

Holstein Breeders Return To Convention Roots

1997 Progressive Genetics Herd Award Winners

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• When your first love is farming, and you live in a very urban area, the real estate values are incredibly high. The number of acres available to handle a larger herd are not available.

• A 100 cow herd can't support several families, so if you want to keep on farming, you need to look for other ways to make a profit.

• They didn't sell the land at home and move the farming operation to a less dense populated area because you can only do this one time, and then you are done. In addition, family ties keep you on your home place.

• Additional skills are needed if you are going to diversify. People skills were mentioned. Also business skills such as selling may be needed.

• Family partnerships are a blessing when everyone gets along reasonably well and can work together.

• Good hired labor is appreciated by everyone. Sometimes a teenager is given an opportunity to have a first job. Sometimes a mature person is given special consideration because this person has become an integral part of the business.

• Don't have a hobby you can't make a profit from. Many diversifications come from a hobby turned into a business.

• Management takes resources and moves them toward a desired end. The moderator, Gary She-

pherd, Westmoreland County agent, said all the panel members had expressed exactly this definition for good management—what management is meant to do.

The annual convention sale held Wednesday night was quite lively with many lots selling over \$4,000 even as embryos. The top of the sale was lot number two in the catalogue. Solid-Gold Rudolph Lucy-ET, a July calf, sold for \$9,500 to H. E. Hendel, Brogue. The high indexed calf consigned by Mike and Cindy Weimer, Emlenton, is out of their famous Lacey cow. The calf's sire is Rudolph, and the bottom side has exceptional dams on back to at least the 7th generation.

The second high lot was a first-choice-of-four ultrasound females due 8/30/98 consigned by Dale and Fred Rice from Chambersburg. Looking Ahead Group from Harmony paid \$7,800 for this choice. Metro is the sire, and the maternal line is the famous homebred Kaye and Noreen cows that put both longevity and indices into the pedigree.

The third high selling lot at \$7,000 was also bought by H. E. Hendel. Fay-West Patron Libby-ET, a May heifer, was consigned by Fay-West Holsteins, owned by the Derr family from Dawson. The sire is patron, and the dam is Rothrock Leadman Leopard-ET, the next dam Lupy, and the next day Lou Ella. Need we say more?

In the awards program, Gary and Barbara Lentz from Lebanon were

named the winners of the 1998 distinguished young breeder award. They have three children, Katie, Dustin, and Colin.

Their farm and Holstein herd, Dream-On Holsteins was established in 1980 with 40 registered Holsteins that averaged 17,091m, 663f with a BAA of 102.1 on a rented farm where feed was purchased.

Today, they own 85 head of registered Holsteins with a rolling herd average of 26,304m 884f 847p with a BAA of 106.8. They have purchased a farm, built a new tie-stall barn and heifer facility.

They have been active in Lebanon County Holstein Club where Gary has served as president and treasurer. He has also served as a national Holstein delegate and chaired the county heifer sale. The family has hosted over 300 club members at the 1995 county field day. Gary is also active on the county extension committee, serves as a 4-H leader and on his church board.

Barb has been active with the Lebanon County dairy promotion committee, serves as a Sunday School teacher, is treasurer of the parent-teacher organization and is the church youth coordinator.

Dream-On Holsteins has been very active in dairy promotion, hosting numerous school tours at the farm and has hosted a Farm-City open house. The Lentz family has received the progressive breed-

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7 Years

Joseph & Sandra Lusby, Atglen
Lewis & Barbara Berkley, Berlin
Harry & Aliene Thompson, Carlisle
Keystone Farm, Easton
Michael & Cindy Weimer, Emlenton
Charles Bean, Franklin
Dale & Paula Wack, Harmony
Singing Brook Farms, Imler
Keith Decker, Knox
Gary & Barbara Lentz, Lebanon
Jonas Nolt, Leola
Andrew D. Stoltzfus, Morgantown
Dennis & David Hottenstein, New Albany
Jed Beshore, New Cumberland
Junge Farms Inc., New Tripoli
Janice, Jurbala, Orangeville
Steven & Barbara Wilson, Port Royal
Oakenbound Holsteins, Richland
Timothy & Teresa Kissling, Robeson
Latuch Bros. Farms, Rockwood
Phillip Beachy, Salisbury
Jay & Mary Houser, Spring Mills
Thomas Kelly, Tryone
Paul Senita, Wattsburg

6 Years

Elvin Kurtz, Elverson
Allegen Farms, Genesee
Keith Beiler, Paradise
Michael Hoover, Tyrone
Frederick England, Williamsburg
John & Susan Howard, Willow Street
Brian Ruch, Andreas
Daryl Martin, Fredericksburg
Mark Meyers, Greencastle
William Bryant, Honesdale
Wayne & Roger Sherwood, Meshoppen
Ronald & Loraine Hembury, Muncy
Jay Weaver, Myerstown
Kirby & Sheryl Horst, Newmanstown
James & Dennis London, Punxsutawney
Thomas & Elizabeth Wilson, Saegertown

4 Years

Daniel & Penny Ulmer, Bellefonte
Joseph Wivell, Columbia
William & Michael Ammon, Lewistown

3 Years

Ridge Star Farm, Spring City
Dale & Fred Rice, Chambersburg
Wayne Myers, Dover
Nevin & Susan Hess, Marietta
Curvin Good, Myerstown
Geary & Judy Shade, Alexandria
David & Jeannette Brandt, Annville
James Compton, Clarksburg
Welsh-Hill Dairy Farms, Morgantown
Herman Bishop, Roaring Branch
Myron Bonzo, Rochester

1 Year

David Yoder, Belleville
Dean Hillegass, Berlin
Hillmont Farms, Berlin
Reid Hoover, Lebanon
Meadow Wood Farms, Lebanon
David Stoltzfoos, Leola
Robert Shelly, Manheim
Richard Sauder, Reinholds
David Pool, Robeson
Hillside Farms Inc., Shavertown
Fultonway Farm, Inc., Willow Street

125,000 lb. Class

All-PA	Ideals MacWayne Radar	Jake & Sallianne Tanis
Reserve	Alta View Boutonniere Della	Ronald Ruffaner
Honorable Mention	Penn Gate B-Star Frolic	Steve & Chris Wood
Honorable Mention	Sue-Bets Lone Starr Marta	Joe Stitt
Honorable Mention	Wind-Drift AJ Natema	Campbell, Claypoole, Beatty

Best Three Female

All-PA	Penn Gate	Steve & Chris Wood
Reserve	Windy-Knoll-View	James & Nina Burdette
Honorable Mention	New Direction Holsteins	Alan, Sandy & Tom McCauley

Produce of Dam

All-PA	Windy-Knoll-View Ultimate Pala	James & Nina Burdette
Reserve	Autumn View Odyssey Angel	Jim & Kim Grove
Honorable Mention	Globe-Run Sexy Darlene	Charann Foster

Dam & Daughter

All-PA	Beaver-Crest Starbuc Jo	
	Autumn View Jodie	Jim & Kim Grove
Reserve	Windy-Knoll-View CC Pear-ET	
	Windy-Knoll-View JJB Pez-ET	Justin Burdette
Reserve	Tower-Vue Aerostar Judy	
	Tower-Vue Tab Jasmine	Elizabeth Walton
Honorable Mention	New Direction Jet Cameo	
	New Direction Camille	Alan McCauley

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