

Ayrshire Spring Convention, Sale March 27-28

ULSTER (Bradford) — The Pennsylvania Ayrshire Breeders Association has announced plans for its spring convention and sale, set to be held March 27 and 28 in Towanda.

According to the association, the convention dinner and princess contest are to be held March 27 at the Williamston Inn in Towanda, while the annual meeting and spring sale are to be held March 28 — the meeting at the Inn, the sale at the Valley Stock Yards, in Athens.

During the convention the PABA will announce its Hall of Fame inductee. That is scheduled to occur at 6:20 p.m., March 27.

Those PABA members who know of someone who has contributed to the Ayrshire breed and who should be considered for the prestigious award should call Don Gable by March 18 at (610) 286-2967, or write him at RD2 Box 76, Elverson, PA 19520.

The selection and crowning of a new state Ayrshire princess is to be done during the convention, and applications can be made until March 18.

The contest is open to any young woman aged 13 years to 20 years old who has an active interest in promoting the Ayrshire breed and the willingness to attend breed functions, show and activities, as well as any other dairy related function at which Ayrshire could be promoted and represented.

Those interested should send two photographs of themselves, a brief biography, and reasons why they would like to serve in the position of Ayrshire princess, to: Sharon Nolan, RD 1, Box 10, Cochranville, PA 19330; or Bonnie Wentworth, 1026 River Rd., Quarryville, PA 17566.

The association is also seeking Ayrshire maids, open to girls aged 8 to 13 years old. Those interested

should submit the same materials required for Ayrshire princess consideration to Nolan or Wentworth.

For more information on those programs, call Nolan at (610) 469-3124; or (717) 548-3896.

The princess contest is to be held from 6 p.m. to 6:20 p.m., March 27. The crowning of the new state Ayrshire princess is to be done at 7:30 p.m..

Ayrshire youth production awards are also awarded during the two-day convention.

The presentation of awards is to be made starting 7:40 p.m. March 27.

Any Pennsylvania, New Jersey or West Virginia junior Ayrshire member who has owned any registered Ayrshire cow before the current calendar year, that is tested by the Dairy Herd Improvement Association or has DHIR tests, and the name of the junior member along or in partnership is on the registration, is eligible to submit the records for the production contest.

Production records made on three-times-per-day milking are to be considered the same with twice-per-day milking.

Award classifications are for senior yearling, 2-year-old, 3-year-old, 4-year-old, and 5-year-old and older cows, for total production and lifetime production.

Certificates are to be presented to each applicant and plaques are to be awarded to the top winners in each class for milk production, fat production, protein production, total production and lifetime production.

Application deadline is March 2, and should be made to Amy Wolfgang, Ayrshire youth director, and sent to her at 287 Hillcure Rd., Bechtelsville, PA 19505.

For an application or more information, call Wolfgang at (610) 367-1050.

An "Anything Goes Auction" is also to be held during the convention to raise money for the Pennsylvania Ayrshire Youth Fund for 4-H and FFA youth across the state. It also helps sponsor the state Ayrshire dairy bowl team.

As the name implies, anything can end up being auctioned in support of the youth programs.

The Pennsylvania Ayrshire

dairy bowl team has done "a fantastic job representing Pennsylvania in past national conventions and will be going again this year to Iowa," according to an association news release.

The auction is set to be held 8 p.m. March 27.

On March 28, from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., a breakfast buffet is scheduled to start the day, followed by the association's annual meeting.

The sale is scheduled to start at 11:30 a.m. at the Valley Stock Yards with Bo Elliott set to serve as auctioneer, and Kristen Russell to read pedigrees.

Any potential consignments for the sale should be directed to Ben Hillyard, sale manager, (717) 596-4371. This year, the sale is accepting all ages of calves, heifers and cows.



Governor's Office

PROCLAMATION

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA WEEK February 21 - 28, 1998

WHEREAS, Future Farmers of America (FFA) is one of the largest youth organization in the world with 449,814 members, and more than 8,400 members and 149 chapters in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the FFA, established in 1929 in Pennsylvania, makes a difference in the lives of the Commonwealth's youth through agricultural education, leadership and personal growth, preparing them to succeed as agricultural professionals; and

WHEREAS, agriculture remains the Commonwealth's number one industry, employing the latest in modern technological advances to increase crop productivity, improve the food supply and provide food and fiber for citizens here and abroad; and

WHEREAS, for 69 years, FFA has been preparing our youth for the future by inspiring them to achieve excellence academically, professionally, and personally.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Ridge, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania do hereby proclaim February 21 - 28, 1998, as FFA Week in Pennsylvania. I encourage all Pennsylvanians to recognize the contribution this organization has made to the future of our youth and to a strong agricultural economy in the Commonwealth.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twenty-first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and twenty-second.

Tom Ridge

TOM RIDGE
 Governor



New Type Evaluations For Jerseys

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio — Beginning in February, a new multi-trait animal model will be used to calculate genetic evaluations for type.

The AJCA is among the first U.S. dairy breeds to use the multi-trait animal model. The multi-trait model takes advantage of advanced technology which results in more accurate information for breed improvement.

Because the correlation (0.8) between the new multi-trait animal

model and the old sire model are not equal, there will be some re-ranking of bulls and cows.

Reasons why the re-ranking may occur:

1. The new multi-trait model considers the entire pedigree of the animal. Under the sire model system, the only contribution from the dam's side was through the maternal grandsire;

2. The multi-trait model re-

quires a first lactation appraisal. Appraisals after the second lactation are not used;

3. Both males and females will be evaluated simultaneously. In the sire model, males were calculated first then those numbers were used to evaluate females.

4. The new multi-trait model utilizes new heritability estimates, genetic correlations, and age adjustment factors.

Ayrshire Spring Convention Registration Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: () _____

DINNER REGISTRATION

Dinner will be an all-you-can eat buffet. Fish will be made available for the same price listed, but prompt registration is required. There is no charge for meals for children aged 4 or younger.

I would like _____ adult meals at \$16 each _____

I would like _____ children (5-8 years of age) meals at \$10 each _____

BREAKFAST BUFFET

All-you-can eat breakfast buffet. Children aged 4 years or younger eat free. Other adult and children prices the same.

I would like _____ meals at \$8 each _____

Total _____

DEADLINE MARCH 13

Send this form by March 13, 1998 to: Ben Hillyard, RD2 Box 235A Ulster, PA 18850, or call (717) 596-4371, or fax (717) 596-4371.

Call (717) 265-8882 for room reservations at the Williamston Inn. Rates are \$56 for one double bed for two people; \$63.00 for two double beds, and two people; and \$4 for each additional person. Children aged 8 or younger are free. Cribs and cots can be rented for \$7 each.