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Kizzy Tops Lancaster Show For Welk-Shade

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QUARRYVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — With quality deep in the classes, Judge Lloyd Pease called the Lancaster County Holstein show a tremendous group of cows for a county show.

Winning grand champion honors was Welk-Shade Sterling Kizzy, the very dairy junior three year-old that was the first place for Mark and Kristina Welk, Quarryville.

Homebred for several generations, the champion was milking over 100 lbs. with second calf after finishing a two-year lactation with over 20,000m. She was also best udder in class.

Welk-Shade was also named premier breeder and had eight first place wins.

The reserve grand champion was Woodbine-ND BS Farm shown by New-Direction Holsteins, Elizabethtown, and bred by

Alan McCauley and George Knight. The reserve champion with great dairyness and the best udder in class was first place in the senior three year-old class.

New Direction Holsteins were also named premier exhibitor and had nine first place wins.

Both the junior champion and the reserve junior champion were shown by New-Direction Holsteins.

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Central Maryland District Championship Show Report

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Special Report

WEST FRIENDSHIP, Md. — The Central Maryland District Championship Holstein Show was held last week at the Howard County Fairgrounds.

Delaware Valley graduate Scott Cooper officiated the show. Cooper is involved in the family operation, Appealing Holsteins, Delta, Pa. The associate judge for the evening was Maryland University senior Marie Speaks. Speaks is an

ag business major and a management intern with Southern States Cooperative.

Eighty-eight head of outstanding Holsteins were presented to judges Cooper and Speaks. Cooper thanked the Central Maryland breeders for their good show manners and praised them for the tremendous quality of the show.

C Maplebrough Revelat Kandy continued her winning ways and was named senior and grand cham-

pion of the open show. Being praised as a tremendous cow, the winning 5-year-old had a superior udder, showing great height and width of rear udder. Kandy is owned by Butch Harrison and Mike

lager. The second prize 5-year-old, Ehrhardt Astro Jet Jody-Et, was given the nod for reserve senior and reserve grand champion of the open show. Judge Cooper admired

her open dairy frame. Jody was exhibited by Kevin Ehrhart of Baldwin, Md.

Two 4-H exhibitors walked away with the junior champion

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With the champions at the open show are, from left, Christina Harper, Maryland dairy princess; Sarah Bedgar, north central dairy princess; Erin Feullet, south central dairy princess; Kevin Ehrhardt with the reserve grand champion; Mike lager and Butch Harrison with the grand champion; Jessica Fritz, Carroll County dairy princess; and Scott Cooper, judge.

Market In Best Position For Farmers To Price Commodities

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Lancaster Farming Staff
WHITE HORSE (Lancaster Co.) — "Milk prices are going up but not high enough to cover costs," said Joe Paris, director of dairy field operations for the National Farmers Organization (NFO).

NFO held three meetings in the Lancaster area this week to offer a solution to gain higher milk prices.

"Now is the time for dairy farmers to unite and get into a position to put a price on their commodity," Paris said. "The market right now is in the best position farmers have had in years to get this done."

"If farmers don't set the price on commodities, it will be priced by big companies, chain stores, and large cheese buyers. The consolidation of many dairy companies has resulted in a limited number of buyers, which means even less advantage for farmers to negotiate a fair price."

"If the production of food is in the hands of a few, it isn't good for the country, the economy, or the consumer," he said.

NFO stresses the need for all dairy cooperatives and farmers to cooperate for collective bargaining.

"Coops do not need to be fighting each other. While there are many good cooperatives, most are regional and their sphere of influence in marketing can only be negotiated in the region they are in. NFO is national. We need to change prices nationally; otherwise, buyers will always find a lower-price pocket to find their supply," Paris said.

Rodger Schlottach, director of NFO, said that NFO was formed in the 1950s as a protest group to influence Washington, but when it became evident that help for farmers was not coming from Washington, the group changed tactics. During the 1960s and 1970s, NFO started moving toward becoming bargaining agents for commodities.

Schlottach emphasized that NFO owns no trucks, plants, processing or manufacturing plants.

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At Papa Farm, Maze Provides Another Way To Graze

ANDY ANDREWS

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BETHEL (Berks Co.) — Even with ideal pasture growth, some aspects of animal control can be rough on producers. There are

some challenges — such as keeping watering areas from turning into mudholes and picking the right kind of grasses for crowded areas and animal laneways — that must be faced.

But producers can learn to avoid the pitfalls by listening to the experience of veteran grazers, including Brian Mohn, who also makes use of a special "grazing maze."

Mohn spoke to about 30 producers and agri-industry representatives at the Penn State-sponsored Berks County Grazing Walk Tuesday evening.

Mohn, with wife Karen and children Beverly, Carolyn, and Judy, manages the 350-acre (240 tillable) Gilles Richard Papa Farm near Bethel. Papa Farm is home to about 119 head of commercial Angus, 45 hogs per year, and

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Dairy Of Distinction Farms In This Issue

The annual special section of the Dairy of Distinction farm winners is part of this issue. Look for the farm photos, features, a proclamation from Gov. Tom Ridge, an invitation for the winners to meet at Ag Progress Days, and messages from our advertisers.

Ag Progress Issue Coming

The annual issue of *Lancaster Farming* dedicated to Penn State's Ag Progress Days is being prepared for Aug. 10, 1996. Now is the time to send us your news and advertising messages to be included in this well-read special issue.