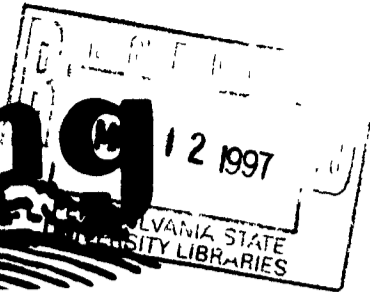


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More Than 180 Attend Grazing Conference In Carlisle

Environment, Cost Control Keys To Successful Grazing

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CARLISLE (Cumberland Co.)
— With a keen eye on controlling costs and making effective use of supplemental feeds in a rotational grazing program, a large dairy located in north Florida is slowly realizing returns on its initial investment.

The 500-acre Piedmont Dairy, Trenton, Fla., begun in November 1994 as a 1,400-cow rotationally grazed, New Zealand-style dairy — an all-season rotationally grazed enterprise — is successfully meeting the challenges of a sub-

tropical climate and has learned lessons that are valuable to all dairy farms throughout the country:

Lesson one: keep an eye on maximizing the investment by controlling costs.

Lesson two: environmental issues can literally break a farm if not followed keenly.

Those were the messages conveyed to more than 180 producers and agri-industry representatives on Wednesday, the first of the two-day Pennsylvania Grazing Conference held at The Embers in

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At the conference, several farms that make use of extensive grazing systems were honored by the Pennsylvania Forage and Grasslands Council (PFGC), a co-sponsor (with the Grazing Research and Education Center) of the conference. From left, Charles Brosius, secretary of agriculture; Tom Williams, Dauphin County; Forrest Stricker, Berks County; and Douglas Martin, Franklin County. Not present in photo is Jim Welsh, Tioga County.

USDA Seeks Comments On Dairy Pricing

WASHINGTON D.C. — March 31 is the deadline for submitting comments on the way the USDA prices milk through its basic formula price (BFP), especially on the role of the National Cheese Exchange.

Interested parties wishing to comment on the use of NCE prices in the determination of the BFP may send their comments to Dairy Division, AMS, USDA, ATTN: BFP Evaluation, Room 2968-S, P.O. Box 96456, Washington DC 20090-6456.

Comments should be post-marked no later than March 31. Prior to attending a recent meeting in Scranton, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman had announced that he was taking steps to address concerns raised by dairy

producers about how milk prices are calculated.

Glickman was then, and still is, seeking public comment on whether National Cheese Exchange (NCE) price data should be used in the determination of the Basic Formula Price (BFP) used in

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Maryland Jersey Club Elects Officers, Presents Awards

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WOODSBORO, Md. — Jersey cattle enthusiasts gathered for the 76th annual Maryland Jersey Cattle Club meeting recently. The luncheon meeting took place at the fireman's activities building in Woodsboro. The day's agenda in-

cluded the regular business meeting, election of officers, and crowning of a new Jersey queen.

Robert and Kerrie Anderson, a young dairy farming couple from Australia, shared their experiences with seasonal grazing on their 320-acre farm in Nar Nar Goon, Victoria, Australia with the group.

This was Rob's second trip to the United States; he was awarded a trip to the U.S. as the national youth dairy winner in 1993. The

Andersons milk 300 Jerseys, and have about 110 calves on their farm. By the end of 1997, they

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Yorkshire, Duroc, Hampshire Breeders Hold Spring Show, Sale

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NORTH CORNWALL (Lebanon Co.) — The Yorkshire/Duroc/Hampshire Spring Show and Sale was held March 1 at the

Lebanon Area Fairgrounds and saw 17 breeders exhibit and sell 61 breeding quality animals.

The highest selling animal of the sale was the champion Yorkshire boar, exhibited and consigned by

Neutzel Brothers and Neutzel Yorks and Hamps of Felton, and sold to Henry Johnson III of Selbyville, Del., for \$775.

The champion Duroc boar, exhibited and consigned by Clyde McConaughey, of Smicksburg, was second highest selling. It was purchased by Kenneth Moyer of Jonestown for \$550.

There were 80 register buyers representing six states as the sale, with an overflow crowd in the fairground's Hog Barn. Harry H. Bachman, of Anville, served as auctioneer.

Charles Hall is president of the Yorkshire Association which holds the show and sale twice a year. For information on the association call him at (814) 355-1647.

Also, Bachman is involved in the breed associations and can be contacted for more information at (717) 867-1809.

The fall show, which also includes offerings for youth project pigs for the Farm Show, has

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Jim Neutzel shows his champion Yorkshire boar and high seller of the Pennsylvania Yorkshire/Duroc/Hampshire Spring Show and Sale. It sold for \$775 to Henry Johnson III of Selbyville, Del.



Emily Birch was crowned Maryland Jersey queen by Esther Hoffman at the 76th annual club meeting.