

National Holstein Convention

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sis on cow families that we know can transmit type and production," Lewis said. "We stress functional type with a strong emphasis on protecting the udders, as well as the feet and legs when choosing a mating. Cows like this have more longevity and are our money-makers. We use AAA and our classification breakdowns when choosing our matings. Herd health is very important to us. We strongly believe that you can breed for type, production, and protein, as well as keep the indexes progressing with the service sires that are available to us as breeders today."

Lewis is the immediate past president of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association.

Monday was the day for the 1,500 dairy farmers from around the world to take to the streets and rivers of Pittsburgh to see the

sights. Actually, Pittsburgh got a chance to see the farmers, hordes of them walking up Penn Avenue and crossing the street, oblivious to the backed-up car, bus, and truck traffic that patiently waited until the farmers finally observed the "Don't walk" lights.

A milking contest in front of the convention center gave these city folks another view of dairy farmers in action. Well, some of them were old dairy farmers, but these celebrities added to Pittsburgh's dairy farm education.

By the way, Paul Miller, Pennsylvania dairy farmer, and Mel Hertzler, National Holstein, formed the team that won the milking contest. And Charles Brosius, Pennsylvania ag secretary, and Boyd Wolff, immediate past Pennsylvania ag secretary came in second. The second place winners are the "old" dairy farmers referred to

above.

The farmers did see a lot of Pittsburgh. An early morning walk through the wholesale market district was enlightening. Later in the day, the cultural tour to Carnegie Museum of Natural History and the Pittsburgh rivers tour took the participants to the top of Mt. Washington for a view of the city and then on to a luncheon cruise on all three rivers that meet in Pittsburgh.

The junior Holstein breeders had their own tour that included the Meadows Racetrack and the Carnegie Science Center. And the amateur golfers headed for the Ft. Cherry course.

At the end of the day, everyone met at the Point State Park for a "Taste of Pennsylvania" cookout that was so nicely arranged by the host committees. Unfortunately, a

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John Cope, newly elected national president, left, and John Seiz, immediate past national president, share a moment at the president's reception Sunday evening.



Farmers walking the streets of Pittsburgh. What a sight!



At the president's reception are from left, David Slusser, general manager, Pennsylvania DHIA; Charles Brosius, Pennsylvania secretary of agriculture, and Obie Snider, Singing Brook Farm. Slusser was master of ceremonies, and Snider gave the invocation.

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