

Holstein Annual Meeting Salutes Nichol, Promotes Raney

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cost of each of the first two age levels for registration by \$2, with all other age levels raised by \$5. Also proposed are increases for the cost of various services available from national Holstein and an increase in the cost of "set" classifications for sire evaluations. Registration fees account for about half of national Holstein's annual income, with another one-fourth of the total generated by type-evaluation fees.

The proposal for an open herdbook would designate four separate categories of registry status, with the category in which an animal falls clearly noted on its registry certificate and pedigree information.

Two categories would designate 100 percent purebred ancestry, with one category for animals whose ancestry is sourced in the herdbooks of the U.S. or Canada

and the other for animals with a known purebred ancestry in other recognized international herdbooks.

Two other categories would designate animals of from zero to 99 percent purebred ancestry. One would designate animals whose lineage was North American but could not be traced to a purebred origin in either the U.S. or Canadian herdbook. The other would designate animals with an international lineage, but whose ancestry could not be traced to a purebred origin in any of the other recognized international herdbooks, and animals with a combination of North American and international lineage, but not traceable to purebreds in those herdbooks.

"An animal can never become 100 percent purebred," CEO Kerr affirmed. "They must start there."

However, concern was ex-



1996 All-Pennsylvania Award Winners: Front, Donald Stoltzfus, John Foster, Jr., Alice Foster, Trisha McIlwain, James Grove; Rear, Curtis Day, Ron Wood, Steve Wood, Mike Welmer and Jim Burdette.



Hall of Fame Winner: Lester Poust and Diane Stackhouse.

pressed by several in the audience that animals of less than 100 percent purebred lineage might be graded up to purebred status at some future point. Other concerns were raised that sires coming on the commercial market could carry less than 100 percent traceable purebred ancestry and thus result in offspring in the less than 100 percent purebred categories.

"The word purebred means different things to different people," noted Cope. "Europe calls 87 percent traceable ancestry cattle 'purebred.' In the future, the world will look less to lineage and more to performance."

A major Holstein policy change, such as opening the herdbook, will probably require a 75-percent, "super majority" vote, discussion leaders predicted.

In a straw vote of those attend-

ing the Forum discussion, both proposals did generate majority support. Raising registry fees,

however, was a less contentious issue than that of opening the Holstein herdbook.



Progressive Genetic Herd Award Winners: L-R, Donald Selpt, Lucille Stoltzfus, Andrew Stoltzfus, Myron Bonzo, Jay Houser and Jay Weaver.

Miller Retires As National Holstein Classifier

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — After almost 17 years as an official Holstein Classifier, on February 28, 1997, Paul E. Miller of Harrisburg, announced his retirement. A dinner was held in his honor at the Maverick Restaurant on Feb. 15 with 32 staff members and family in attendance.

Born and raised on a grade dairy farm, Miller joined the National Holstein Association in 1952, and with the financial help of his father, started his own registered herd. From 1952 until 1980, he bred over 30 Excellent cows including one Ex 96 and two Ex 95s. Also had two successful milking herd dispersals.

In 1980, he formed a partnership with his two sons who took

over the dairy herd and Paul became a full time classifier.

During his years as classifier,



Paul Miller

he classified approximately 250,000 cows in many states and in South American. Some of the more notable ones were "The Lilac Cow" at Gay Pridge Farms making her Ex 96 on her first classification score. She later went Ex 97 and All American. Another cow at Gay Ridge, "The Kat Cow," he raised from Ex 92 to Ex 96. She also later went Ex 97 and All American. Another cow worth

mentioning was owned by Pantom Farms "Hanover Hill TT Sally." She was classified Ex 96 by Miller and later her son bred by Pantom Farms was also scored Ex 96 by Miller. His named is Sunbuck and he is now Ex 97.

Paul Miller's love for the Registered Holstein Cow will definitely linger on after retirement.

In his retirement he plans to

work with breeders as a breeding consultant and do some AAA analysis work. He also plans to attend many cow shows, some as a spectator and some as an official judge.

Paul and his wife, Pat, plan to spend some time traveling and spending quality time with the family. His love for the outdoors and hunting will also receive top priority.

Bred Heifers Needed

Pennsylvania Holstein Association is in immediate need of bred heifers for an export order.

Specifications are as follows:

1. Registered or Qualified Herdbook Animal.
2. Born between February 1, 1995 and August 31, 1995.
3. Sire — Plus Proven Sire w/ Plus 1,000 Milk.
4. Dam of Bred Heifer — at least one record to qualify 1st lactation 15,500M 540F, 2nd lactation 17,000M 595F, 3rd lactation 19,800M 690F.
5. Bred September 1, 1996-November 15, 1996.

6. Service Sire — Proven Sire +1,000 Milk or Unproven Sire w/ Genetic Index of +1,000 Milk

7. Must weigh at least 1,050 lbs. and be 51 inches tall.

8. Must be Brucellosis Vaccinated.

9. No red heifers will be accepted. No docked tailed heifers will be accepted.

If you have heifers that you would like to sell that meet these specifications, please contact: The Pennsylvania Holstein Association, 839 Benner Pike, State College, PA 16801, (814) 234-0364 phone, (814) 234-1698 fax.

Changes Occur With Dairy Sanitarian Staffing

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UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Two regional dairy sanitarians with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture have retired this past year, though their positions were filled within a few months.

Two other field sanitarian positions are expected to become vacant in 1997, while a replacement is in training already to fill a job as state laboratory evaluation officer that is to be open with a 1997-anticipated retirement.

Joseph Frederick and Robert Wood have retired as regional dairy sanitarians with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Hired were Gerald Shick of Latrobe and Ralph Kerr of Centerville.

Carol Wallace, a laboratory evaluation officer is scheduled to retire this coming year and Alec Pettyjohn, a microbiologist, is in training to take over in that position.

County extension staff and dairy farmers who have questions about state regulations should contact the nearest state sanitarian.

Calls should be made between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The chief of the PDA Bureau of Food Safety and Laboratory Services, Division of Milk Sanitation, is James Dell. His office number is (717) 787-4316.

For its purposes, PDA divides the state into seven regions.

In Region I, milk sanitarians are Terry Swasy, Cranberry, (814) 677-2002; Terry Lishka, Seward, (814) 466-6914; and Ralph Kerr, Centerville, (814) 827-3962.

In Region II, sanitarians are Mary Deer, Genesee, at (814) 228-3673; and Clair Harvey, Benton, (717) 925-2641.

In Region III, William Ball, Springville, (717) 965-2533.

In Region IV, Paul Hodge, West Alexander, (412) 484-7831; Patricia McKenty, Pittsburgh, (412) 821-4699; and David Trotter, Enon Valley, (412) 667-1186.

In Region V, the sanitarians are William Kennedy, Landisburg, at (717) 789-4971; and Gerald Shick, of Latrobe, (412) 834-2781.

In Region VI, sanitarians are Michael Hydock, Annville, (717) 867-8450; Donald Lerch, Camp Hill, (717) 737-8998; and Roy Malik, Lebanon, (717) 270-1773.

In Region VII, they are Andrew Kosinski, Stroudsburg, (717) 992-3732; and Lawrence Sidoro-wicz, Philadelphia, at (215) 637-4358.