Lancaster Breeders Hold Holstein Field Day

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LEOLA (Lancaster Co.) herd of Registered Holsteins with outside the area. excellent udders and high production, a well-kept dairy farm, and a was held with 134 head averaging tent to keep everyone dry during \$289. This sale was started to give the program, made the Lancaster County Holstein Field Day last Fri- their registered animals. day at Six Corner Dairy Farm of Stoltzfoos, worth the visit.

The annual event included judging of dairy cattle, exotic animals for the children, and a nice catered lunch. Bill Nichol, who has served as executive director of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association for many years, was the speaker.

Nichol used a display of historical books and sale catalogues to illustrate his talk about the workings of the state organization. Many of these same items of history sold for rather large prices several weeks ago at the New York Holstein Field Day.

The first Registered Holsteins imported into Pennsylvania came from Holland. The Royal Bentwood sale was an annual event of the National Convention and the 5th edition of this sale was held in York County at Lauxmont Farms in 1937.

Osborn Ivanhoe came into Pennsylvania about the time Nichol began his work with the state asso-

ciation. And because Ivanhoe daughters were tall, long, and milked from good udders, Pennsyl-Even though it rained, the beautiful vania Holsteins were in demand

In 1967 the first state calf sale breeders an idea of the value of

In 1968, 27 head of Pennsylva-Dave, Gina, and Jordan (14 mo.) nia Registered Holsteins were sent to the North Dekota State Holstein Sale and this was the beginning of the export of Pennsylvania Holsteins. Since that time more than \$35 million worth of cattle have been exported throughout the world. And this continues as more and more countries around the world have interest in U.S. genetics.

> Nichol encouraged breeders to continue to register their cattle. He said that there are great rewards if you know what you are working with. You can do a better job of breeding a better Holstein if you know the identification of that animal.

Glenn Shirk, Lancaster dairy extension agent, encouraged dairymen to focus on cow comfort and genetics. Sometimes dairymen fail to appreciate the good portion of income that can come from the sale of cattle. Cull cow prices are not where you should be selling when you bring the replacement heifer



At the Lancaster County Holstein field day, the group hears reasons for the placings in the judging contest from Paul Neer, judge.

into the milking herd. Shirk said we need to do the things that prevent the problems that cause those good cows to leave the herd too soon.

Clarence Stauffer, representing the national association, said there is a better market than the cull cow market. "We are learning to take

better care of cows all the time, and we should have them longer and have more to put back on the market as good cattle," Stauffer said. "We have export markets from time to time and there is a demand for short bred heifers right now."

Paul Neer, cattle breeder and owner of a hoof trimming business

from Bellville, was the judge. Top placings in the judging contest went to:

Men, 1. Roger Mills; 2. Fred Ranck; 3. Keith Stoltzfus.

Women: 1. Deb Hershey; 2. Saori Anskite; 3. Shiela Ranck. Youth: 1. Krista Lapp; 2. Katrina Lapp; 3. Trevor Ranck.







