

Penn State Dairymen's Club Seeks Service Award Nominations

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — The Penn State Dairymen's Club is soliciting nominations for their annual Dairymen's Club Service Award. The award is rotated thru three sectors of the Dairy Industry. They are Farmer/producer, Dairy/Agriculture Industry, and

Extension/Education. The 1995 award will recognize an individual in either extension or education who has labored for the advancement and benefit of the Dairy Industry in Pennsylvania.

Examples of individuals who

you should consider nominating: college/university faculty, local extension personnel, vocational agricultural instructors, etc. Nominations can include retirees, as well as those still active in their chosen area.

This year will mark the sixth

annual presentation. A winner will be selected from all nominees and will be recognized at the Club's Annual Dinner-Dance on Friday, November 10, 1995. This event will be held the evening prior to the Nittany Lion Fall Classic Sale

at the Penn State Ag Arena.

All nominations should be submitted in writing to Chris Swartz, Dairymen's Club, 131 Petersburg Road, Lancaster, PA 17601. Deadline for nominations is September 1, 1995. The individual's nomination may include such items as:

Leadership within the agricultural community

Personal involvement in the dairy industry

Years of service to the industry
Personal advancement of their chosen profession & desire for excellence.

Previous award recipients were: 1990 Robert Patton, Monsanto Co. (industry); 1991 William Conyngham (dairy farmer); 1992 Larry Specht, (Education); 1993 Dean Amick, (PA DHIA); 1994 Samuel B. Williams Jr. (farmer); 1995 education; 1996 industry; 1997 farmer.

The Penn State Dairymen's Club is a nonprofit support group whose mission is to facilitate the activities for undergraduate education and experience within the Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences. New members are always welcome.

Adams County Breeders Seek Improved Efficiency

GETTYSBURG (Adams Co.)—Techniques for improving breeding efficiency was the focus of a dairy twilight meeting co-sponsored by the Adams County Holstein Club and Penn State Cooperative Extension, held July 13, at Ke-Holtz Dairy, home of Kevin and Karen Holtzinger, in East Berlin.

Kevin Holtzinger presided at the event.

Speaking on the synchronization of estrus, Dr. Michaela Kristula, D.V.M., University of Pennsylvania, discussed the influence of pregnancy rate on herd perfor-

mance and how excessive days open leads to culling animals for reproductive reasons. She suggested a goal of 75 percent pregnancy within 120 days following calving.

Estrous synchronization and programmed breeding can be profitable management tools. Through controlled breeding, animals can be inseminated artificially to superior A.I. sires on a timely basis. The chance of inseminating an animal during the optimum time is increased and there is a reduction in time spent for heat detection.

Kevin Holtzinger introduced his family and his employees. Together they care for a herd of 300 Holstein cows, 220 heifers, and farm 700 acres of land to provide feed for the herd. Milking three times per day, the herd has a rolling herd average of 20,300 pounds of milk and is fed a total mixed ration.

Graduates of the National Holstein Leadership School, both Kevin and Karen are available to speak to groups on the requirements of dairy farming. They announced the formation of a Dairy Network Leadership program to further advance this effort.

Joy Hess, alternate county dairy princess, reported on attending the state workshop for dairy princesses. She announced that entries for the dairy show at South Mountain Fair are due by August 15. Those interested in showing should call Josie Riser at (717) 334-6919.

Marlin Hoff, New Windsor,

Maryland, a member of the board of directors, National Holstein Association, was introduced and described options for identifying animals for type classification. While the breed association has worked with 30 percent of herd owners in the past, our goal is to work with all herd owners. He complimented Pennsylvania Holstein breeders for hosting a very successful National Convention and sale in Pittsburgh.

Hoff served as official for a cow judging contest in which Cheryl Ulrich and Sam Stoner were declared winners in the senior division, Joy Hess and Matthew Guise were winners in the junior division. Door prizes and refreshments were provided, courtesy of supporting agri-business firms.

Northeast Lamb Pool Dates Set

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)—The 1995 Northeast Lamb Pools will take place on August 11, Sept. 29, Nov. 3, and Dec. 1. The pools are to be held at the Troy Sales Barn in Troy, Bedford County.

Slaughter lambs, feeder lambs and slaughter sheep will be accepted and graded from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the day of the sale.

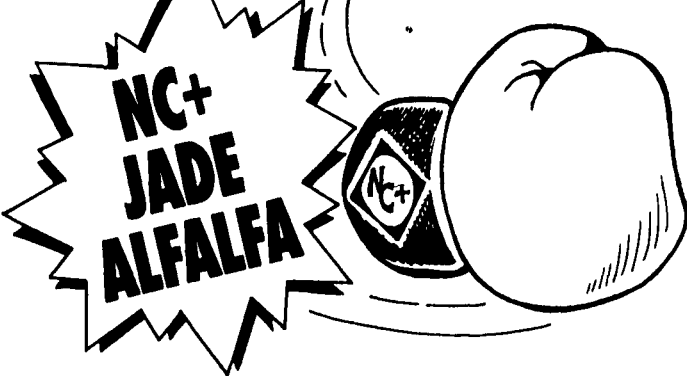
Personnel from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Livestock Division will grade the lambs and slaughter sheep using USDA grading standards. The lambs will be penned in uniform lots as to grade and weight.

The sale will be conducted by tele-auction beginning at 3 p.m. Interested sheep producers and buyers should contact David Albert, pool manager, at (717) 998-2505.

Buyers must contact the pool manager prior to the sale to be included in the tele-auction or be at the sale

barn for the sale. The sale day phone number is (717) 297-9095.

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PDA Announces Animal Import Restrictions

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hoofed animals from entering Pennsylvania if vesicular stomatitis has been diagnosed within 10 miles of the premises of origin since Jan. 1.

The disease is primarily an insect-borne disease, and does not survive cold weather. The quarantine will expire Dec. 31, 1995.

In addition, all hoofed animals entering Pennsylvania from a state where vesicular stomatitis has been diagnosed during 1995 must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection by an accredited veterinarian.

As of July 21, the disease has been diagnosed in Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico during 1995.

The most common symptom of vesicular stomatitis is drooling or frothing at the mouth. Affected animals frequently refuse to eat or drink and may show signs of lameness. Severe weight loss and a drop in milk production may

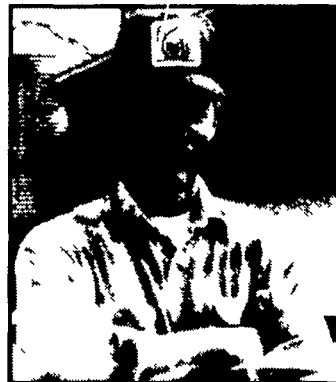
also occur.

The disease occurs in the United States typically between late spring through early fall.

"Pennsylvania livestock producers can prevent the introduction and spread of this disease by making sure that the provisions of the quarantine for animals being imported into Pennsylvania are met," said Dr. Max A. Van Buskirk, Jr., director of the department's Bureau of Animal Industry.

"Producers should also be mindful of the need for biosecurity, insect control, good milking practices, personal protective measures and isolation of herd replacements as preventive measures to limit the introduction or spread of this and other diseases."

Animals exhibiting signs or symptoms of vesicular stomatitis should be reported to the Bureau of Animal Industry at (717) 783-8300.



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