

Holstein Breeders Return To Convention Roots

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The 1998 convention opened Wednesday with a number of seminars related to the business of the dairy farmer. For example, a panel of dairy farmers discussed their experiences in diversifying rather than expanding their present dairy herds. Members of this panel are:

Dave Bitler, Fleetwood, who, along with his family, milks 100 cows, farms 500 acres, has a 25,000lb. herd average, and a BAA of 107. They raise all bull calves. The high pedigreed bulls are sold for herd sires. The side-line business has evolved for freezer beef, and they organize tours, one to the World Dairy Expo.

Vernon Seip, Lansdale, who, along with his large family, milk 100 cows, operate a dairy retail store, and miniature golf course. In more recent years, a sit-down ice cream parlor, a petting zoo, and a driving range and batting cage have been added. October Fall Fest features pick your own pumpkins and child-oriented activities such as school tours.

Dan Ulmer, Bellefonte, who,

with his family, milks 100 cows, sells a few top quality bulls to breeding studs and has done some embryo transplants. Recently surrounding farms have become available to rent at a reasonable rate for farming. This year they plan to farm 850 acres with grain as the new cash crop. Along the way, a vegetable retail outlet at the farm for the nearby townspeople has been developed. The produce from 10 acres of sweet corn, one acre of strawberries, one acre of pumpkins, and some other vegetables in season. In addition, Dan sells seed corn.

The purpose of this seminar was to get a feel for why these farmers decided to diversify rather than expand their herds. The farmers added special insight to the discussion.

Some of the points in the discussion are:

- You need to look at your resources and what you like to do. Most farmers like to farm, some also like to meet people, some do not.

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1997 Progressive Breeder Registry Award Winners

40 Years	Keystone Farm, Easton
31 Years	Richard & Marilyn Packard, Troy
26 Years	Jay & Mary Houser, Spring Mills
18 Years	Junge Farms Inc., New Tripoli
14 Years	Keith & Debbie Decker, Knox Jed Beshore, New Cumberland
10 Years	Thomas Kelly, Tyrone
9 Years	John & Susan Howard, Willow Street Trout Spring Farm, Lancaster
8 Years	Raymond & Richard Coursen, Spring Mills Lewis & Barbara Berkley, Berlin Thomas Hartle, Bellefonte Sinking Springs Farms Inc, York Darvin & Loren Yoder, Belleville Vincent & Juliet Wagner, Myerstown Allen & Lorraine Andrews, Gillett Richard D. Wheeler, Gillett
7 Years	Gerald & Patricia Carr, Somerset Harry & Aliene Thompson, Carlisle Charles & Denise Bean, Franklin
6 Years	Richard R. Higley, Forksville
5 Years	Tim & Teresa Kissling, Robesonia Ramsay Jr. & Scott Cooper, Delta Ben & Regina Jackson, Columbia Cross Roads
4 Years	Gerald & Linda Kisner, New Albany James & Dennis London, Punxsutawney Donald & Mark Pease, Susquehanna Luther Davis, Kutztown Gary & Barbara Lentz, Lebanon Jeffery & Cynthia Shaffer, Beavertown Reu-Hel Farms Inc., Mohrsville Blackcrest Farms, Altoona David, James, Samuel & Paul Schuler, Fleetwood Miller & Rex, Inc., Andreas David Mattocks, Tunkhannock
3 Years	David & Phoebe Bitler, Fleetwood Charles & William Black, Saegertown John & Sherry Ivancic, New Wilmington Nathan Stoltzfus, Mifflinburg Richard & Judy Trinca, Rebersburg Duane Wilcox, Canton Jake III & Sallianne Tanis, Centre Hall Kevin Burleigh, Pleasant Mount
2 Years	Donald Krall, Lebanon Ronald & Candice Cooney, Ulysses Robert & Candace Morrell, Cochranon Geary & Judy Shade, Alexandria Herman Bishop, Roaring Branch Joseph Pavelski, Susquehanna George Banicky, Thompson A. Duane & Marilyn Hershey, Cochranville
1 Year	Daniel & Timothy Alderfer, Athens Curvin Good, Myerstown Bruce Bollinger, Lebanon Janice Jurbala, Orangeville Amos Stoltzfus, Honey Brook Paul Horning, Stevens J. Z. Nolt, Leola Harvey Stoltzfus, Morgantown

1997 All-Pennsylvania Winners

Spring Calf

All-PA
Reserve
Honorable Mention

Tri-Day Beautiful Adeen-ET
Cha Do Charles Star-ET Vanna
Never Rest-M Jumpshot Reba

Tom McCauley, Chris & Budgee Hill
Trisha McIlwain
Johnathan McMurray

Winter Calf

All-PA
Reserve
Honorable Mention
Honorable Mention
Honorable Mention

MD-Dun-Lawn Astre Silk Gem
Windy-Knoll View JJB Pez-ET
Scottown Counselor Pretty
Lilburn Stardust Lilac
New Direction CC Ballerina

Janet Deibler & Jeff Conrad
Justin Burdette
Jeff & Rob McKissick
Joseph Parker
Thomas McCauley

Fall Calf

All-PA
Reserve
Reserve
Honorable Mention

Windy-Knoll-View JJB Ping
Duncandell Black Magic
E-Ricks Skybuck Tic Toc
L & J Delaware Holly

Justin Burdette
Sarah Duncan
E. Richard Bednarski
L & J Holsteins

Summer Yearling

All-PA
Reserve
Reserve
Honorable Mention
Honorable Mention

Windy-Knoll-View Pacha-ET
E-Ricks AR BC Notta Lotta
Turnpike-View Charles Pretty
Amoore Counselor Majesty
Brkn-Mirror QU Tinker R Bell

James & Nina Burdette
Andrea Bednarski
P. Dustin Horning
Maggie Moore
Bob Hamner

Spring Yearling

All-PA
Reserve
Honorable Mention

JCY April Starbuck-ET
Pack-Herd BC Bazoo
Tri-Day BC Venus-TW

Amy Trimmer
David Packard
Sarah Day

Winter Yearling

All-PA
Reserve
Honorable Mention

Whiteleather Chas Allison
Golden-Dream Encore Jessica
Gay-Ridge SB Patricia-ET

Weimer/Strouse/Koyler
Donald & Nancy Toms
Janet Deibler & Jeff Conrad

Fall Yearling

All-PA
Reserve
Reserve
Honorable Mention
Honorable Mention

Windy-Knoll-View JJB Pizow
L & J Astre Nala
Royal-Haven Stardust Baton
Reu-Hel Mandel Olivia
C-Naylorcroft Prelude Pansy

Justin Burdette
Amanda Cessna
Lynn & Bonnie Miller
Scott & Connie Troutman
Fraley Farms

Junior Best Three

All-PA
Reserve
Honorable Mention

Windy-Knoll-View
Tri-Day Farms
Globe-Run Farms

James & Nina Burdette
Curtis & Ann Day
John & Alice Foster

Junior Two Year Old

All-PA
Reserve
Reserve
Honorable Mention

Penn Gate Jed FM Abbey
New Direction Budgee
Tower-Vue Tab Jasmine
E-Ricks Counselor Mystified

Clayton Wood
Tom McCauley
Elizabeth Walton
E. Richard Bednarski

Senior Two Year Old

All-PA
All-PA
Reserve
Honorable Mention

E-Ricks Stardust Taz
Penn Gate Jed Penelope
Cha-Do Stardust Twinkle-TW
Clear MT View Counselor Riz

James Kahler & Fred Strouse
Steve & Chris Wood
Trisha McIlwain
Janet Deibler & Jeff Conrad

Junior Three Year Old

All-PA
Reserve
Reserve
Honorable Mention

Penn Gate Jed Dutchess
Penn Gate Thor Darling
Penn Gate Raider Clara-B
Jericho Dairy Flip Bogart

Steve & Chris Wood
Clayton Wood
Steve & Chris Wood
Scott Woodmansee

Senior Three Year Old

All-PA
All-PA
Reserve
Reserve
Honorable Mention

Dalee-Bred Counselor Posie
C Wridale Broker Clover
Pennwood Conquest Dee
Speerette Manager Blitzen
Dandyland Starbuck Maggie

Timothy Vail
Sandra Frey Thomas
Donald & Joanne Stoltzfus
Naomi Speer
Tom McCauley & Fred Strouse

Four Year Old

All-PA
Reserve
Honorable Mention

C-Loch-An Brea Sky Notcho
Windy-Knoll-View Krisma
Hyllside Skybuck Jo

Ronald Hough Jr.
Amanda Cessna
Weimer/Strouse/Connelly

Five Year Old

All-PA
Reserve
Honorable Mention

Windy-Knoll-View GDD Topaz
Autumn View A-Star Ancie
Windy-Knoll-View CC Pear-ET

James & Nina Burdette
Jim & Kim Grove
Justin Burdette

Aged Cow

All-PA
Reserve
Reserve
Reserve
Honorable Mention
Honorable Mention

Beaver-Crest Starbuck Jo
Walnut Hills Logic Cathy
New Direction Star Bambi-ET
Mi-Rose Blackstar Shari
Penn Gate Chief Mark Alice
Ebe-Tide SC Jessica

Jim & Kim Grove
Zimmerman/Neer/Connelly
Tom McCauley
Kevin Horst
Steve & Chris Wood
Jason Morrell