

Board Elects Officers

Jersey Shore Livestock Market, Inc.
 Auction every Thursday at 4:00 p.m.
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 Report supplied by Auction Thursday, Dec. 26, 1996
RETURN TO FARM CALF
 50.00-88.00.
 GOOD VEAL: 38.00-50.00.
 COMMON VEAL: 10.00-29.00.
 CHOICE STEERS: 65.00-69.00.
 SELECT STEERS: 60.00-64.00.
 COMMON STEERS: 50.00-59.00.
 COMMERCIAL COWS: 34.00-41.00.
 CANNERS-CUTTERS: 24.00-33.00.
 SHELLS: 16.00-23.00.
 SELECT HEIFERS: 63.00-65.00.

COMMON HEIFERS: 38.00-62.00.
 COMMON FEEDERS: 15.00-47.00.
 BULLS: 32.00-37.00.

Dewart Livestock
 Dewart, Pa.
 Monday, December 23, 1996
 Report Supplied by Auction
 STEERS: TOO FEW TO QUOTE.
 HEIFERS: 40.00-64.50.
 GOOD COWS: 30.00-38.00.
 CANNERS AND CUTTERS 20.00-30.00.
 BULLS: 30.00-39.25.
 VEAL 90-190 LBS. 75.00-112.00,
 70-90 LBS. 20.00-75.00.
 HOGS: ONE AT 54.25.
 SOWS: 44.00-46.00.
 FEEDER PIGS: 15.00-46.00 PER HEAD.

SOUTHAMPTON (Bucks Co.)
 — Atlantic Dairy Cooperative's board of directors elected officers for the coming year and announced the results of director elections during the cooperative's 1996 annual meeting.

Ivo V. Otto Jr. of Carlisle was elected to his second term as president of the cooperative. Otto has served on the board for 30 years. He and his wife, Gladys, operate Mayapple Farms in partnership with their daughter Victoria Otto and grandson David Masland III. They farm 300 acres and milk 130 Holsteins.

Re-elected as first vice president was Roy W. Hetrick of Bernville. Hetrick, who was elected to Atlantic's board in 1974, farmers with his wife, Betty, and their sons. The Hetricks own 1,050 acres and farm an additional 450 acres. They milk 375 Holstein cows under the name Hetrickdale Farms.

Re-elected as second vice president was Charles E. Schilling of Petersburg, who has served on the board since 1976. Schilling and his wife, Sandy, are in partnership with their son, Curtis. They farm 460 acres and milk 160 Holstein cows.

Also re-elected as officers were Robert M. Dever of Philadelphia, secretary and chief executive officer, and James R. Barnett of Strasburg, assistant secretary and member relations manager.

In addition to the officers, the following directors were re-elected to a three-year term during the fall district meetings: Robert R. Gehman, Coopersburg, District 1; Nelson Habecker, Lancaster, District 5; Roy W. Hetrick, Bernville, District 9; Elvin M. Rohrer, Cochranville, District 11; Curtis E. Akers, Quarryville, District 12; Donald C. Bergey, Millville, District 19; William R. England, Williamsburg, District 20; and Elizabeth A. Smith, Montrose, District 23.

Atlantic Dairy Cooperative represents dairy farm families in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia.

In other business, Atlantic Dairy Cooperative's board of directors has adopted a new quality premium program that now includes a third-tier payment level.

The new program to go into effect Jan. 1 expands on the cooperative's current quality premium program by adding a 40-cent payment level to the current 10- and 20-cent levels.

"This program puts ADC at the top of the list as far as quality premiums are concerned," said Don M. Breiner, quality and field services manager. "It gives each member an excellent opportunity to put additional dollars in their milk check."

To qualify for the premiums, Atlantic members must meet a series of seven quality standards. The requirements for all three levels are: no antibiotics in the milk; a cryoscope reading of -0.530-c/-0.550c; a farm score of 90 points or higher, and no rejected loads for any reason.

For the individual levels, the following standards apply: • 10-cent premium: plate loop count of 20,000 or less; preliminary incubation count of 50,000 or less; and somatic cell count of 350,000 or less. • 20-cent premium: plate loop count of 10,000 or less; preliminary incubation count of 30,000 or less; and somatic cell count of 200,000 or less. • 40-cent premium: plate loop count of 5,000 or less; preliminary incubation count of 20,000 or less; and somatic cell count of 150,000 or less.

For more information about Atlantic's quality premium program, contact Don M. Breiner at 1-800-645-6455.



Announces New Approach For Breed Improvement

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio — The American Jersey Cattle Association has announced an innovative approach to breed improvement through the Genetic Diversity Program (GDP).

The GDP is a breeding plan that optimizes genetic gain while maintaining genetic diversity.

The first phase of the GDP offers the Jersey breed an opportunity to sample young bulls that help minimize inbreeding but also have the genetic capability to transmit outstanding production and fitness traits.

Young bulls whose ancestors are different from their potential mates help minimize inbreeding.

High levels of inbreeding are known to contribute to decreased profit through increases in calf mortality, reproductive problems and lost milk production.

Beginning Jan. 1, young bulls identified as measurably different from the cow population will have an opportunity to be nominated

for the Genetic Diversity Program.

Young bulls that are least related to the Jersey cow population and meet rigid production standards are eligible for enrollment in the GDP.

Progeny of bulls enrolled in the GDP will receive discounted registration rates and earn performance program credits.

To qualify under the Genetic Diversity Program, each young bull's pedigree is compared to the 32 bulls with the most registered daughters.

The average relationship is called Kinship or K Value. A K Value is assigned to each young bull. Those below the group's average qualify for consideration.

Young bulls that meet the relationship requirements must also meet or exceed the 30th percentile of the active AI bulls based on Parent Average Protein and/or PTI.



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All young bulls, regardless of ancestry, continue to be eligible for enrollment in the AJCA

Young Sire Program if they meet or exceed the 70th percentile of the active AI bulls.

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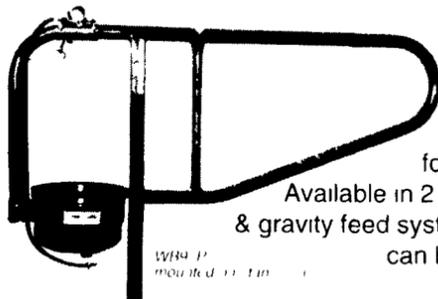


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