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Wenger To Receive Master Breeder Award

Reynoldsburg, Ohio — Ronald Wenger of Goshen, Indiana, has been selected to receive the 1996 American Guernsey Association's Master Breeder Award at the National Convention in Baltimore, Maryland.

Wenger, his wife, Arlene, and their four children, have operated a successful Guernsey breeding program on Valley Set Farm for over 30 years. Proving his ability as a master breeder, Wenger has kept his herd of registered Guernseys at the top of Indiana's production charts and was their 1992 high producing Guernsey herd. The family's success in the show ring is unequaled as well, winning many premier breeder awards at county, state and national levels.

Wenger purchased the 310-acre farm from his father in 1974. Following in his father's footsteps and commanding the admiration of other breeders, Wenger has won 12 national premier breeder awards and over 20 premier breeder state awards. He has also received awards for production, as well as grand champion. In 1980, he was honored with the Outstanding Farm Family of the Year award in Elkhart County. In addition, he was honored with the quality award from AMPI.

Wenger has served on various Indiana Guernsey Breeders' Association committees. He has been the chairman of the show committee for many years and also served on the board of directors. In 1980, he was president of the Elkhart County Dairy Association. Wenger was also chairman of the DHIA testing committee in Elkhart County.

Indiana Guernsey Breeders' Association Secretary Carol Riggs said, "I feel that Ron Wenger exemplifies the successful traits we want to identify in Guernsey breeders."

Ag Groups Meet to Talk About State Trading Enterprises

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Members of the Dairy Trade Coalition (DTC), along with representatives from the American Farm Bureau Federation, the National Barley Growers Association, the National Association of Wheat Growers, Women Involved In Farm Economics, and the Farmers Union Milk Marketing Cooperative (FUMMC), today met with Deputy USTR Jeff Lang to discuss major concerns about State Trading Enterprises (STEs) or export monopolies such as the New Zealand Dairy Board (NZDB) and the Canadian Wheat Board (CWB).

Mario Castillo, DTC executive director said, "Deputy USTR Lang agrees with our group that trade is the economic engine of America's economy. We reminded Mr. Lang that agriculture exports the product of one out of every three farm acres and that American agriculture is contributing a stunning \$25 billion surplus to the U.S. trade balance."

Castillo continued, "We are pleased that Mr. Lang has asked us to formulate a comprehensive list of unfair STE trade practices to guide the Administration in future trade talks."

Judy Buhl, Board Member of the DTC, said, "To grow and prosper at home, we must open the most lucrative markets in the world to U.S. exports of dairy and other farm products. Yet, most people forget that today's unfair trade practices include transfer pricing schemes used by STEs such as the unscrupulous NZDB and the CWB. Foreign governments that provide subsidies, tax breaks, statutory authority to act

as a monopoly, or other measures which private sector competitors do not enjoy, should be targeted for retaliation by the U.S. in whatever manner possible."

Castillo said, "The impact of these unfair trade practices will be felt not only by America's family farms which produce our food and fiber. At the very least, they have the potential for impacting negatively upon our tax revenues and our system of jurisprudence. We were pleased to have a frank discussion with Deputy USTR Lang and outline our concerns and recommendations to him."

"We emphasized that the U.S. Government not grant any additional access into the U.S. for any commodity which is sold into the U.S., through monopolistic STEs such as the NZDB, until remedies that mitigate or eliminate the unfair trading practices of STEs have been formulated and are in place," said Castillo.

Buhl, a Browerville, Minn., dairy farmer, commented, "We will not rest until the monopolistic and unfair trade practices of the NZDB and the CWB have been thoroughly flushed out of global trade. We will continue to seek dialogue with like-minded groups as we go about the business of bringing to light those issues which were ignored by our negotiators during the GATT talks."

"I was thrilled to learn that the North American Export Grain Association has recently called for the elimination of STEs. This is an important voice in the growing chorus of outrage against the burden which is imposed on American agricultural commerce by STEs such as the NZDB and the CWB," said Buhl.

National Class Leaders

REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO — The American Guernsey Association announces that the following cows achieved a national class leader status during the fourth quarter of 1995.

OCS Dairy Diadora Lil Foot — Setting a new world record and earning national class leader status for milk, fat and protein in the junior 3-year-old division is OCS Dairy Diadora Lil Foot. This Very Good-89 Bettswards Telearstar Victory daughter has records to 34,220M* 6.3% 2,153F* 3.2% 1,101P* at 3-03 in 365 days. She has January 1996 USDA PTA totals of +1,019M +53F +\$133 +23P +\$119 CY+\$108. "Lil Foot" was the 1992 All-American summer yearling and 1993 Honorable Mention Junior All-American junior 2-year-old. Her dam is the well-known Excellent-92 OCS Dairy Daisys Diadora, who has records to 31,340M 5.0% 1,568F* 3.8% 1,177P* Breeder and Owner: Oscar Clay Smith, Jefferson, MD

Argonas Charge Okelly — In the senior 3-year-old division, Argonas Charge Okelly has earned national class leader status for milk and protein with 26,570M* 3.8% 1,018F 3.5% 921P* at 3-08 in 305 days. "Okelly" is an 87 point Oaklands Victory Charge daughter. Her dam is a 91 point Harmony Transfer Dynamite daughter with records to 20,030M 3.7% 751F 3.7% 733P Breeder Raymond Schumacher, Zwingle, IA; Owner: Randy Knapp, Epworth, IA

Trotacre Mercury Loretta — She is number 3 on the January 1996 high CPI list and also earned her national class leader status for milk in the senior 3-year-old category with a record of 27,380M* 3.8% 1,050F 3.1% 847P at 3-07 in 305 days. This Excellent-91 Oaklands Mercury daughter has January 1996 USDA PTA totals of +1,863M +58F +\$217 +57P +\$213 CY+\$218. Her dam is an Excellent-92 gold star Dutch Mill Telearstars Fayette daughter with records to 32,710M* 4.0% 1,318F 3.3% 1,067P at 5-07 in 365 days. Breeder: Trotacre Farms, Enon Valley, PA; Owner: Artur Pinho, Brazil

Trotacre Forestar April — A Neslekcim Farms Forestar-ET daughter earns her national class leader ranking for milk in the junior 3-year-old division. "April" is Very Good-82 and has records to 26,750M* 3.7% 1,003F 3.1% 832P at 3-03 in 305 days. She has January 1996 USDA PTA totals of +1,019M +23F +\$112 +26P +\$102 CY+\$96. Breeder and Owner: Trotacre Farms, Enon Valley, PA

Knapps Smokey Sandra — Earning national class leader status in the junior 3-year-old category for milk is Knapps Smokey Sandra, a Very Good-85 Wampanoag Fayette Smokey daughter. "Sandra" has records to 26,530M* 3.8% 996F 3.1% 829P at 3-04 in 305 days. Her dam is a Very Good-88 Kenmir Nances Baker-ET daughter with records to 22,750M 3.9% 888F 3.4% 773P. The grandam is Very Good-87 with records over 17,000M. Breeder and Owner: Randy Knapp, Epworth, IA

Greenwood M Tillie-ET — An Excellent-90 Nells Glow Admiral Magic daughter, Greenwood M Tillie-ET is being recognized for milk, butterfat and protein in the junior 2-year-old division. "Tillie" has records to 31,730M* 4.1% 1,290F* 3.1% 980P* at 2-01 in 365 days. She is number 12 on the January 1996 high CPI list with USDA PTA totals of +1,619M +58F +\$194 +46P +\$185 CY+\$183. Her dam, an Excellent-90 Bettswards Telearstar Victory daughter, has records over 17,000M. Breeder: Bruce and Brenda Hemsarth, Millville, PA; Owner: Amy Liggett, Enon Valley, PA

Knapps Gabriel Lois-Twin — An Excellent-90 Alchrist Admiral Gabriel-Twin daughter is earning her national class leader status for protein in the senior 2-year-old division. At 2-10 "Lois" made 26,670M 4.1% 1,094F 3.4% 918P* in 365 days. Her dam is a "Fayette" daughter with records to 21,750M 4.4% 966F 3.5% 758P at 4-09 in 355 days. The grandam has records over 19,000M. Breeder and Owner: Heidi Knapp Laabs, Westby, WI

Myrtledales P K Honest — Sired by Jensgolden V Protein King, Myrtledales P K Honest is being honored for butterfat in the junior 2-year-old class. "Honest" has records to 17,430M 7.0% 1,224F* 3.7% 644P at 2-00 in 365 days and has January 1996 USDA PTA totals of +696M +95F +\$132 +32P +\$147 CY+\$167. Her Very Good-88 dam, a Wheatland Jupiter Playboy daughter, has records over 16,000M. Breeder and Owner: Perry Hamm, Newberry, SC

Sandaway Jake Elaine — A Very Good-84 senior 2-year-old is being recognized for butterfat. Sired by Carr Creek Ron Jake, Sandaway Jake Elaine has records to 24,800M 5.6% 1,401F* 3.2% 792P at 2-09 in 365 days. Her 84 point Wheatland Jupiter Playboy dam has records over 13,500M. Breeder: Edward Beard, Westminster, MD, Owner: Oscar Clay Smith, Jefferson, MD

OCS Dairy Frank Eek-Twin — In the senior 3-year-old category, OCS Dairy Frank Eek-Twin received honors for butterfat. "Eek" has records to 25,450M 5.8% 1,477F* 3.4% 869P at 3-07 in 365 days. Her dam, sired by Wheatland Jupiter Playboy, has records over 15,000M. Breeder: Crystal Gaylene Smith, Jefferson, MD, Owner: Oscar Clay Smith, Jefferson, MD

Land of Living V Krinkle-ET — An Excellent-90 Bettswards Telearstar Victory daughter is making a class leading record for milk, butterfat and protein in the senior 3-year-old division. Land of Living V Krinkle-ET has records to 30,600M* 5.1% 1,547F* 3.5% 1,080P* at 3-11 in 365 days. "Krinkle" was also the 1995 Total Performance Winner at the National Guernsey Show at Louisville. Her Excellent-94 dam, a Land of Living WCA Jericho-ET daughter, has records to 31,220M* 4.6% 1,434F* 3.5% 1,091P* at 2-10 in 365 days. Breeder: Eli Ayars, Mechanicsburg, OH, Owner: Austin Ayars, Mechanicsburg, OH

Catoctin Franks Gilda — Sired by Spring Walk B T Frank, Catoctin Franks Gilda is being awarded for butterfat in the junior 4-year-old class. This Very Good-85 cow has records to 26,250M 5.7% 1,502F* 3.3% 864P at 4-04 in 365 days. "Gilda" was also the 1991 Honorable Mention All-American summer yearling. Her Excellent-90 Dutch Mill Telearstars Fayette dam has records over 19,000M. Breeder and Owner: Michael Pease, Leesburg, VA

Whispering Pines Adelle — Scored Excellent-93, Whispering Pines Adelle is earning recognition for milk and protein in the junior 4-year-old division. This Markwell Fayette Master daughter has records to 29,980M* 4.0% 1,187F 3.0% 898P* Her dam is a Idle Neer Rondas Hornet daughter. Breeder: Jeff Polfer & Karla Brink, Postville, IA, Owner: Randy Knapp, Epworth, IA

Jensgolden Express Kris — Earning national class leader status for milk and protein in the senior 4-year-old division is Jensgolden Express Kris. This 89 point gold star Coulee Crest Fay Express-ET daughter has records to 29,310M* 3.7% 1,087F 3.4% 1,007P* at 4-08 in 365 days. "Kris" received the class leader designation for milk in both 305 and 365 days. She has January 1996 PTA totals of +1,112M +28F +\$125 +40P +\$131 CY+\$144 and is number 252 on the January 1996 high CPI list. Breeder and Owner: Dale Jensen, Amery, WI

Spring Walk Gingers Janie-ET — "Janie" is earning her national class leader status for butterfat in the senior 2-year-old division with 20,770M 5.4% 1,127F* 3.2% 659P at 2-07 in 302 days. She has January 1996 PTA totals of +1,699M +82F +\$218 +50P +\$211 CY+\$212. She is from the maternal cow family of Spring Walk B T Frank. Her dam is a Very Good-87 gold star Welcome Choice Admiral with records to 27,260M 4.5% 1,233F 3.1% 848P at 5-04 in 305 days. The grandam is an Excellent-91 gold star dam with a lifetime record of 146,960M 5.1% 7,542F 3.3% 3,173P in 2,370 days. Breeder and Owner: Spring Walk Farm, Big Prairie, OH

Spring Walk Elegants Beth — A Very Good-85 gold star Spring Walk TF Elegant daughter, "Beth" is earning national class leader status for butterfat in the senior 4-year-old class. She has records to 24,680M 4.8% 1,191F* 3.4% 829P at 4-07 in 305 days. She has January 1996 PTA totals of +1,028M +42F +\$127 +32P +\$125 CY+\$129. Her dam is a Very Good-86 Spring Walk BT Milkmaster with records over 17,500M. Breeder and Owner: Spring Walk Farm, Big Prairie, OH

Mona Lous Lucas Bonnie — In the 5-to 9-year-old division, Mona Lous Lucas Bonnie has earned national class leader status for butterfat with 30,660M 5.3% 1,612F* 3.6% 1,089P at 8-01 in 365 days. Her lifetime totals are 132,730M 4.9% 6,481F 3.6% 4,766P in 2,242 days. "Bonnie" is an Excellent-91 Land of Living RH Lucas-ET daughter. Breeder: Joseph Derr and Family, Carey, OH, Owner: Krista Lynn Richardson, Wapakoneta, OH

Level Square Telearstar Cherry — Earning national class leader status for milk and butterfat in the 10-year-old and older category is Level Square Telearstar Cherry. "Cherry" produced 23,700M* 5.2% 1,223F* 3.8% 910P at 10-04 in 305 days. This Maurana Wis Telearstar daughter has a lifetime record of 122,710M 4.9% 6,020F 3.9% 4,892P in 2,889 days. Breeder and Owner: Level Square Associates, Henderson, MD