starpoint Jerseys, owned by John and Cindy Batcheldor, of Quarryville, and Topaz Jerseys, owned by W. Todd and Patricia Stroup, of Greencastle, were named recipients of the award, out of nine made nationally.

The Young Jersey Breeder Award is annually bestowed upon as many members of AJCA who, in the opinion of the AJCA Board of Directors, merit recognition.

According to the announcement from AJCA, the awards will be officially presented July 1, during the several-day annual meetings of the AJCA and the Jersey Marketing Service, National All-Jersey Inc., scheduled to be held in Albany, N.Y.

The Batcheldors have owned registered Jerseys for 27 years, and their current rolling herd average on 48 head is 16,849 pounds of milk, 770 pounds of fat, and 625 pounds of protein. The total herd consists of 90 cows.

Star Point Jerseys have received attention by producing four Hall of Fame cows, four bull mothers, and garnering national rankings for milk and protein. Among herds of similar size, Star Point Jerseys was ranked seventh nationally for milk and 10th for protein.

In addition, the Batcheldors are enrolled in the AJCA Total Performance Evaluation Program to help keep track of production and appraisal information. The merchandise program is enhanced through appropriate advertising.

Both are also active in community organizations. Cindy has served on the Strategic Planning Committee of the Solanco School Board, and has served as president and vice president of the Pennsylvania District III Jersey Breeders, as director and vice-director for the Pennsylvania Jersey Cattle Club, and as director and Scholarship Committee co-chair of the Virginia Tech Dairy Science Alumni Association.

John has served as chairman of the Top of Harvest Sale, and as a member of the AJCA All-American Sale Committee. He has also worked in the sale ring for several state and regional sales.

After having both grown up on farms with Jerseys, W. Todd and Patricia Stroup now milk 108 head of their own and had an end-August 1994 rolling herd average of 14,108 pounds of milk, 688 pounds of fat, and 529 pounds of protein.

The Stroups breed 35 percent of their herd to young sires, and have set a goal of merchandising one bull per year for A.I.

They currently have several bulls in artificial insemination service and have sold embryos and heifers outside the United States.

Marketing their milk through a solids-not-fat premium order, they and the Batcheldors have invested in the National All-Jersey Inc. Equity Program, a program offered through AJCA-NAJ, according to a news release.

The Stroups are active politically, and have worked on several campaigns through National Milk Producers Federation and Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative, as well as being involved with many local, state and national

organizations.

They have held office on the National Milk Producers Federation YC Advisory Council, the Pennsylvania Jersey Cattle Association, and the National Jersey Jug Committee. They have also been on various committees at St. Mark the Evangelist Church.

North Carolina Farm Bureau, North Carolina Young Jersey Dairyman, and Eastern Milk Producers Young Cooperator Leader Couple have honored the Stroups naming them the Young Farmer and Rancher Family of the Year.

Both Star Point Jerseys and Topaz Jerseys consign animals to various state, regional and national sales.

Master Breeder

In other national awards presented by AJCA-NAJ, Edward, Harold and Donald Wright, of Maplerow Farm, in White River Junction, Vermont, are to jointly receive the 1995 Master Breeder Award on June 30, during the annual meetings.

The award is annually presented to the living AJCA member, family, partnership or corporation who, in the opinion of the board of directors, has bred outstanding animals for many years and thereby has made a notable contribution to the advancement of the Jersey breed in the United States.

The Wrights grandfather, Seth B. Wright, brought the first Jersey to Maplerow Farm in 1903. Harold's children and grandchildren are the fourth and fifth generation Jersey breeders on the farm.

The herd has been on test through the Dairy Herd Improvement Association since 1928, and has been enrolled in the DHIR test plan since 1950. Maplerow Jerseys have been classified and appraised since 1948.

The Wrights were supporters of the 5,000 Heifer Project, which helped launch National All-Jersey Inc., and its equity program, according to a news release.

During the 1970s, Maplerow used the sire Milestones Generator heavily and with good success including the Hall of Fame cow, Maplerow Generators Cherry, which classified Excellent 92. The Jersey sire Great Magic is a descendant of Cherry, and at one time, Great Magic was the top bull in the United States, according to rating for Predicted Difference Protein Dollars (PDP\$).

Currently two sires bred at Maplerow are in A.I. sampling programs. They are Great Brass, currently on test at Jerseyland Sites, and Reliant Soldier Boy, available through Landmark Genetics.

The farm is also home of the 1986 All-American Jersey Show grand champion cow, Maplerow Mercury Aron, appraised Excellent 96. She has had several lactations with milk production in excess of 20,000 pounds of milk.

The Wrights have sold registered Jerseys to buyers in 30 states and at least five countries.

The also have supported state, regional and national breed sales, having consigned to or purchased consignments from almost every Vermont Jersey Breeders sale, and the New England Jersey Breeders spring sale, as well as consignments to the national heifer sale and the All-American Sale.

Distinguished Service

The winner of the Jersey breed organization's national distinguished service award was auctioneer W.R. Lutz, of Newton, North Carolina. Lutz is to receive the award June 30.

This award is presented to the member of AJCA who has "rendered unselfish service for many years, and in doing so made a notable contribution to the advancement of the Jersey breed in the United States," according to a news release.

Lutz started in Jersey sales management and auction business in 1950, since generating the transaction of millions of dollars in the agricultural economy through the sale of real estate, cattle, dairy equipment, farm machinery and related items.

At the time of the sales, he had co-managed the five largest Jersey dispersals and four of the five highest grossing dispersals in Jersey history.

In addition to managing sales, Lutz has assisted at other prominent Jersey sales including the All American Jersey Sale and the Pot O' Gold Sale. He is also credited with helping to organize the Dixie Classic Jersey Sale, noted as one of the longest running regional sales in the country.

Lutz has also help by assisting people starting out by helping to locate facilities, cattle, equipment, and securing financing.

He is currently on the Agribusiness Committee of the National Auctioneers Association, and has held many offices in professional organizations, such as serving as president of the Auctioneers Association of North Carolina, and chairman of the North Carolina Auctioneers Licensing Board.

In addition to those affiliations, he is a member of the AJCA, the North Carolina Jersey Breeders Association, Farm Bureau Federation, and the New Jerusalem Lutheran Church.

Young Breeders

The seven other recipients of the national Young Jersey Breeder Award include Craig W. and Michelle Aver, owners of Fort Morrison Farm, in Colrain, Maine; Duane and Christina Anderson, of Salvation Jerseys, in Milan, Miss.; Herby D. Lutz, of Sunny Day Farm, in Chester, S.C.; Karl and Candace Steinhauer, of Steinhauer's Jerseys, in Mattoon, Wisc.; Tim and Patti Everett, of Stone House Farm, in Sharon Springs, N.Y.; Eric Silva, Sunset Canyon Jerseys, Turlock, Calif.; and Paul Schirm, of Schirm Farms, in Canal Winchester, Ohio.

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