



1998-99 York County Dairy Princess Jessica Pomraning and her promotion team: from left, front, are Alternate Princess Heather Crowl, Princess Jessica, Li'l Miss Amber Thoman and Alternate Princess Jessica Yohe, and rear, Dairy Miss Amanda Hoover and Dairy Maids Janet Yohe and April Daugherty.

Jessica Pomraning Is York Dairy Princess

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YORK (York Co.) — "Wow!" was the immediate reaction of Jessica Pomraning after being crowned the 1998-99 York County Dairy Princess.

Jessica, 16, is the daughter of Teresa and Myron Pomraning, Slab Road, Delta. She was crowned York County's 1998-99 dairy princess as the highlight of the annual pageant, held June 20 at the 4-H Center.

Jessica Yohe was named the first alternate. She is 16 and the daughter of Kathy and Jerry Yohe, York. Heather Crowl, 16-year-old daughter of Joyce and Ellis Crowl, Airville, was also named an alternate. As part of the judging and selection process, all three candidates presented speeches, skits, and responded to impromptu questions during the pageant program.

The new county princess is a junior at Red Lion Area High School and active in the marching band, yearbook staff, and school musical events. Jessica is an Airville 4-H dairy club member and exhibits her animals in local shows. She helps with various responsibilities on the Pomraning family's 60-milking operation and is employed part time at J.C. Penney.

For her skit presentation, Jessica performed as a high school athlete whose poor food choices led to a sporting-event injury and, in turn, taught her to eat a more healthful diet. Jessica's speech topic was a related one, focusing on the calcium crisis resulting in injuries and on helping consumers understand the new milk labels to make their best diet selections.

During on-stage questioning, Jessica was asked how she would personally benefit if selected as dairy princess. Her response was that it would help her to improve her communications skills toward her future job career.

Alternate Jessica Yohe made a speech presentation on how milk "does a body good," reviewing the numerous nutrients found in milk and how they help keep people's bodies in better health. Jessica be-

came a magician in a long, flowing black robe for her skit, demonstrating how milk is magically change into various tasty dairy foods.

Questioned as to what had prompted her to enter the dairy princess pageant, Jessica explained her concern over the health of people, especially children, who do not eat proper diets, and her interest in helping to educate them toward better food consumption habits.

Jessica's family is part of the Stump Acres dairy operation, where she helps with some milking chores, as well as working part time at Hardee's Restaurant. She is a junior at Spring Grove Area High School and a member of the track and field team.

Alternate Heather Crowl became a television host for the Merry Moo Story Hour as her skit presentation, garbed in appropriate cow-fabric costume to tell a cow-related tale illustrated with an oversized storybook. Her "Where's Your Milk Mustache?" speech warned that not enough teen-agers are consuming milk and suggested a variety of alternative dairy products that help meet the body's daily need for the nutrients provided by milk.

When asked what she would hope to accomplish if chosen as the dairy princess, Heather related her interest in working with junior high, teen-age and senior citizen groups to share the dairy nutrition message.

Heather is a junior at Red Lion Area High School and active in the school and county chapters of the FFA. She is an Airville 4-H dairy club member and exhibits many of her 22 head of cattle. Heather has served as a York County Dairy Maid for three years.

Crowned as York County Dairy Maids were 14-year-olds April Daugherty and Janet Yohe. For their part of the pageant program, each gave a brief poster-illustrated speech on the benefits of drinking milk as opposed to consuming soft drinks and answered questions from emcee Chuck Cruickshank.

Janet is the daughter of Kathy

and Jerry Yohe, York, and sister to alternate princess Jessica. She is a ninth-grader at Spring Grove, active in several sports and the school orchestra. Her farm responsibilities include helping with evening milkings.

April is the daughter of Terre Anne and Philip Daugherty, York, and a sister to retiring princess Amanda Daugherty. She helps with milking and dairy cleanup chores on the family's farm. A New Freedom Christian School eighth-grade student, April enjoys playing softball.

Named Dairy Miss for York County is Amanda Hoover. Amanda is the 10-year-old daughter of Rose and Paul Hoover, East Prospect, where her family maintains a dairy goat herd. A poem on dairying was her presentation for the program.

Rounding out the York dairy promotion team is Amber Thoman, 4, crowned as the Li'l Dairy Miss. Amber's parents are Gail and Gary Thoman, Dallastown. Amber likes playing with the farm's calves and kittens.

In her farewell as the outgoing princess, Amanda Hoover especially thanked her sister, April, for taking her place many times to help with the barn and milking chores while she fulfilled her princess responsibilities. She related her most embarrassing predicament as an elementary school promotion, during which she explained to the children that only "girl cows" give milk. When one young man became irate that "boy cows" were being overlooked and questioned her, another piped up that boy cows are used for meat. April breathed a sign of relief and quickly moved on to another subject.

"Work together as a team and have a good time," were her parting words of advice to the contestants as they awaited the final judging decision.

Serving as judges for the pageant were Chris Marsteller, Stewartstown, farm wife and current Mrs. Pennsylvania Globe; Paul Miller, Linglestown, retired Holstein dairyman and cattle classifier; and Ron Miller, Jacobus, candi-

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