

# Brother-Sister Team Takes Grand Champion Honors

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio - On Nov. 8, Judge Lynne Lee of Smyrna, Tennessee, placed 124 of the best Guernseys in the nation at the last National Junior Guernsey Show of the year.

Grand champion went to Dix Lee Perfecto Fawna-Twin, the first place 4-year-old. "Fawna" is an Excellent-91 Lily Lane Penny Perfecto-ET daughter and is bred and owned by Brett Dixon of Chestertown, Maryland.

For her grand champion honors, "Fawna" received the grand champion milk pitcher sponsored by Valley Set Farm of Goshen, Indiana. "Fawna" also received the best bred and owned show halter sponsored by Arrow Head Guernseys of Union, Missouri.

Stepping into the reserve grand champion spotlight was the first place senior 3-year-old, GR-Dix Lee Smokey Whiskey. "Whiskey" was bred and owned by Katie Dixon of Chestertown, Maryland, and received the reserve grand champion platter sponsored by Lushacres Guernsey Farm of Clinton, South Carolina.

"Whiskey" is a Very Good -85 Wampanoag Fayette Smokey daughter with records to 18,590M 3.0% 557F 3.3% 610P at 2-04 in 305 days. She was also the 1997 grand champion at the National Junior Show held in Madison, Wisconsin.

For junior champion, Judge Lee went with the first place summer yearling, Braswell

Primes Lois. "Lois" and her owner, Jonathan Adams of Brodhead, Kentucky, received the junior champion picture plaque sponsored by NOBA Inc. of Tiffin, Ohio. "Lois" is a Geo Mars Andy Prime daughter.

Reserve junior champion honors went to Branstetters Chopper Dora, the first place senior heifer calf.

"Dora," A Branstetters Galaxy Chopper daughter, is bred and owned by Kevin Branstetter of Edmonton, Kentucky. They received the reserve junior champion show halter sponsored by Marfred Farms of Saluda, South Carolina. "Dora" was the junior

champion of the National Junior Show held in Madison, Wisconsin.

In the race for state herd, Maryland juniors took home the first place banner with Pennsylvania in second. Ohio placed third.

The juniors participated in the show were dressed alike in dark green long sleeve t-shirts. The design found on the shirts was created by Becky Meyer of Peotone, Illinois, and Lucas Ayars of Mechanicsburg, Ohio. They will share a \$50 savings bond sponsored by Clark and Joy Vilter of Hartland, Wisconsin, for their winning design.



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305 days. The Nasco International Type and Production Award is given to the cow with the highest actual 305 day or less official DHIA/DHIR milk record and who stands in the top 20 percent of her respective class. "Opal" is bred and owned by Oscar Clay Smith of Jefferson, Maryland. Clark and Joy Vilter, Four

Winds Farm of Hartland, Wisconsin, were awarded with the prestigious premier breeder and premier exhibitor banners.

In the race for state herd, Wisconsin came out on top. Ohio placed second and Kentucky was third.

Whispering Pines Farm, D.F. and W.B. Hayes, of New Concord, Ohio, took home the herdsman award for the week.

## Penn State Offers Dairy Management Seminar

CHAMBERSBURG (Franklin Co.) - Several recent seminars offered by land grant universities have focused on what dairy farmers may want to consider in order to position themselves best for continuing in business for the next 10 to 20 years.

While some recent seminars have focused more on general industry trends, potential changes based on those trends, and futuristic analyses, others have been designed to deal with farming operations and what challenges and decisions they may face, respective to the different aspects of those operations.

One such series of dairy management seminars has been scheduled to be held at three different

places in the south central region of the state Dec. 11-12.

The featured speaker is Dr. David Galton of Cornell University, a professor in the university's Department of Animal Sciences since 1981, currently the department's extension leader, who is nationally recognized for formalizing the Dairy Fellows Program.

The Dairy Fellows Program is designed for students interested in dairying and related careers, to encourage them to pursue their careers and develop industry leadership for the future.

The series of seminars is being co-sponsored by Penn State Cooperative Extension and the Protiva Division of Monsanto.

The first program is to be held

from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dec. 11 at the Rhodes Grove Camp Conference Center in Chambersburg.

The second program is to be held later Dec. 11, from 6:30 p.m. to the 9:30 p.m., at the Hoss's Restaurant located on the west side of York.

It also to be presented Dec. 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Yoder's Restaurant in New Holland.

The seminar theme is, "Positioning you dairy business for a successful future," according to Philip Wagner, Franklin County Penn State Extension dairy agent.

According to Wagner, "This program will encourage you to take a critical look at your farm business. You will also learn the financial and management charac-

teristics of successful dairy businesses. This upbeat program will enthuse and encourage you about your business.

"If you want to see your dairy business move successfully into the next century, this is a seminar you should attend," he stated in a news release.

In addition to being the Cornell animal science department's extension leader, Galton has taught dairy cattle management and has conducted research in the areas of mastitis control, accelerated heifer growth, use of BST as a management tool, milking parlor efficiency, and extended calving intervals.

For registration information, contact a local extension office.

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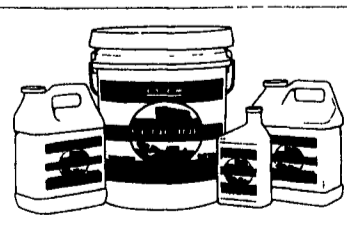
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