

# Cumberland County Dairy Bowl Team Wins Nationals

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 thank his mother for being coach, and all the agribusinesses for supporting the team when it earned the opportunity to go to the national contests. The team attended four national Holstein conventions, traveling to places from Salt Lake City to Fort Worth. It also attended the national 4-H contest in Louisville, Kentucky, through industry support.

In a letter to supporters that all members of the team signed, they stated, "None of these awards would have been possible without all the wonderful support of our friends in the dairy industry." The also stated, "With (that) support we have been able to expand our horizons in the dairy industry, meet many new friends, and promote agriculture at every stop in the road."

Matthew also said that each member of the team learned to depend on each other.

"I think each member of the team would like to thank the other three for being there for them," Matthew said.

"The knowledge that we gained of the dairy industry through the dairy bowl (competitions) not only allows us to understand now what's going on in the dairy industry, but it also helps all of us understand better in the future what is involved in the dairy industry."

All the team members' families live near each other.

Curtis and Ann Day own Tri-Day Holsteins farm in Shippensburg. Heath Ocker's parents, John and Linda Ocker, used to have an Ayrshire farm, but sold out and John keeps a couple of registered Ayrshires on a neighboring farm.

John Creek's parents, Bob and Patty Creek, live on a sheep farm and John keeps some Holsteins

with the Tri-Day herd for showing and raising.

According to Matthew the close proximity not only helped the team members get together frequently and more easily for practices, but the families all mutually supported each other in pursuing learning about the dairy industry.

A team to follow up this one for Cumberland County hasn't yet developed. Ann said she would probably stay on as coach, if county youth come forward and express an interest in participating. Those interested can call her at home.

As far as the future of the members of this year's team, Matthew said that, having graduating high school this year, he is planning on attending Cornell University in the fall to begin studies in pursuit of a degree in veterinary science.

He said that Heath Ocker will be a sophomore at Lebanon Valley College where he is studying engineering and playing football. He was a high school football stand-out, according to Matthew, as well as a baseball player, having played in the Little League World Series.

Matthew's young brother David and John Creek are to be juniors in high school this fall.

Matthew said David plays soccer and has been interested in studying the history of Holsteins.

John also plays soccer, is on the high school track team, and favors wildlife conservation.

For himself, Matthew has also participated in dairy judging contests in 4-H and at the nationals, and he played soccer and baseball in high school.

During the Holstein convention, Matthew also received the honor of being recognized as a junior progressive breeder, for having bred a cow that produced more than 30,000-pounds of milk in a 305-day lactation. While his bred



A panel of experts on cattle identification and herdbooks discuss the various tools, aspects, and pro and cons as part of an educational forum at the Holstein Association USA national convention.



The Holstein Association USA board of directors gathers for a group photograph. From the left, front row are Joann Hartman, David Pierson, Bob Traweek, Richard Keene, John Cope, C. Ray Bennett, Keith Stump, Ray Ruby, and Steve Kerr, executive secretary. In the back row, from the left, are Ron Wood, Marlin Hoff, Jim Spreng, John Howard, Tom Nunes, Ted Halbach, Randy Gross, Bob Fitzsimmons, Linda Hodorff, and Henry Beneke.

and owned Tri-Day Mark Darling has classified an Excellent 90-points, she is not one of his

show cows.

In all he has about 25 registered Holsteins and he said he plans to

show at the 4-H shows, at the Pennsylvania Holstein championship shows, and at the state show.

## Howard, Cope Re-Elected To Board Of Holstein Association USA

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 FORT WORTH, Texas —  
 John Cope of Grantham was re-elected to a second one-year term

as president of the Holstein Association USA Inc., and fellow Pennsylvanian John Howard, of Willow Street, was re-elected to a second four-year term on the board of

directors, during proceedings of the organization's national convention, held June 24-25 in Fort Worth, Texas.

Cope and Howard were joined

in being re-elected to their respective leadership posts by Richard Keene, of Gilbertsville, N.Y., who was re-elected vice president, and board member Tom Nunes, of Santa Rosa, Calif.

New board members elected during the convention were Randolph Gross, of Valleyford, Washington, and Ray Ruby, of Scio, Oregon. Both are to serve four-year terms.

The elections of officers was but one of the many activities and acts of business conducted during the 111th annual meeting and convention of the association.

An estimated 1,300 people par-

ticipated in the annual convention, including about 400 Junior Holstein members.

In his president's address, Cope said that change for the organization was still as ominous as it has been for the past several years, as a number of factors affecting the dairy industry and thus the Holstein industry continue to drive that change.

Two milestones were achieved this past spring by the association, according to Cope. He said that a \$3.3 million new computer system by Hewlett Packard, complete with personal computer-server

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Members of the Holstein Association USA elected to the board of directors are, from the left, John Howard, Tom Nunes, John Cope, Richard Keene, Randy Gross, and Ray Ruby.



Members of the Holstein Association USA Executive Committee are, from the left, Marlin Hoff, Sherman Polinder, Richard Keene, John Cope, and Joann Hartman.



From the left, Erik, Brenda, Tracey, Duane and Mary Nelson, of Minnesota, receive the national distinguished young breeder award of the Holstein Association USA.