

Approve Merger

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Memberships of the American Hereford Association (AHA) and the American Polled Hereford Association (APHA) have approved a merger of the two organizations, effective Sept. 1.

The historic combining of the two white-faced beef cattle registries culminates a year and a half of planning and negotiating, which will result in the new AHA becoming the second largest breed in the nation in terms of registry numbers. Both votes were held in early June.

H.H. "Hop" Dickenson, AHA chief executive officer, reported that nearly 87 percent of the AHA members voted in favor of the merger, with 50 percent of those eligible returning ballots. APHA's CEO Ed Bible said that 89 percent of the APHA members voted in favor, with nearly 40 percent returning ballots. Dickenson will

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The Streak. Representing The Streak for the award was Darrell "Spike" Smith. Individual award went to Jessica Watson, Newmanstown, for her song about love done in sign language.

A special recognition award went to Wayne Baker, Shippensburg, for serving more than 20 years on the institute staff.

NICE representatives sponsored by the Atlantic Dairy Cooperative include Liza Haas, Millerstown; Darren Martin, Ephrata; Andrea Kreider, Quarryville; Trevor Moyer, Wyalusing;

serve as chief executive officer of the newly merged association. APHA personnel will move into the AHA's headquarters building in downtown Kansas City.

"Even though this is not the first time we've entered into merger discussions," Dickenson said, "the timing proved to be right in this instance. Breeders in both associations saw the need for the great

and Andrew Martin, Lebanon.

PCC NICE alternates are, first year, Carrie Snyder, Elizabethville and Connie Zeiset, East Earl. Second year alternates are Melissa Evans, Conneautville and Sara Duncan, Meadville.

PCC first year to NICE are Michael Clark, Loysville; Scott Byers, Liverpool; Laura Phillips, Mohrsville; Peter Henning, Mehoopany; and Darrell Smith, Linesville.

PCC second year to NICE are Robin Davies, Tunkhannock; Heather Lehman, Mechanicsburg; and Lloyd Bier, Carlisle.

efficiencies to be gained from a merged organization."

Policy for the association will be set by an initial board of 18 directors, nine from each of the existing associations, with a rotation set to bring the final number to twelve. Glynn Debter, Horton, Ala., will serve as interim board chairman.



Awards honor participants who spoke on a subject of their choice. First place went to Jessica Watson, Newmanstown, center, for her essay, "Have A Heart For Inner City Kids." Second place went to Kristina Watson, Shermans Dale, right. Also, youth were honored for presentations, including one by a group called The Streak. Representing The Streak for the award was Darrell "Spike" Smith.

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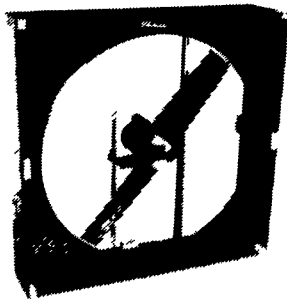
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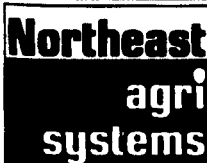
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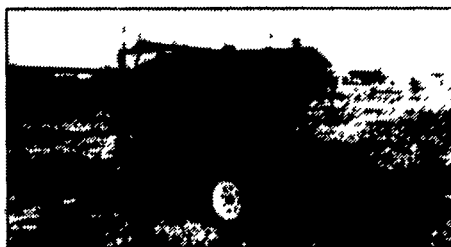
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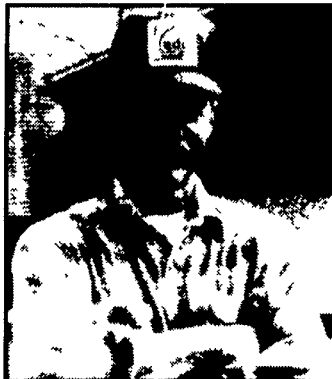
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