

Maryland Farm Queen To Be Crowned

TIMONIUM, Md. — The reigning Maryland Farm Queen, Miss Jami M. Todd of Caroline County, will have the honor of crowning her successor, the 1995 Maryland Farm Queen, who will be selected at the Maryland Farm Queen Contest, Sunday, August 27, 7 p.m., in the State Fair Cow Palace.

Young women, between the ages of 16 and 19, who have earned their place in the 1995 Maryland Farm Queen Contest by winning county Farm Bureau-sponsored contests, will compete for this renowned title, tiaras supplied by Littman Jewelers in Cranberry Mall, and scholarship and cash awards valued up to \$4,000. The 23 Maryland county farm queens, will be critiqued, during a two-day competition, primarily on their agricultural knowledge and ex-

perience and their civic involvement. Each must spontaneously respond to a "fish bowl" question either related to career opportunities or specific farming issues. Poise, appearance, personality, communication skills, and civic involvement are secondary requirements.

The 1995 Maryland Farm Queen will be present throughout

the run of the State Fair to award prizes, and mingle with fairgoers, dignitaries, and media representatives. Her responsibilities will continue throughout the year as she will participate in a number of activities representing Maryland agriculture. The runners-up will assist the Farm Queen with award presentations and serve as hostesses for dignitaries.

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from Holstein to Jersey in 1990 due to the size of the barn and the amount of butterfat Jerseys produce. The Wilcox classify their Jersey herd and about 75 percent of the herd is registered.

The herd is pastured twice a day throughout the summer. In addition to pasture, their feeding rations consist of 15 pounds of ground corn and soybean grain, 20 pounds of high moisture shelled corn, and 5 pounds of hay. In the winter with pasture time reduced, the herd's hay ration is increased to 25 to 30 pounds.

Sam and Christine's daughters take an active part in the family farm with the raising and showing of cows.

Samantha is president of the Classical Cows 4-H Club. Her cow Debbie was 4-H and Open Class Grand Champion at the Tioga County Fair in 1994 and went on to become the 4-H and Open Grand Champion at the District Show in Wyoming County.

Christie has had the Reserve Grand Champion cow for three years at the Tioga County Fair. In 1993 she went to Louisville, Kentucky and placed seventh with her

cow Marge. It was the highest placing for any of the Pennsylvania Jerseys.

As supporters of the farming industry, Sam and Christine are members of the Holstein Club, American Jersey Cattle Club, and the Tioga-Potter Farm Bureau.

During Farm-City Day, visitors were treated to wagon tours of the fields where volunteers were round baling and plastic wrapping hay. A barn tour provided insight on how the milking operation works twice a day in the summers and three times a day (6 a.m., 2 p.m., and 10 p.m.) between December and February to accommodate Sam and Christine's attendance at Christie's high school basketball games. Contests open to the general public included wire splicing, bale throwing, and a kiddie pedal tractor pull. Demonstrations scheduled throughout the day involved sheep shearing, milking, cattle judging, rope making, Christmas tree pruning and shipping, wool spinning. Rounding out the festivities were exhibits involving artificial semination, machinery and toy farm equipment, and the ever popular petting zoo.

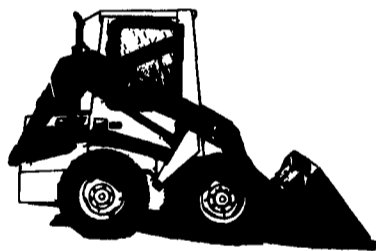


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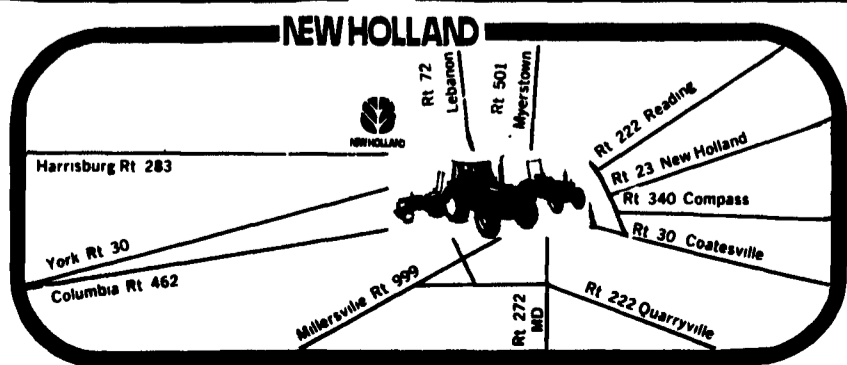


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