

# Holstein Juniors At Grand National

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. - Almost 160 young exhibitors participated in the 1997 Grand National Junior Holstein Show held in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Ky. in November. More than 245 animals entered the ring.

Spring Calf - TRI-DAY BELLE ADEEN-ET, David Day, Shippensburg, PA; Winter Calf - ROYALSTEAD G PRUDIE, Andrea & Ryan Engleking, Charlottesville, IN; Fall Calf - BLONDIN STARDUST LASSY-ET, E. William Iager, Jr., Fulton, MD; Summer Yearling - VOSSMON ASTRE ABIGAIL, Julie

Junemann, Rudolph, WI; Spring Yearling - WESTANALLEE HIGHLIGHT GIN, Anna Dougherty, Madisonville, TN; Winter Yearling - JUNIE-MARIE MISS SKYWAY, Craig & Katie Dudte, London, OH; Fall Yearling - SAMMY-TUE SKYBUCK FARRAH, Brady Core & Carley Day, Salvisa, KY.

Junior Champion - JUNIE-MARIE MISS SKYWAY, Craig & Katie Dudte, London, OH; Reserve Junior Champion - BLONDIN STARDUST LASSY-ET, E. William Iager, Jr., Fulton, MD; Milking Senior Yearling - DEAMWAY BELLWOOD BEV, Nathan Davenport, Greenville, OH; Junior Two-Year-Old - C

KINGSWAY SKYCHIEF DAISY, Adam Muesegades, Plymouth, WI; Senior Two-Year-Old - BRANCEL ASTRE INSPIRE, Tom Lyon Jr. & Tod Brancel, Westfield, WI; Junior Three-Year-Old - WILLIAMS-HOMESTEAD BROOKE, Jennifer Williams, Waukesha, WI; Senior Three-Year-Old - TRE-LAN MISSY, Lance Smith, Unionville, TN; Four-Year-Old - BAR-LEE LINCOLN RAMONATW, Ryan Wilcox, Dover, OK; Five-Year-Old - PINE-SHELLER LUCINA FARGO, Laura Alberts, Pine Island, MN; Six-Year-Old and Older - EHRHARDT ASTRO JODY-ET, Kevin Ehrhardt, Baldwin, MD; Dry Cow - SPRENG LA ROXIE, Anne Spreng & Nicole Watson, Bucyrus, OH.

Senior Champion Female - EHRHARDT ASTRO JODY-ET, Kevin Ehrhardt, Baldwin, MD; Reserve Senior Champion - WILLIAMS-HOMESTEAD-BROOKE, Jennifer Williams, Waukesha, WI.

Senior Grand Champion Female - EHRHARDT ASTRO JODY-ET, Kevin Ehrhardt, Baldwin, MD; Reserve Grand Champion Female - WILLIAMS-HOMESTEAD-BROOKE, Jennifer Williams, Waukesha, WI.

Best Animal Bred & Owned - WILLIAMS-HOMESTEAD-BROOKE, Jennifer Williams, Waukesha, WI.

# In The Lyons' Den You Find What's Good In Farming With Family

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average up to a top of 26,800 pounds.

Along the way new facilities have been built for the cows, dry cows, heifers, calves, and commodities. A new farm shop has been added.

For the Lyons, the emphasis is on milk production of a commercial herd. Every effort on the farm goes into making more milk. And everything that is done for future planning is done with the idea of passing the wealth of the farm on to the next generation without a lot of inheritance taxes and financial disruption should one of the partners die.

As each boy came of age, he worked two years for the partnership as a test of his commitment to the farm. If he didn't want to farm, that was OK, but each person knew his commitment, once he made it, was for the long term. And each boy took whatever time he needed to decide to join the partnership. After working away for six months, the younger brother came back to join the partnership, and it

was at this time that the brothers became close-knit partners, and the family farming operation was on its way into the future. Today it's all for one and one for all.

"The thing that has always been in the back of my mind is what happens to the farm when I'm gone," Joe said. "I have seen so many cases where the son has stayed on the farm as dad's right-hand man for many years. Dad doesn't make provisions for the transfer of the farm to the son, and the farm must be sold to settle the estate. The boy who worked to build up the equity in the farm now can't afford to buy the place. And everything he worked for is gone.

"I live my life for my kids, and everything I do is designed with them in mind. You couldn't do this in a family that is not pulling together. But we get along pretty well. And after the youngest boy came back and joined the partnership, I saw the boys knit together in a comradeship that makes this kind of partnership work.

## Food For Thought

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bilities available for direct marketing. This project was a joint effort of Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association, Pennsylvania Apple Marketing Board, Pennsylvania Vegetable Marketing and Research Program and Pennsylvania Peach and Nectarine Research Program. Mr. Patton will give his views on dealing directly with super market buyers.

Concluding this conference will be a panel discussion involving some of your neighbors that are successful in capturing value-

added dollars for their farm production. Pies, cookbooks, hayrides, salsa, jelly, gift baskets, maple syrup, waffles and ice cream are examples of past success's. Bring the concerns you have for your future and help keep the question and answer period lively. Interacting with the consumer is one of the most misunderstood aspects of direct marketing. Discover what is being done to bridge this gap.

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"The boys have been here to help pay off the debt, so why shouldn't they share in the equity of the whole operation?" Joe asks.

Basically, the equity is transferred to the boys each year up to the IRS gift limits with the equity pro-rated at the time each of the brothers entered the partnership. Each partner draws a salary, and life insurance covers each partner in case of an unforeseen catastrophe.

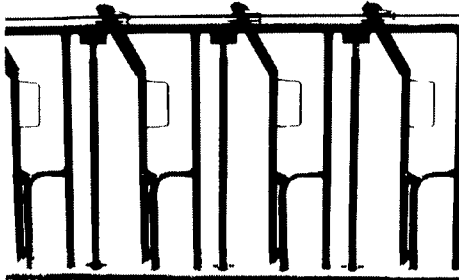
"I'm not looking for the world," Joe said. "I have my boys working with me, and I can't ask for much more. Young people need help to get into farming. If my father-in-law would not have been there to stand behind me, I would not have been able to farm. He's the one that provided the financial backing I needed at the time. I want to pass on to the next generation the opportunities that were passed on to me. And this is what is working for us," Joe said.

As you leave the "Lyons' Den," you get the feeling that you have just visited a "pride of Lyons" that has put into every day practice the best of why it is so good to be farming with family. And you think you may have told the story better if you could have worked in such phrases as dad, mother and Lyons' cubs. But that will need to wait for the next cup of tea.

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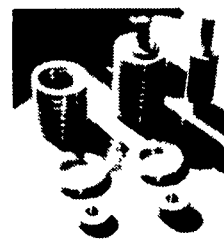
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