

Pa. Holstein To Hold Junior Judging Schools

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — The Pennsylvania Junior Holstein Association Judging Schools are scheduled to be held mid-July, and registration is due June 26.

The state association offers two schools to all junior-aged people interested in dairy cattle, regardless of breed, one in the western region of the state, the other in the eastern region. It is not reserved just for junior members of the Holstein Association.

Last year, because of concern over Bovine Viral Diarrhea (BVD), the western school was cancelled. This year, there are to again be two schools.

The schools teach basics of

cattle judging through visits to different herds, discussions, actual judging and comparing of notes. The attempt is to cover the basics of animal evaluation and reasoning.

Those who attend have the opportunity to learn terminology, animal and class breakdowns, and how to effectively give reasons justifying the judgements.

Participants will get a chance to judge Holsteins, Jerseys, Ayrshires, Brown Swiss and Guernseys.

The schools are held on two consecutive days, running from noon to noon.

For those living close to the schools, who do not need over-

night accommodations, the cost is \$15, which covers school costs and an evening meal.

For those needing overnight accommodations, the cost is \$25, which covers the school, an evening meal, and the cost of a hotel room.

A second member of a family who attends will receive \$5 off the registration cost.

The western school is to be held July 10 and July 11, with the Butler County Holstein Club serving as host. Tom Smith, of Lancaster, is to teach the school.

Students are to judge Holsteins at Norman and Stella Graham's farm, and also at Marburger Dairy Farm; Ayrshires at Harold and



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Barbara Rader's farm; Guernseys at James Moser family farm; Brown Swiss at the James Kennedy family farm, and Jersey at George and Peggy Dean's farm.

The eastern school is scheduled for July 12-13, with the Bradford County Holstein Club serving as host. David Castrogivanni, of Montrose, is to teach.

Cattle to be judged include Jerseys from the William Eick family, and Stuart and Elain Noble; Holsteins from Kenny and

Jerry Young, Al Calkins, and Richard and Marilyn Packard; Ayrshires from Mark Carter, and Doug Stewart; Guernseys from Paul, Owen and Jon Brackman; and Brown Swiss from Blain and Tammy Yurkanin.

In order to register, complete a form and mail it with a check made payable to the Pennsylvania Holstein Association, 839 Benner Pike, State College, 16801.

For more information, call the association at (814) 234-0364.

Pa. Holstein Association 1995 Junior Judging Schools

(Deadline for tickets is June 26)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

COUNTY _____

_____ I will attend the Western School, in Butler County, July 10 & 11.

_____ I will attend the Eastern School, in Bradford County, July 12 & 13.

I have enclosed \$_____ to include overnight accommodations.

I have enclosed \$_____ to attend the school as a commuter.

The fees are: \$25 for overnight, including school cost, room and an evening meal; or \$15 per commuter, which includes school and evening meal.

Deduct \$5 from the price of attendance for a second child attending, from the same family.

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Pa. Holstein Association
839 Benner Pike
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Northeast DHIA Urges Proper ID

ITHACA, N.Y. — Northeast DHIA field technicians will soon have the ability to bring more records to the farm. In order to provide the best possible records service for the 4,200-member cooperative, good cow identification is essential.

Northeast DHIA is encouraging members to take a closer look at their herd for potential ID problems.

Are there any duplicate numbers between the cows and calves?

Is the tag from cow #76 removed when she is beefed, only to be assigned immediately to a fresh heifer?

Are heifers re-numbered when they enter the milking herd? Do you do this according to the DHIA CCN sequence?

Any of these ID practices on your herd will make it difficult for you to take advantage of the new capabilities Northeast DHIA will

offer.

The new rules are simple. Each animal can have two forms of member-assigned barn identification; a barn number and a barn name (or an alternate barn number series).

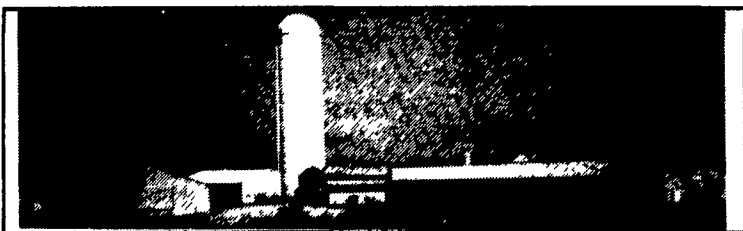
Additionally, all the animals on the dairy are considered to be in one herd. That is, cows and calves are handled in one file.

After the change to the new records system this fall, a calf will not have to be "entered into the herd," she will just calve. In fact, the ideal system would be to have a "lifetime" number for each animal in the herd.

You are encouraged to clean up IDs now, so the records will be more useful to you later. If you have questions about how best to identify animals, contact your DHIA field technician or call the Northeast DHIA Center at 1-800-DHI-COWS (1-800-344-2697).

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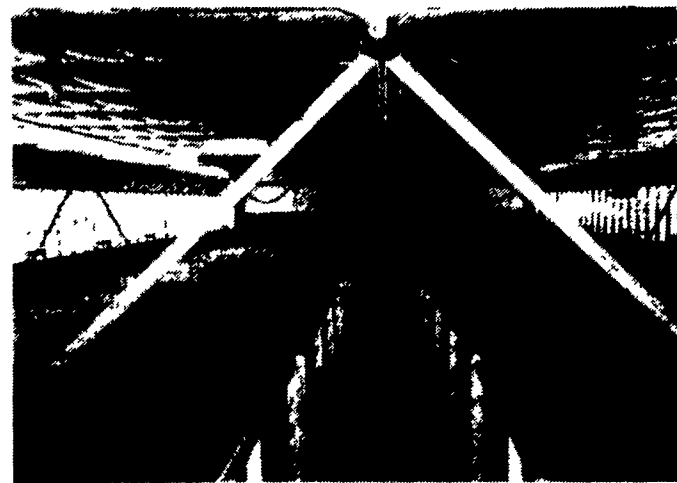
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