

Adams County 4-H Dairy Club Honors Member Achievements

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NEW CHESTER (Adams Co.) — Christine Emden of Hessen, Germany, an alumnus of the International Youth 4-H Exchange program, was the featured speaker at the recent awards banquet of the Adams County 4-H Dairy Club, held in New Chester.

The 24-year-old was visiting the United States for six months as part the international exchange program, and was staying with Kevin and Karen Holtzinger of East Berlin (Adams County) when she served as banquet speaker, just before returning home to Germany.

After describing her family dairy farm, she commented on some of the differences she noted between how Germany manages its dairy production with how regulation of the United States dairy industry has developed.

She said that Germany is the largest milk producer in Europe, and that she believes dairy farmers in the United States would benefit from a milk quota system, as is done in Germany.

In regular banquet business, a number of awards were presented following the meal.

The junior outstanding member of the Adams County 4-H Dairy Club was Molly Van Lieu of East Berlin.

The intermediate-age division outstanding member was Shannon Holtzinger of East Berlin.

The senior-age outstanding member was Jesse Murren of New Oxford. The awards were pre-

sented by Jesse's grandfather, Tom Murren.

The Melvin R. Durboraw Memorial (club) Member Award was presented to Josh Ramsburg of Barlow, while Tom Brown received the Melvin R. Durboraw Memorial (club) Leader Award.

Recognition was also made of youth whose animals performed well in the showing.

The club presented best-bred and owned awards by breed to Chase Rhodes for his Brown Swiss, Jesse Murren for a Guernsey, Kenny Wenger among the Holstein owners, and Carrie Stevens with a Jersey.

Feed tubs and a show halter were presented to club showmanship contest winners, according to youth age division. Bradley Campbell was the top junior showman, Mollie Van Lieu was the top intermediate-aged showman, while Carrie Stevens was first among senior-age members.

Campbell also received recognition as the top junior fitter, and earned a show box.

In 4-H Project Book competition, rosettes were presented to Charles Brown, Carrie Carroll, Amand Clowney, Clinton Grim, Shannon Holtzinger, Zach Nell, Melanie Wenger, and Carl Wilkinson.

Blue ribbons for project books were presented to Elizabeth Brown, Bradley Campbell, Angie Hoffman, Jesse Murren, Jonathan Murren, Joshua Ramsburg, Cody Schandelmeier, Mollie Van Lieu, Jacob Waybright, Kenny Wenger, Kevin Wenger, Jason Wolf, Clay-



Christine Emden of Hessen, Germany, talks about observations she made during an 4-H youth exchange program between the dairy industry in the United States and in Germany.



From the left, Adams County 4-H Dairy Club President Jesse Murren presents the Melvin R. Durboraw Member Award to Josh Ramsburg.

Those with nine years of completed projects were Jesse Murren and Carrie Stevens. Those with seven years of project completions were Shannon Holtzinger and Joshua Ramsburg.

With six years of completions were Angie Hoffman and Jonathan Murren.

Five years completion pins were presented to Langdon Ramsburg, Brandy Rhodes, Nathan Rhodes, Kenneth Wenger and Derek Zepp.

Receiving four-year project recognition were Chase Rhodes and Mollie Van Lieu; with three years, Charlie Brown, Jacob Waybright, Kevin Wenger and Carl Wilkinson; with two years, Brad Campbell and Clayton Wood; and one year, Elizabeth Brown, Carrie Carroll, Amanda Clowney, Clinton Grim, Zach Nell, Cody Schandelmeier, Melanie Wenger, and Jason Wolf.

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Recognition was also made based on the number of years the members completed projects. Members received pins symbolizing as much.



NEWS RELEASE

Brattleboro, Vt. - At the recent Holstein Association Board of Directors meeting in Tucson, Ariz., several changes were approved regarding registry fees. The Board made several decisions concerning registration prices, Start-Up prices for the restructured herdbook, and two new programs.

Details on the registry fees follow:

Special Registry Pricing

From January 1, 1998 through June 30, 1998, Special Registry Pricing will be in effect to encourage breeders to stay caught up on regular registry activity. The State & National and National member rates are much lower than current fees for older animals. During this six-month period fees will be as follows:

Age	State & National		
	National	National	Non-Member
Under 3 mos.	\$ 6	\$ 12	\$ 18
3-5 mos.	\$ 10	\$ 15	\$ 20
6-8 mos.	\$ 15	\$ 20	\$ 25
9-11 mos.	\$ 15	\$ 20	\$ 30
12-14 mos.	\$ 15	\$ 20	\$ 35
15-17 mos.	\$ 15	\$ 20	\$ 40
18-20 mos.	\$ 15	\$ 20	\$ 45
21-23 mos.	\$ 15	\$ 20	\$ 50
24 + mos.	\$ 15	\$ 20	\$ 100 Females \$ 200 Males (plus blood-typing expenses to verify parentage)

Dead Females over 23 months = \$10 (regardless of membership status)

Start-Up Program

Fees for starting new animals in the redesigned herdbook are very favorable. To receive these fees, you must be a National Member. The Start-Up fees are \$6 per animal, regardless of age. The Association will do a computer search to find ancestors for an additional \$1 per animal being applied for. This can increase the % RHA of the animal being applied for. If the search uncovers Registered or Qualified animals in the lineage, then Recovery fees apply. However, from January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998 a cap of \$50 will be placed on registering an animal and its maternal ancestors as part of the Start-Up Program.

Recovery Program

The Herd Catch-Up program expires on December 31, 1997. Effective January 1, 1998 through June 30, 1998, a new Recovery Program will be in effect for breeders to recover animals that they have not registered on a timely basis. Unlike the previous Catch-Up Program, breeders do not have to register all animals to qualify for these special prices. The fees for the new Recovery Program, which are very favorable, are as follows:



From the left, Adams County 4-H Dairy Club leader Tom Brown receives the Melvin R. Durboraw Memorial Leader Award from club President Jesse Murren.



From the left, Tom Murren presents the Adams County 4-H Dairy Club outstanding senior member award to his grandson and club president Jesse Murren.