

33rd All-American Is Dairy Enthusiasts' Gala

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smaller, less visible breeders of cattle.

The reason is simple. A well-developed show quality cow should also have a better chance of producing well and living longer.

(Though show animals tend to be larger in frame and according to some authorities and some dairy farmer experience smaller stature cows tend to live longer. An index for predicting longevity that is starting to be accepted in the dairy cattle industry should eventually bear out importance of size over balance.)

And nowhere else in Pennsylvania is there the opportunity to see lots of top quality dairy cattle of all major dairy breeds.

To further provide opportunities for all dairy cattle farmers, last year for the first time a special events area was set up in conjunction with the PAADS — the Dairy Activity Center (DAC).

Located on the first floor of the state Farm Show Complex's Northeast Building, adjacent to the Large Arena, the activity center featured seminars on a variety of items and issues. That is to be repeated this year and expanded.

In the DAC, commercial dairy vendors are mixed in with craft vendors, commodity food stands, and a stage for presentations. Educational presentations are to be offered.

This year, a day has been set aside for a dairy facilities and buildings trade show.

Scheduled to be held from 8:30

a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 26, the show is expected to provide dairy farmers with the opportunity to see first-hand what agribusinesses can do to assist in renovations, expansions and improvements. There is no cost to the public to attend.

A number of commercial vendors and experts are scheduled to participate.

Those who attend the trade show can expect to get information on a number of dairy cattle raising considerations, from constructing the relatively new, so-called "greenhouse" barns for raising calves, heifers or for housing cows; freestall barn designs; waterers; milking facilities and milkhouse waste; ventilation considerations, and many other aspects of dairy cattle facilities.

"Dairy men who are looking to expand or make changes in their operations will find the vendors at the show most helpful," said Lolly Leshner, show promotion coordinator for PAADS. "Information will be available on everything from workmen's compensation insurance plans, to milk marketing opportunities, artificial insemination services and dairy herd testing."

On Monday, Sept. 23, at 10 a.m., Dr. Michael Lormor, a veterinarian is to discuss how to assess the profit potential of a dairy herd. His seminar is being sponsored by Monsanto.

At 1 p.m., Monday, in the DAC, Gary Holcomb of Hereford, Texas, is to discuss how to make the most

of raising replacement animals. His talk is sponsored by Elanco Animal Health products.

A Penn State Dairy men's craft show — a Country Craft Market — in the DAC is to offer the opportunity for early holiday shopping for such things as dried flowers, dolls, "cowmania" items and many gifts. Also an embroidery service is to be available to personalize gifts.

In addition, a display of Bonnie Mohr's rural American artwork featuring dairy farm scenes is planned.

The craft show, called the Country Craft Market, is set to open Saturday, Sept. 21, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and then have hours from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sept. 22-25. The last day of the PAADS, the craft show is to be open for business from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Youth Events

On Monday, Sept. 23, starting at 8 a.m., the state's youth — 4-H and FFA combined — are to compete for their respective breed championships in the Large Arena of the Farm Show Complex.

Three different show rings are customarily setup inside the Large Arena to provide for the concurrent breed shows.

According to show officials, 1,075 animals are entered for the youth dairy shows, having first qualified at district-level shows across the state.

For youth exhibiting Jersey cattle that day, a committee is to be watching from ringside to select animals to represent Pennsylvania at the North American International Livestock Exhibition at Louisville, Kentucky, on Nov. 9.

The cost of the trip to the NAI-E event for youth whose cattle are selected will be picked up largely through donations from businesses and individuals throughout the state. Anyone wishing to make a contribution should contact David Norman, secretary/treasurer of the Pennsylvania Jersey Cattle Association, RR1, Box 30, Liberty, PA 16930, (717) 324-5631.

The same time the youth dairy shows are going on, youth from across the nation are to be competing in an Invitational Youth Dairy Cattle Judging Contest. The annual contest, held in the Small Arena, is open to 4-H, FFA and collegiate judging teams.

According to show officials, 140 youth are entered in the judging contest, representing 15 4-H teams, nine FFA teams, and 12 collegiate teams.

(An awards banquet for the invitational judging contest is to be held at 7 p.m. Monday at the Sheraton Harrisburg East, a short drive from the Farm Show Complex.)

Two other major youth events are scheduled to be held Tuesday Sept. 24 — the Junior Dairy Management Contest and the Pennsylvania 4-H and FFA Dairy Judging Forum.

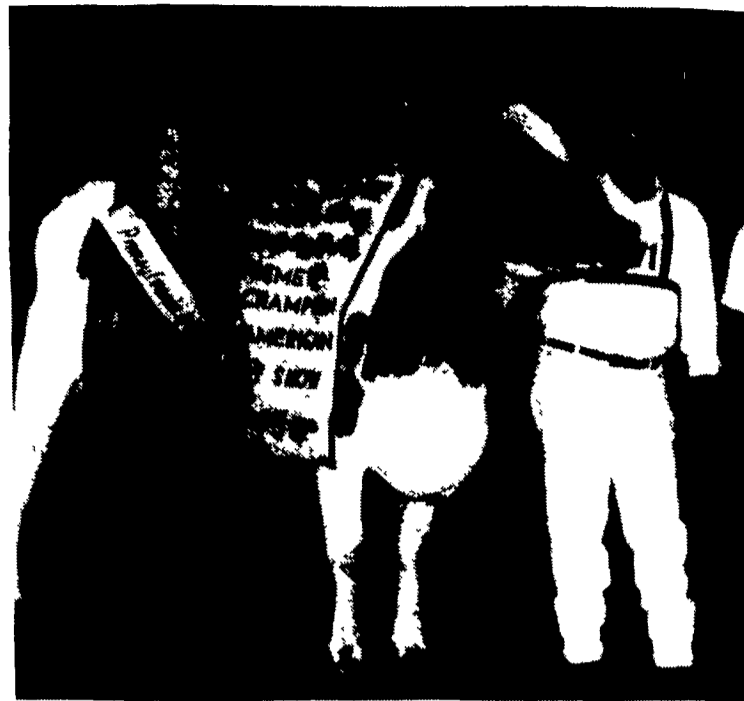
The dairy management contest tests a wide-range of dairy management knowledge, from identifying feeds and balancing rations, to the latest techniques of reproduction management, breeding programs, facilities, health care, and much more.

Show officials said this week that 80 youth are expected to compete. The top winner is to receive a \$500 educational scholarship.

The judging forum helps youth understand better how to look at the animal, what to look for, how to form decisions and justify them.

Youth Meetings

On Sunday, Sept. 22, prior to the



State Dairy Princess Rhonda Joy Kleklak presents the 1995 supreme champion award to Gary Culbertson who holds the halter of C Taraley Astro Sherry, a 5-year-old Holstein owned by Herb and June Kerr of Pamtom Farm, in Hudson Falls, N.Y.

shows, Brown Swiss, Jersey, and Ayrshire youth organizations have scheduled activities.

At 6:30 p.m., Brown Swiss youth are to hold a social event in the Dairy Activities Center.

The Pennsylvania Jersey Junior Association is to hold a meeting at 7 p.m. in Room C, located on the second floor of the Farm Show Lobby Building (along McClay Street).

The Pennsylvania Ayrshire youth have scheduled a meeting and social at the same time in Room E3 (located in the same area as the Jersey youth meeting).

Guernsey youth are set to meet earlier, at 5 p.m., in Room D, also in the same area.

For all youth, at 7 p.m. Sunday, a careers and opportunities night is scheduled to be held in the DAC, followed at 8 p.m. by a social/fun event — the Junior Dairy Show Olympics — in the Small Arena.

Open Dairy Shows

The dairy cattle shows and sales, however, are the meat of the PAADS — six national shows and two national sales.

About 1,400 dairy animals are to be at the Farm Show Complex for the week, representing the Holstein, Jersey, Brown Swiss, Milking Shorthorn, Ayrshire, and Guernsey breeds.

There are three open dairy shows on Tuesday, two on Wednesday and two on Thursday. All the open dairy shows are held in the Large Arena.

The Pennsylvania Fall Holstein Championship is set to start 9 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 24, in the Large Arena. It features an open division and a youth division.

The fall state championship is the final major state Holstein Association show, and can be counted on to offer depth of quality and seriousness of competition.

Along with selecting class winners for the show, officials are to be announcing the 1996 All-Pennsylvania winners, a competition based on show placings compiled from exhibiting at the spring show, regional shows and the fall show.

Results of the All-Pennsylvania are published annually in October.

Dennis Patrick, of Woodbine, Md., is to judge the 16th annual show.

In addition to the Fall Holstein Championship, there will be the selection of the 1996 Keystone Futurity. There are 40 animals

eligible to compete for the more than \$900 in prize money.

Another special award is made during the championship show — the selection of the winner of the George M. Knight Jr. Total Performance Award, a distinction that combines show ring results along with actual dairy production.

Also starting at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, the Eastern National Ayrshire Show is to take place in the Large Arena with 147 animals entered.

The Eastern National Milking Shorthorn Show follows the Holstein show and is scheduled to start at 3 p.m. There are 149 animals entered for that show.

On Wednesday, two national shows start promptly at 9 a.m. — the National Guernsey Show with 214 entries, and the Eastern National Brown Swiss Show, with 227 animals entered. Again, both offer depth and quality.

Thursday morning at 8 a.m. are the Eastern National Holstein Show, with 426 cattle entered from up and down the coast and inland, and the Mid-Atlantic Regional Jersey Show with 232 animals entered.

The grand finale of the week-long dairy exposition is the selection of the supreme champion of all breeds, which is slated to start at about 3 p.m., following the conclusion of the Holstein and Jersey shows.

The state secretary of agriculture is usually on hand to present the banner to the winner, selected by several of the show judges.

Sponsors for the PAADS include the Pa. Department of Agriculture, the Pennsylvania Farm Show Commission, and the Pennsylvania Dairy and Allied Industry Association.

Cattle Sales

Cattle sales are also a highlight of the PAADS and they are held in the Small Arena at the complex.

Normally there is an Eastern National Holstein Sale, but it was cancelled this year. It is planned to be held next year.

Of the two cattle sales set for this year, the first of the week is the Milking Shorthorn sale, scheduled to be held 2 p.m., Monday, Sept. 23.

At noon Wednesday the Top of the Harvest Jersey Sale is scheduled to start.

Other Events

Other events during the week

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Saturday, Sept. 21st

9:00 a.m. - Country Craft
6:00 p.m. - Market - DAC
6:30 p.m. - Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Pageant, Sheraton Harrisburg East

Sunday, Sept. 22nd

9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Country Craft Market - DAC
5:00 p.m. - Guernsey Youth Meeting Room D
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Country Craft Market - DAC
6:30 p.m. - "A Brown Swiss Youth Happening" - DAC
7:00 p.m. - Pennsylvania Ayrshire Youth meeting & Social - Room E3
7:00 p.m. - Pennsylvania Junior Jersey Meeting - Room C
7:00 p.m. - Careers and Opportunities Night - DAC
8:00 p.m. - Junior Dairy Show Olympics - SA

Monday, Sept. 23

8:00 a.m. - Invitational Youth Dairy Cattle Judging Contest (4-H, FFA, and Collegiate) - SA
8:00 a.m. - Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show - LA
9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Country Craft Market - DAC
10:00 a.m. - Assessing the profit potential - In your dairy herd, Dr. Michael Lormor, DVM Sponsored by Monsanto Co. - DAC
1:00 p.m. - Making the Most - Raising Dairy Replacements, Gary Holcomb, Hereford, TX. Sponsored by Elanco Animal Health - DAC
2:00 p.m. - Milking Shorthorn Sale - SA
7:00 p.m. - Judging Contest Awards Banquet - Sheraton Harrisburg East

Tuesday, Sept. 24

9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Country Craft Market - DAC
9:00 p.m. - Eastern National Ayrshire Show - LA
9:00 p.m. - Pennsylvania Fall Championship Holstein Show - LA
10:00 a.m. - Junior Dairy Management Contest, 2nd Floor, Main Building
10:00 a.m. - Pennsylvania 4-H and FFA Dairy Judging Forum - SA
3:00 p.m. - Eastern National Milking Shorthorn Show - LA

Wednesday, Sept. 25

9:00 a.m. - National Guernsey Show - LA
9:00 a.m. - Eastern National Brown Swiss Show - LA
9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Country Craft Market - DAC
12 Noon - Top of the Harvest Jersey Sale - SA
5:00 p.m. - All American Buffet - DAC

Thursday, Sept. 26

8:00 a.m. - Eastern National Holstein Show - LA
8:00 a.m. - Mid-Atlantic Regional Jersey Show - LA
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Country Craft Market - DAC
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Building & Facilities Trade Show - DAC
Supreme Champion (selection immediately following the Holstein and Jersey Shows) - LA

LA = Large Arena, SA=Small Arena, DAC=Dairy Activities Center