

# Habecker Wins Best Bred, Owned Contest

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NORTH CORNWALL (Lebanon Co.) — Amy Habecker of

Lebanon, a former Lebanon County dairy maid, on Tuesday won the annual Lebanon County Fair Best Bred and Owned 4-H dairy contest.

In fact, the top three contestants have all been involved in the Lebanon County dairy princess promotion program, either having served

as dairy maids or as the younger "li'l dairy miss" position.

Whether involvement in the dairy princess program was in some way helpful in winning the contest, if it indicates character and dedication to the dairy industry that carries into other aspects of their lives, or if is only coincidence, it seems more than coincidence that the three winners have been involved.

The Lebanon County Best Bred and Owned dairy contest is unique.

It was started several years ago as a way to more directly reward the efforts of youth with dairy project animals, in addition to the regular dairy breed contest considerations, in which the physical animal condition is the main judging point.

Top quality animals can be purchased by those with enough money, but the best bred and owned competition is designed to reflect the effort, dedication and

abilities of the youth to their project animals and to developing their own skills.

The contest is a point-accumulation contest that puts only a maximum of 20 percent of the scoring on the quality of the animal.

Out of a total possible 50 points, Habecker had 49.

The contest values the quality of the contestant's 4-H project book with a possible 20 points; fitting awards for 10 points; showmanship awards for another 10 points; and 10 points for the quality of the animal.

This year, a record 12 contestants participated.

The contest rewards each of the top three finishers with an \$100 U.S. Savings Bond.

Taking second and third places, respectively, were Sarah Krall of Lebanon, and Jennifer Maulfair of Jonestown.



From the left, in order from first through third place, the winners of the Lebanon Area Fair Best Bred and Owned dairy contest, who hold the halter of their respective project animals, are Amy Habecker, Sarah Krall, and Jennifer Maulfair. They are joined by Lebanon County Dairy Maid Laura Blauch, county Dairy Princess Heidi Finicle, and Lebanon Area Fair Queen Rebecca Shirk.



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## Edenbrook Holsteins Hosts Picnic

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KNOX (Clarion County) — Highlights of the 1998 Pennsylvania Holstein Association's Summer Picnic included meeting KED Mark Justine and viewing a parade of her descendants.

This year's summer picnic was held at Edenbrook Holsteins home of Keith and Debbie Decker and family. The farm is located just outside of Knox in Clarion County, approximately 255 Holstein enthusiasts turned out to enjoy the event and see the Edenbrook herd for themselves.

Picnickers were able to visit the 14-year-old Justine in the barn and learn more about her. Justine is classified Very Good-88 and has produced more than 292,000 pounds of milk to date. She has several sons in A.I. including Juror, Jurist, and Jubal; and her descendants are being milked all over United States and throughout the world.

After lunch, the Dick Smith from ABS Global and Keith Decker introduced some of the Justine's descendants to the crowd and gave them a sneak peak at the future of the Justine cow family. Smith also talked about Justine's impact on the Holstein breed through her sons, daughters, and granddaughters.

John Wadsworth, a New York Holstein breeder, who works with Holstein World On-Line, spoke on the Internet and Holsteins on the worldwide web. He gave the audience tips on where to find dairy related sights and information and talked about how Holstein breeders could use the Internet to promote their animals.

Also, Ken Rainy of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association introduced Shawn McMahon, the new field representative for Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. McMahon talked briefly about animal identification and the new American I.D. system.