

# Chester County Recognizes 4-H Dairy, Goat Members

GUTHRIESVILLE (West Chester)—The Chester County 4-H Dairy and Dairy Goat Awards banquet was held recently at the East Brandywine Fire Hall.

The Chester County Kids Dairy Goat Club was in charge of the affair and the various 4-H mem-

bers of the clubs conducted the meeting with Jason Wagner, Spring City, serving as the emcee. Karen Inhof, Chester County dairy princess, talked to the group about her role in promoting dairy products and dairy farming.

Russ Albright, Keystone Farm

Credit, gave the group an update on the Romano 4-H Center of Chester County. Site work has progressed and an area has been prepared for the first building, a 200 foot by 80 foot pole building with numerous 10 foot sliding doors that can be opened for summer and closed and locked at other times. The building will be 14-15 feet high at the walls and there will be ventilating fans in the ridge. It is expected that the project will go out on bids very soon. Also in 1996, a horse ring will be built adjacent to the pole building. 4-H events including the dairy roundup are being planned for the Center next year. He urged all 4-H members and their families to continue to seek sources of funds.

The Chester Valley Dairy Club presented a skit on the theme, "Cow Queen for a Day." Four male members of the club competed as Misses Holstein, Lineback, Jersey and Ayrshire for the honor of wearing the crown. Their escorts were four female members dressed as men and the contestants were decked out in evening gowns, wigs, and makeup. They brought down the house with their performances which included a musical rendition in the style of the "Supremes." Miss Ayrshire (Tarik Gaffney) was chosen as queen. The other contestants were Kevin Harrop, Ben Hendricks, and John VanWye.

The awards section of the program began with the 4-H dairy goat awards. Trophies were presented to the high individual project book scores in each club based on the quality and completeness of their book and their performance at the county roundup in July. Veronica Bates, Gradyville captured the High Achievement Award for the Chester County Kids Club. In the New London Club, Jessica Bohmier, New London, had the top project award with Rachell DuVall, Lincoln University, receiving the First Year Club Award. Awards were also presented to the fitting and showing champions and the breed champions from the Chester County 4-H Dairy Goat Roundup this past summer.

The top Achievement Award for Dairy based on the total project score was won by Tri-Community member Melissa Wertz, Phoenixville, with her Jersey calf project, Damview Juno Keasha. Other Achievement Award winners were Kevin Sollenberger of the Tri-Community Dairy Club with the First Year trophy. In the Manor Dairy Club, Kathryn Bates, Gradyville, was the winner with Jennifer Batchelder, Glen Mills, taking First Year honors. Tarik Gaffney, Downingtown captured the award in the Chester Valley Club while Becky Baily, West Chester, was the First Year winner.

Production Awards, based on M.E., 305 day records, 2X were given to the top entries in four breeds. The Ayrshire winner for milk and protein was S&M Ayr Mozart Pearly with 17,025 pounds of milk and 521 pounds of protein entered by Kevin A. Nolan, Pottstown. Vicky Hewitt, Spring City, had the high Holstein for milk and protein, Hewitts Melwood Melba, with 25,581 pounds of milk and 728 pounds of protein. Patrick Joyce, owned by Erica Lloyd,



Dairy goat awards, from left, Rachel DuVall, Jason Wagner, and Veronica Bates.

Pottstown, was the high Jersey cow for milk with 22,122 pounds. Tarik Gaffney, Downingtown, was tops in the Jersey breed for protein with Top-O-Hill Juno Tootsie Roll who had 797 pounds. Kevin Sollenberger, Spring City, had the high Guernsey for milk and protein, Warwick Manor Sarge Robin, with 21,027 pounds of milk and 698 pounds of protein. Trophies were also given out to the 1995 4-H Dairy Roundup Show winners and fitting and showmanship champions.

Farm Credit awards to dairy members for excellence in a wide variety of 4-H activities went to Melissa Wertz, Phoenixville for the Senior Award, a \$50 savings bond, and a \$25 cash award went to Erica Lloyd, Pottstown, as the junior winner. In the 4-H dairy goat division, Jason Wagner, Spring City received the \$50 savings bond with Jessica Bohmier, New London receiving the \$25 cash award. They were presented by Russ Albright from Keystone Farm Credit, ACA, Avondale.



Achievement awards, from left, Jennifer Batchelder, First Year Manor; Katie Bates, Manor; Becky Baily, First Year Chester Valley; Tarik Gaffney, Chester Valley; Melissa Wertz, Tri-Community and Overall; and Kevin Sollenberger, First Year Tri-Community.



Production awards, left to right, Erica Lloyd, Jersey Milk; Vicky Hewitt, Holstein Milk and Protein; Tarik Gaffney, Jersey Protein; Kevin Sollenberger, Guernsey Milk and Protein; and Kevin Nolan, Ayrshire Milk and Protein.



Chester County 4-H Dairy Banquet show champions, from left, Jody Hewitt, Jersey; Becky Baily, Lineback; Erica Lloyd, Jersey; Meredith Baily, Lineback; Crystal Kolb, Holstein; Julie Sollenberger, Guernsey; Kevin Nolan, Ayrshire; and Brian Nolan, Ayrshire.

## Idaho Milking Shorthorn Sets Production Record

BELOIT, Wis. — An Idaho Milking Shorthorn cow recently set a new 305-day production record for the registered breed.

Idalee Garnet Topsy-EXP, owned by Martin and Susan Lee, of Jerome, Idaho, made 31,460 pounds of milk, 969 pounds of fat, and 912 pounds of protein.

Topsy's lactation began when she was six-years, one-month old. She was still milking recently and was expected to produce more than a ton of milk solids (2,000 pounds of fat and protein) before completing 365 days in lactation.

Classified a Very Good 85, she carries a Cow Performance Index (CPI) of +198 and a Predicted Transmitting Ability (PTA) for type of +.2, while her PTA for production includes a +1,905 pounds milk, +43 pounds milk, and +42 pounds protein. She has a dollar value of +191 milk fat and protein dollars.

The Lee's Idalee prefix herd consists of 113 milking cows with a rolling herd average of more than 20,000 pounds milk. Idalee has a herdmate production deviation of +4,358 pounds milk, +96 pounds

fat, and +97 pounds protein. Her sire is Idalee Quiet Revolution.

In making the production record, Topsy beat the previous 305-day record of 28,070 pounds milk, 850 pounds fat, and 829 pounds of protein made by another Idalee cow, Janine Jubilee-EXP. The previous record stood from April 1994 to October this year.

Prior to Janine's record, an Oklahoma-bred cow, Washita Ann's Bonnie-EXP held the honors from 1986 until April 1994.

As a dairy producer, Topsy has been a consistent gainer for the Lees. As a 2-year-old, she made 21,070 pounds of milk, 682 pounds of fat, and 631 pounds protein in 334 days.

As a 3-year-old, she made 22,040 pounds of milk in 284 days; as a 4-year-old she made 23,210 pounds milk in 291 days; and as a 5-year-old, she made 25,440 pounds of milk in 330 days.

A Topsy daughter that sold in last year's national Milking Shorthorn sale recently finished her first 305-day lactation with a record of 18,380 pounds of milk, 556 pounds fat, and 586 pounds of protein.

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