

Lebanon Crowns Dairy Princess

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LEBANON (Lebanon Co.) — The Lebanon County Dairy Princess Pageant Committee held its annual dairy princess pageant recently at the Lebanon County Career and Technology Center (formerly the Lebanon Area Vo-Tech) in Lebanon, crowning Alisha Myers the 1996 princess.

Jayne Sebright, a program director for the Middle Atlantic Milk Marketing Association (MAMMA) and who with her husband has an Adams County dairy farm, welcomed the audience and interviewed contestants.

Alisha, 17, is the daughter of Gordon and Cherie Myers, of Lebanon. She works at the 120-acre Dennis Kauffman dairy farm with a 45 Holstein cow herd, and she works part time at Tractor Supply Company in Lebanon.

A student at Cedar Crest High School, she is vice president of her 4-H dairy club, treasurer of Cedar Crest FFA and secretary for the county FFA. She is also involved with Junior Holstein Club activities, and is a member of the county dairy bowl and dairy cattle judging teams.

In other activities, she is a member of her church youth group, is a pianist at church, a student athletic trainer, a member of students for Christ, and a volunteer in the nursery at Fairland Brethren in Christ Church.

She owns two Holstein heifers and her hobbies include showing Holsteins, volleyball and field

hockey, and helping at her friends' farms.

Two Lebanon County dairy maids and a county lil' miss dairy princess were also crowned during the event.

Valerie Jean Bomgardner, 13, daughter of LeRoy and Evelyn Bomgardner, of Annville, and Amanda Martin, 14, daughter of Eugene and Kathy Martin, Lebanon, were crowned dairy maids, while Melissa Bashore, 8, daughter of Ricki and Roberta Bashore, Lebanon, was made lil' miss dairy princess.

Valerie Jean Bomgardner's parents farm 110 acres of crops and raise beef cattle and dairy heifers. A middle school student, Valerie is a member of the South Mountain 4-H Club, and is in the school chorus and band.

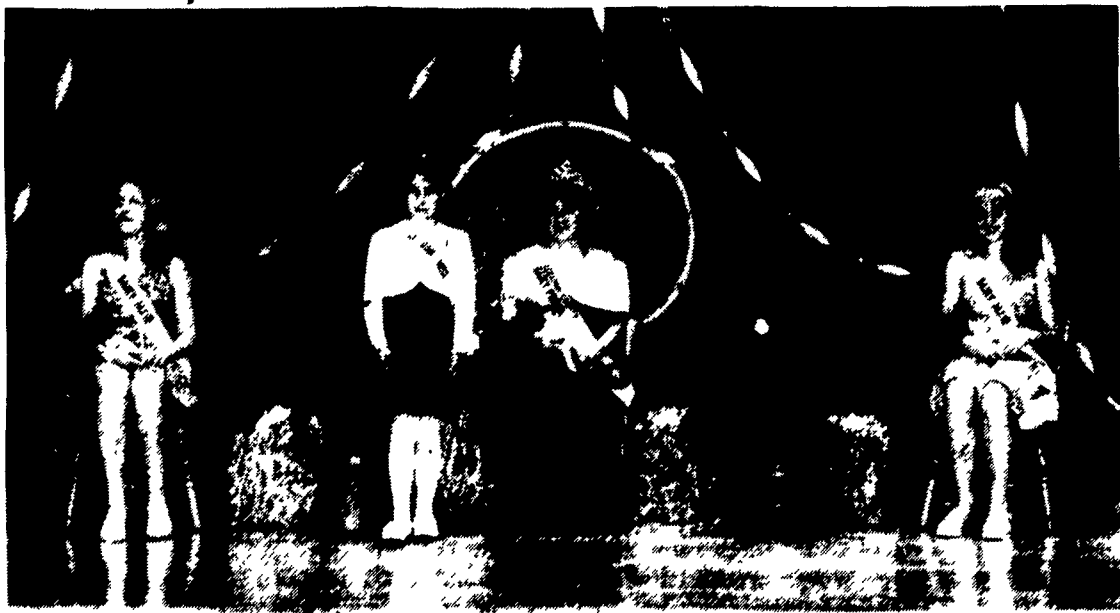
Amanda Martin owns two cows, four heifers and a bull at her parents' 160-acre dairy farm with a 90-Holstein milking herd.

Amanda has been involved in the county 4-H dairy club, a member of the county dairy bowl and dairy cattle judging teams, a member of the Junior Holstein Club, the Youth Action Club, and she attend Lebanon Valley Bible Church.

Her other activities include band, track and field hockey.

Melissa Bashore, owns a Brown Swiss heifer at her parents' 120-acre dairy farm with a 90-cow herd where Melissa helps milk twice a day and feed calves. Her parents also rent 300 additional acres for cropping.

Melissa is a student at Jonestown Elementary School, is a



1996 Lebanon County Dairy Princess Alisha Myers sits wearing her tiara and holding a bouquet of flowers flanked by the rest of the county dairy royalty court. From the left is Dairy Maid Valerie Jean Bomgardner, Lil' Miss Dairy Princess Melissa Bashore, and Dairy Maid Amanda Martin.

member of Little Swatara Church of the Brethren Sunday School, the Junior Holstein Club, and Norlebo 4-H Dairy Club.

In addition to her heifer, she also has two pet rabbits, and two dogs.

The state dairy princess program is run by the Pennsylvania Dairy Princess and Promotion Services Inc., an organization supported by allocations from dairy farmer promotion assessments.

It has created a set of guidelines and qualifications for those seeking to promote the consumption and sale of milk and dairy products

to consumers and to create a better understanding between rural and urban people.

Those selected to promote dairy products as dairy royalty maintain a record and scrapbook of their promotional activities.

Generally, activities include school programs, radio promotions, farm meetings, store promotions, non-farm promotions, newspaper articles promoting dairy products and other special events.

Many times dairy princesses are used to distribute awards during dairy shows and attend dairy group

meetings to discuss their activities to those supporting the program.

During the Lebanon event, the county's 1995 dairy royalty discussed their past year's accomplishments and what it meant to them to serve as a representative of the industry in which they are involved.

The 1995 promotion court included Kristi Schoffstall, 1995 Lebanon County dairy princess; Stephanie Buck, alternate princess; Andrea (Andy) Bashore, dairy maid; and Faith Heagy, and Elizabeth Smith, both lil' misses.

Field Day Features Livestock Technology

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Cattle producers can learn about the latest developments in grazing, ultrasound technology, safety and other aspects of the livestock industry at the Cattlemen's Field Day, Saturday, July 20, at the Low Hill Farm in Washington County.

The event is sponsored jointly by the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association and the Pennsylvania Simmental Association in cooperation with the Department of Dairy and Animal Science in Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences and the Washington County Cattlemen's Association.

"The program will examine a variety of different practices used by cattle producers and will feature information on some new

technologies," said Dr. Lowell Wilson, professor of animal science at Penn State.

Wilson is to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of different methods of storing and feeding round bale silage and hay.

"Round balers and handling equipment designed for round baled silage and covering large hay packages have increased efficiency and quality of forages provided to beef as well as dairy cattle," he said.

"Some of the new techniques and equipment for making and covering round bales have potential to reduce costs and improve performance, which are primary considerations for the cattle industry."

Tom Calvert, grazing specialist

with the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Somerset County, is to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of different fencing types. There are many alternatives to fencing for short duration and other types of grazing, and Calvert will explain costs and specific requirements for them.

Some new uses for the ultrasound or sonogram procedures in determining short-term pregnancies and in sexing of fetuses early in cattle gestation are to be discussed by Dr. Joe Young, Allegheny General Hospital and owner of Low Hill Farm, and Dr. Todd Van Dyke of Jackson Center. They have researched and developed ultrasonic techniques to expand the usefulness of ultrasound

technology in livestock production.

Also featured will be special demonstrations of tractor rollover protection structures (ROPS) and other farm safety tools and techniques, conducted by Penn State's Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering. "Safety is an extremely important consideration in all types of farm operations," Wilson said.

Special guest speakers representing the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, the newly consolidated national beef organization, and the American Simmental Association also will be on hand.

Low Hill Farms is a purebred Simmental herd. Walking tours of the farm will be conducted in the morning and the afternoon on Saturday, July 20.

The field day also will feature

the annual Junior Simmental Steer and Heifer Shows, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Simmental Association. Ernie Moore of Fairmount, West Va. will officiate. Commercial exhibitors also will be on hand to show and demonstrate the latest services and equipment available to cattle producers.

Low Hill Farm is located southeast of Washington, approximately seven miles south of Interstate 70 on Rt. 43 South. Take Exit 15A on I-70.

For more information about the field day, or to make arrangements for special tour groups, contact the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association at (814) 692-4208 or Penn State's Department of Dairy and Animal Science at (814) 863-3653; (814) 863-6042 FAX.

N.J., N.Y. Milk \$13.90

ALBANY, N.Y. — Dairy farmers who supplied regulated milk dealers (handlers) under the New York-New Jersey marketing orders during May 1996 will be paid by handlers on the basis of a uniform price of \$13.90 per hundredweight (29.9 cents per quart); the price for the corresponding month last year was \$12.30 per hundredweight.

Market Administrator Ronald C. Pearce also stated that the price was \$13.48 in April 1996. The uniform price is a marketwide weighted average of the value of farm milk used for fluid and manufactured dairy products.

A total of 11,110 dairy farmers supplied handlers regulated under the New York-New Jersey marketing orders with 1,054,357,655 pounds of milk during May 1996.

This was a decrease of 1.6 percent (about 17 million pounds) from last year. The gross value to dairy farmers for milk deliveries was \$148,178,836.83. This included differentials required to be paid to dairy farmers but not premiums, deductions authorized by the farmer, or assessments.

Regulated handlers used 412,719,470 pounds of milk for Class I, 39.1 percent of the total. This milk is used for fluid milk products such as homogenized, flavored, low test, and skim milks. For May 1996, handlers paid \$15.12 per hundredweight (32.5 cents per quart) for Class I milk compared with \$14.31 a year ago.

Handlers used 167,931,517 pounds of milk for Class II products, 15.9 percent of the total. Class II products include fluid

cream, eggnog, ricotta and cottage cheeses, ice cream, and yogurt. Handlers paid \$13.00 per hundredweight for this milk.

Milk used to manufacture Class III products including butter, cheese (other than ricotta and cottage cheeses), and whole milk powder totaled 426,653,166 pounds (40.5 percent of the total). Handlers paid \$13.65 per hundredweight for this milk.

Milk used to manufacture non-fat dry milk (Class III-A) totaled 47,053,493 pounds (4.5 percent of the total). Handlers paid \$11.78 per hundredweight for this milk.

The uniform price is based on milk containing 3.5 percent butterfat. For May 1996, there was a price differential of 8.4 cents for each one-tenth of one percent that the milk tested above or below the

Sire Power Classifies Sires

TUNKHANNOCK (Wyoming Co.) — The Holstein sires at Sire Power were recently evaluated by Paul Miller, Holstein Association official classifier. Several active sires were raised in score.

Several sires were scored Excellent including 9H1488 Rockalli VANQUISH-ET *TL at EX-93. VANQUISH is a Cleitus son that was bred at Hubert and Mitchell Johnston's in Mt. Vernon, Washington. Of the GOLD sire-in-waiting classified, five went Excellent. Included in that group is 9H1834

3.5 percent standard.

All prices quoted are for bulk tank milk received from farms in the 201-210 mile zone from New York City.

DAPPER, a 4-year-old Inspiration son. His first score is EX-91.

At over 13 years of age, 9H1360 LEADER was raised to VG-87, 9H1729 PATRON was raised in score to VG-87. The top TPI Leadman sons, 9H1705 HEROD and 9H1708 JUDGE are now VG-86 and GP-81.

Other sires that were raised in score include: 9H1551 Hosking-Brunn Clei ASPEN now VG-87; 9H1579 Ecstasy Blackstar INDY-ET, VG-86; 9H1582 Pine-Tree Mark IMPULSE-ET, VG-87; 9H1690 Shey-Land B Star BARNEY *TL, G-79; 9H1693 Masal Red WARRIOR-RED-ET, G-76; 9H1698 Beshore Leadman PLUNK-ET, GP-82 and 9H1768 Hill-A-Way Astar GRANITE, VG-88.