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Holstein Breeders Return To Convention Roots

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GREENSBURG (Westmoreland Co.)—Looking back where it all started, the Pennsylvania Holstein Association converged on Westmoreland County this week to remember past events, study present trends, and anticipate future challenges.

The event was a return to the same location where the first Pennsylvania Holstein Convention was held more than 40 years ago. Quoting from the 1955 program, "Another milestone in the history of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association will be reached when Holstein breeders from the Keystone State convene for their state convention in Greensburg. This will be the association's first state convention and will replace the business meeting usually held during Farm Show week.

"Host for the two-day affair are breeders from southwestern Pennsylvania, Robert Rumbler and John Cooper, director of extension, for the Holstein Friesian Association of America will be on the program. At 7:30 p.m., a colored movie of the national convention will be shown, and at 8:30 p.m. dancing will begin in the spacious Redwood Room of the Mt. View Hotel. There will be no charge for the dance and social hour Thursday night."

In the December issue of the same year, The Pennsylvania Holstein reported on the first Pennsylvania convention and a photo showed "Eager, hungry folks as far as the eye can see during the convention banquet at noon." The reprinted report from this first convention can be found beside this report.

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Eager to promote the dairy industry in New York State are New York State Dairy Princess Julie Kelsey, center, Second Alternate Roxanne Hermann, left, and First Alternate Megan Fullington. Turn to page B14 to read more about the 28 county dairy princesses who competed in the 35th annual coronation in Liverpool, N.Y.

Dairy Industry Inundated With Issues

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)—The current environment of the dairy industry has been described as both "chaotic" and "uncertain" by several dairy industry pundits.

Others have said that it is more confusing and complex than ever before, and it was never easy to understand.

Currently on the table before dairy farmers and their representatives, as well as dairy processors, are at least five different issues, all

related to the price of milk.

Those five issues include:

- A proposal by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman for restructuring the federal order milk marketing system;
- Possibly establishing an emergency temporary floor price

of \$13.50 for Class I and II milk.

- Expansion of the temporary Northeast Dairy Compact;
- How to deal with the changing structure and alliances among dairy cooperatives and private dairy businesses as globalization and expanded world trade con-

tinues to kick in; and

- What to do should a federal court decision to eliminate Class I differentials be upheld.

There have been and are different sources of information about the proposed federal order milk

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New Master Farmers Named

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)—For more than 60 years, some of the best farmers in the Northeast have been named in

the Master Farmer Program. The Program is run by Pennsylvania Farmer magazine and the cooperative extension in

Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and West Virginia.

With this year's class only

563 men and women have been named Master Farmers since 1927. Joining this distinctive group are:

• Roy Crow from Kennedyville, Md. This young Kent County dairyman proves once again that young people can make it in the dairy business with uncommon cow sense, hard work and smart money management. Yet, he still finds time for community service and supporting ag organizations.

• William K. Jackson and Kerry Harvey of New Salem, Pa. These brothers-in-law are carrying their family dairy operation into the next generation with aggressive consumer marketing of value-added product in western Pennsylvania's Fayette County.

• John and Judith Ligo of Grove City, Pa. This couple built a well-managed and profitable dairy operation in Mercer County, all while having major leadership commitments to ag and dairy organizations.

• Keith and Helen Masser from Sacramento, Pa. They've grown their family potato-raising business into a \$10 million regional namebrand with \$10 million in fresh potato sales from their Schuylkill County head quarters. Both are key leaders in the potato industry.

• Samuel and Beverly Minor of Washington, Pa. This couple has mastered the art of marketing dairy, produce and good food to the suburban fringe of west-

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John and Judy Ligo



Sam and Beverly Minor



Keith and Helen Masser



Ronald L. Widmyer



Kerry Harvey and William K. Jackson