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5-Year-Old Holstein Supreme Of All-American Dairy Show

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — A 5-year-old Holstein cow owned by Pamtom Farm, of Hudson Falls, N.Y., was named supreme champion of the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show Thursday afternoon at the state Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

C Taraley Astro Sherry, owned by Herb and June Kerr, of Pamtom Farm, after having just won the grand championship of the Eastern National Holstein Show within the hour, was judged to be the best of the best of the six recognized dairy breed shows at this year's PAADS.

The supreme championship was developed several years ago in order to boost excitement and provide an added dimension to the week-long dairy show. In previous

years, judges for supreme were actual show judges. This year judges were representatives from breed organizations which help sponsor the show.

In past years, the use of spotlights and organ music as the grand champions of the All-American dairy shows entered the Large Arena of the state Farm Show Complex provided extra drama to the selection of supreme champion.

This year, the event began immediately after the group classes of the Eastern National Holstein Show and the Mid-Atlantic Regional Dairy Show, without special fanfare.

Sherry is no stranger to the show ring. Last year she was first at the World Dairy Expo, in Madison, Wis., in the 4-year-old age class, and she was an All-American 4-year-old, as well as an All-

Canada 4-year-old.

A daughter of Bridon Astro Jet-ET, she has classified as an Excellent-94 and has made 65,000 pounds of milk lifetime. Her latest lactation record, started at 4-years,

9-months of age, shows production of 29,209 pounds milk, 1,024 pounds fat, and 895 pounds protein in 305 days.

Gary Culbertson, of Mansion Valley Holsteins, Hilbert, N.Y., was leadsman.

Runnerup supreme champion was a 6-year-old Brown Swiss, Long View Jades Raisin, owned by Lee Chaney, of GS Associates, Maryland. At the halter in the ring was Becky Long.

Grand champion of the Eastern National Brown Swiss Show, held Wednesday, Raisin also classified Excellent, and while her last lacta-

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State Dairy Princess Rhonda Joy Kleklak presents the supreme champion awarded Gary Culbertson who holds the halter of C Taraley Astro Sherry, a 5-year-old Holstein owned by Herb and June Kerr of Pamtom Farm, in Hudson Falls, N.Y.

Hans Herr FFA, New York 4-H Teams Top Dairy Management Contest

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — One of the most educa-

tional events at the All-American this week was the junior dairy management contest. Youth from New York, Maryland, and Pennsylvania

competed in classes that help show their knowledge of the dairy industry and farming in general.

The contest involved seven classes, including heifer judging, trait evaluation, meat cut identification, grain/forage identification, dairy agronomic practices, current issues in the dairy industry, and a milk marketing quiz. After all the classes were judged, the top five individuals were given the opportunity to give answers to questions from a panel of three judges. The subjects ranged from environmental issues to how they would manage a 2,000 dairy herd.

David Thorton, Boohvill, New York, was the high individual with 335 points out of a possible 350. Bryan Wilson, Dansville, New York, was second with 323 points.

Kathy Habecker, Palmyra, was third with 314 points; Scott Wormer, Middleburg, was first FFA and fourth overall with 296 points, and Matt Younger, Arcade, New York was fifth with 290 points.

The New York State team of Jenny Kelsey, Matt Younger, and David Thorton was the first place 4-H team. They had a total of 698 points.

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Thirty-three contestants compete for the state crown at the 39th annual coronation held in Harrisburg last Saturday. Crowned Pennsylvania dairy princess, Rhonda Joy Kleklak from Erie County promises to encourage Pennsylvanians to appreciate farmers more. To read more about the pageant and the new dairy princess, turn to page B2.



The first place FFA team is from the Hans Herr chapter. From left Joel Harnish, Darren Martin, and Steve Harnish.

Hundreds Gather For Two-Day Northeast Poultry Show

Producers May Have To Rely On Their Own Quality Assurance Programs

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Because of ongoing federal agricultural program cutbacks, the poultry industry is "on its own" regarding indemnity programs if there are potential disease outbreaks in the future, according to a USDA veterinary services administrator.

Dr. Donald Luchsinger, deputy administrator for veterinary services for the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

(APHIS), said that the move on Capitol Hill to reduce the budget has led to cutbacks and in many cases elimination of indemnity programs for the poultry industry. As a result, producers may have to join together to establish their own quality assurance programs, such as the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation's egg quality assurance program, to provide protection and help in case of disease outbreaks.

Luchsinger spoke to about 200 poultry producers and agri-industry representatives Wednes-

day morning at the Northeast Poultry Show at the Host Convention Center in Lancaster. The show ran from Wednesday through Thursday.

In the future, the federal government will work in tandem with industry-sponsored disease outbreak and control programs, according to Luchsinger. No longer will the government simply have money available by the truckload when a disease catastrophe, such as affected Pennsylvania in 1983 and 1986 with avian influen-

za, occurs.

"You folks in the industry will have a lot to say about how (a program) is done, where it's done, and who with," he said.

This "equal partners" attitude at USDA will extend throughout a lot of programs that the federal government used to provide to producers regularly.

The current push to "reinvent" the government, Luchsinger told the producers, will extend to further downsizing efforts. Already, the USDA has been reduced from 42

agencies to 29, and the 1,120 county offices have been restructured and reorganized.

This reform is part of the six "influences" that Luchsinger said the USDA/APHIS long program faces. Others are the long-term budget deficit program ("You know we're going to have fewer resources," he said), the productivity deficit (how to do more and better work with less employees in the same positions in government), globalization of ag (ag exports and imports

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