

Pa. Jersey Association Selects Queen, Honors Achievements

MEADVILLE (Crawford Co.) — Roberta McConnell, of Volant, Lawrence County, will be a queen for a year as she was crowned the 1996 Pennsylvania Jersey queen at ceremonies during the Pennsylvania Jersey Convention held at the Days Inn, here, March 29 and 30.

During the evening banquet, youth production awards and achievement awards were also presented.

A veteran Jersey breeder, McConnell owns 10 cows and heifers. She has traveled with her Jerseys to county, district, state and national shows. She has also received the Jacob M. Brunges Production award twice.

McConnell's reign as queen will allow her to represent the association at various shows and events throughout Pennsylvania. In the fall, she will travel to Louisville, Kentucky where she will represent Pennsylvania in the National Jersey Jug Queen Competition.

McConnell, the daughter of John and Lois McConnell, is a senior at Wilmington Area High School. She is a nine-year member of the local 4-H cooking club for six years.

Serving as the alternate Jersey queen is Virginia L. Morningstar, daughter of Ed and Deanna Morningstar of Fredonia, Mercer



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1996 Pennsylvania
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County.

Morningstar is a freshman at Penn State in Sharon, and is an active member of her county's dairy promotion committee. A member of the No-Bull 4-H Dairy Club for 11 years, she has shown at various county and district shows. She is also involved with the Mercer County dairy judging and dairy bowl teams. She has also served as a Junior Jersey Club district representative.

Serving as judges for the competition were Elaine Leise, Rey-

nolds Elementary teacher, from P&E Farm; Carol Gregg, Pa. Statewide coordinator for the Ag Awareness Foundation; and Blaine Schlosser, former Crawford County Extension agent.

Other highlights of the program included the presentation of youth awards.

The 1996 achievement awards were collected by Joy McConnell, of Volant, in the junior division and Roberta McConnell, of Volant, in the senior division. The outstanding first year member was Elaina Rader, of Butler County.

In the scrapbook competition, Elaina Rader collected the first prize in the junior division, while Melissa Wertz won the senior division.

Rhonda Chapman, of Waterford, was the winner of the Jersey scholarship which is presented annually.

Youth from across the state entered the Jacob M. Brunges production contest. When all the numbers were sorted, the top five placings included the following individuals:

1) T-Empet Brass Laurie, owned by Rebecca Empet, with a 2-02 production of 17,278M, 813F and 633P and a ME of 22,634M, 1033F and 791P;

2) Normandell Skyline Wanda, owned by Mark Norman, with a 2-0 actual production of 15,249M, 692F and 618P and a ME of 19,976M, 893F and 779P;

3) Panda Duncan Penelope, owned by Leslie Bailey, with an actual 1-11 record of 15,328M, 761F and 580P and a ME of 19,773M, 974F and 728P;

4) Normandell Bold Venture Jenifer, owned by Ellen Norman, with an actual 1-11 record of 13,552M, 673F and 547P and a ME of 18,837M, 915F and 725P;

5) Normandell Lester Dori, owned by Emily Norman, with an actual 1-10 production record of 14,602M, 570F and 519P and a ME of 20,735M, 792F and 717P.

Distinguished Service

Bob Kenny, of Enon Valley,

and Charles Hotson, of Meadville were both recipients of the 1996 Pennsylvania Jersey Cattle Association's Distinguished Service Award.

Bob and his wife, Alma, farm with Glenn and Lisa and Don and Wendy Kenny on Kenny farm. They have a herd of 275 milking Jerseys.

Hotson is the foundation of Spruce Row Jerseys now owned and managed by Jeff and Janet Peters.

The Distinguished Service award was presented at the evening banquet at the annual meeting.

Other awards were presented in conjunction with a morning breakfast program, followed by the annual Jersey calf sale.

Stuart and Elaine Noble, of Nobledale Farm, Gillett, received the Young Dairyman Award. The Nobles, who farm with Stephen Noble, currently milk 70 Jerseys on their five-generation farm.

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Jersey Sale Totals \$5,820

MEADVILLE (Crawford Co.) — Spruce Row Farm was the host of the annual Pennsylvania Jersey Cattle Association's Spring Calf Sale and Pot of Gold Sale held in conjunction with the association's convention headquartered at the Days Inn, here, March 29 and 30. Thirteen calves in the spring

sale averaged \$448, with total sale earnings at \$5,820.

Three top sellers each went for \$575.

Ashley Hixson, of Scottdale purchased one of the sale toppers. The December calf consigned by Roger Alexander, of Mansfield,

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