

1997 Ends As Perplexing Year For Producers

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acreage pushed the state total over the 100,000th acre mark. Many agricultural dignitaries were on hand at the historic event.

Shows

At the Pennsylvania Holstein's Fall Championship Show at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg in September, Wind Drift AJ Natema, a 6-year-old cow owned by the Ford City syndicate of Alex Claypoole, Mark Campbell, and Doug Beatty, was named grand champion.

Obie Snider, owner of Singing Brook Farm, Imler, was selected to receive the 1997 Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show Image Award.

Blue Mountain High School's Envirothon team became the national champion at the Johnstown Campus of the University of Pittsburgh.

Tobacco Challenges

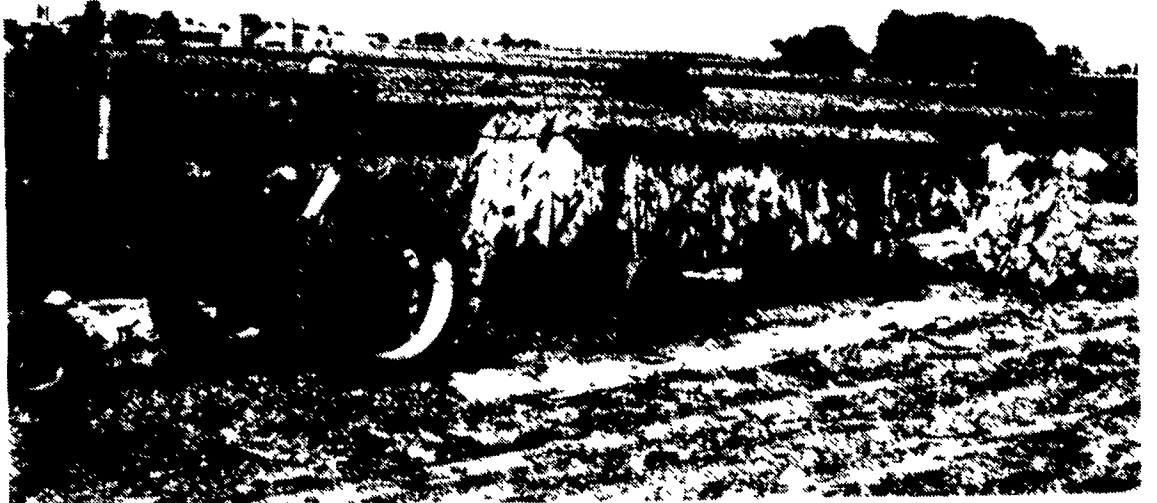
During a pregrowing season

seminar, Penn State extension specialists warned Lancaster County and regional growers about avoiding some sources of transplant stock because of the fear of introducing a fungicide-resistant strain of blue mold.

However, some growers ignored the warning and put the entire south central Pennsylvania crop at risk, importing diseased plants.

Those same specialists called an emergency meeting early in July in Leola and quickly designed an effective spray application modification to typical boom sprayers used so that growers could protect their investments.

Despite the drought, harvest went on and the curing season was dry. It resulted in a fine tobacco crop. However, the major tobacco processors, as of presstime, still hadn't approved the buyers to bid on most of the county's crop at auction, so sales remain largely unrealized.



In mid-August, Lancaster County tobacco farmers began harvesting their \$20 million cash crop a little behind schedule. Growers endured a blue mold outbreak but the crop, with good curing weather, came out looking pretty nice in time for an unfortunately sluggish auction season. In the photo, Eugene Rohrer, Strasburg, is driving the tractor with son Mike and Chris Beller loading.



Almost on a daily basis, more farmers are switching to some form of rotational grazing on their dairy farms. These farmers near Kirkwood, Arden and Caroline Landis, were featured in the special Foraging Around section in the July 12 issue of Lancaster Farming. Photo by Andy Andrews



Wind Drift AJ Natema won grand champion of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association's Fall Championship Show in September at the Farm Show Complex. From left, show judge Robert Fitzsimmons stands with state dairy princess Nichole Meabon. Myling Good and Alan and Sandy McCauley hold their reserve grand champion banner. Tom McCauley holds the halter of the animal, leadsman Gary Culbertson holds the halter, and Mark Campbell and Doug Beatty stand with their children and the grand championship banner. Sarah Campbell holds the banner, and Lindsey Beatty, Kayla Beatty, Rachel Campbell, and Thomas Beatty stand in front.

THIS & THAT

- Did you hear that Kevin Ehrhardt, Baldwin, was awarded the Judi Collingsworth Outstanding Junior Exhibitor award at the Eastern National Show. Recipients are selected because of their high level of participation in Jr programs, excellent herdsmanhip, knowledge of cattle and sincere interest in agriculture with the ability to communicate that to others
- Kelly Myers was elected to serve on the national Junior Advisory Committee for the northeast area. This committee makes suggestions for improving the junior program and helps with the national junior convention
- We extend our sympathy to the Jack Rensberg family, Frederick Co., in the death of their daughter, Gail Waeber, and also to the Charles Savage Family, Montgomery Co., in the recent death of Irene Savage
- Thanks, Lisa Schwartzbeck & Nancy Powel, for chaperoning our convention dairy bowl teams

1997 ALL-MARYLAND AWARDS

Spring Calf	MD-Dun-Loafin Char Mizz-ET	Paul Harrison III
Winter Calf	Savage-Leigh Emperor Sassy	Ryan M. Savage
Fall Calf	C Blondin Stardust Lassy -ET	William Iager
Summer Yearling	Kents-Reserve Black Jill	Darren Hollingsworth
Spring Yearling	Savage-Leigh Funny Face	Ryan M. Savage
Winter Yearling	Derrwyn Encore Ladel	Dusty Derr
Fall Yearling	Lylehaven MD R Rosette-ET	William Iager
Jr. 2-Yr-Old	MS Hygerian Samantha	Elliott A. Kueffner
Sr. 2-Yr-Old	Savage-Leigh Lead Chrissy	Chip Savage
Jr. 3-Yr-Old	Delbon Astre Rhoda	Dun-Loafin Farm
Sr. 3-Yr-Old	Savage-Leigh Broker Dela-ET	Kelli Ann Savage
4 Year Old	Peace & Plenty Just Kaye	Joseph A. Schwartzbeck
5 Year Old	Hallanary Inspir Leah	Michael C. Iager
Aged Cow	Ehrhardt Astro Jody-ET	Kevin A. Ehrhardt
100,000 Cow	Savage-Leigh Lyle Gwen-ET	Wayne & Cindee Savage
Produce Of Dam	Savage-Leigh E Star Grace	Wayne & Cindee Savage
Best Three Females		Wayne & Cindee Savage
Jr. Best Three Females		

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It is once again time for the yearly renewal of your Maryland Holstein Association membership. The remittance envelope is included in this newsletter and should be returned to me before February 1, 1998. There is no change in the membership fee since last year. For those who want to be listed in the Breeders Directory as a part of BreederNet (<<http://www.breedernet.com>>), you will find a new line in the right hand column of the remittance envelope for that \$20 annual fee. State membership allows you to register your animals at the lowest price, subscribe to the *Holstein World* at a lower rate, receive the weekly *Farmshine*, the quarterly *Southeastern Holstein News*, the *Maryland Annual* booklet, newsletters, and the All-Maryland calendar. Your membership also helps fund our many youth programs, as well as other association work in the areas of breed improvement, and cattle and milk promotion.

Please note: The board of directors has approved the publication of our membership list, addresses and phone numbers, in the 1998 *Maryland Annual*. If you do not wish your name to appear in that listing, please write "do not publish" above "new state member" on the remittance envelope.

1998 STATE CONVENTION

Hosting the 1998 state Holstein convention will be the Upper Chesapeake Holstein Club. This club is made up of Harford and Baltimore County breeders who have chosen Harold Smith, Monkton, to chair this convention. They are planning on hosting the day meeting and evening banquet Saturday, March 14, 1998 at the Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium. In a change from previous conventions, the Maryland State Sale will be held almost four weeks later in conjunction with the Spring Show at Timonium. Plans are underway for an evening sale April 9, 1997. Robert & Eric Knutsen are managing the sale. Selectors will be looking for high quality consignments for the sale in the near future.

Complete convention information, with registration forms, will be included in the January newsletter.