

Three-Year-Old Is Supreme At Carroll County 4-H/FFA Show

WESTMINSTER, Md. — A homebred junior 3-year-old Holstein owned by Justin Watt of Middleburg was named supreme champion of the dairy show here at the 101st Carroll County 4-H and FFA fair. The show was held in the dairy pavilion at the Carroll County Ag Center.

MD-Cedar Knoll Encore Gem, who was fresh in December, clinched the title with her all-around quality and good looks, according to judge Ronnie Heffner of Jefferson, Maryland.

Judge Heffner liked Justin's cow so well he predicted that she could possibly be nominated Junior All-American. "She's a very complete cow; she's got the balance, she's got the udder, and she's got the legs," said the judge. In fact the great-grand-dam of the cow herself went Junior All-American as a junior 3-year-old.

Justin, the son of Jerry and Barbara Watt, said he wasn't totally surprised by the big 3-Year-Old's top placing. "I figured she'd be up there because of some of the other shows I've been to," said the fifteen-year-old, "She's a nice cow and I've been told by many people in the county that she's a nice cow." Gem placed 2nd this year at the Maryland Spring Show and 2nd at the District show, held at the Howard County Fairgrounds, where she was also reserve grand champion.

Master of Ceremonies Allen Stiles pointed out that three of the grand champion cows in this 4-H fair: the Holstein, the Brown Swiss shown by Erin Burall, and the Jersey shown by Daniel Null, were bred and owned cows. "That shows our kids are doing a good job," he said.

Mr. Heffner stressed to the audience how impressed he was with the enthusiasm and quality in the show, and said the pride of the young people really came through in the show ring. "I'm honored that I had a chance to judge this Carroll County fair," he said, "I judge a lot of shows, and I've never seen anything on the whole with so much interest. Pride is a big thing in anything you do, and Carroll County has a lot of pride."

Supreme junior champion honors went to the first place Holstein junior yearling exhibited by Jeena Rinehart. Heffner said he was impressed by the heifer's front end, her breed character, and her style.

Following the show, the Carroll County 4-H dairy judging teams were announced. Team members are as follows: Junior Team: Jenae Rinehart, Brandi Burdette, Jodee Rinehart, Scott Davis, Alternates: Jon Sanders and Sarah Gieron. Intermediate Team: Ashley Burdette, Ryan Haines, Danielle Hess, Jarrod Burall, Alternates: Eileen Albaugh and Brandon Derr. Senior Team: Jeena Rinehart, Brett Haines, Amy Miller, Jeff Sutton, Alternates: Gary Brauning and Josh Sanders.

Three scholarships were awarded to dairy youth by the Carroll County 4-H dairy club at the dairy show. Two scholarships in memory of Alan Wiles were given, one to Jason Watt and one to Kristin Myers. The third scholarship, presented in

memory of Zach Hall, was given to Jessica Fritz.

The top three placing in each class at the Carroll County 4-H/FFA dairy show follow.

FITTING AND SHOWING

Age 16 and up: 1 Kristin Myers, 2 Amy Miller, 3 Josh Sanders

14 and 15 Year Olds: 1 David Miller, 2 Gary Brauning, 3 Ross Bell

12 and 13 Year Olds: 1 Ashley Burdette, 2 Jarrod Burall, 3 Sarah Brauning

10 and 11 Year Olds: 1 Jonathan Sanders, 2 Jenae Rinehart, 3 Davis Schwartzbeck

8 and 9 Year Olds: 1 Jarrod Thomas, 2 Derek Savage, 3 Jordan Leppo

1st Year F&S (8-18): 1 Eileen Albaugh, 2 Holly Wnght, 3 Jodee Rinehart

Champion F&S: Kristin Myers

Champion Showman: Kristin Myers

JR. HEIFER

Brown Swiss: 1 Danielle Garst, 2 Joshua Gieron, 3 Ross Bell

Ayrshire: 1 Kimberly Holland

Holstein: 1 Jeena Rinehart, 2 Jodee Rinehart, 3 Holly Wnght

Jersey: 1 Amanda Holland, 2 Sarah Gieron, 3 Ashley Burdette

INT. HEIFER

Brown Swiss: 1 Danielle Garst, 2 Jarrod Burall

Guernsey: 1 Jason Watt

Holstein: 1 Jodee Rinehart, 2 Joshua Gieron, 3 Josh Sanders

Jersey: 1 Bobby A Groft, 2 Ashley

Burdette, 3 Brandi Burdette

SR. HEIFER

Holstein: 1 Jenae Rinehart, 2 Kristin Myers, 3 Dustin Derr

Jersey: 1 Bobby A Groft

SUMMER YEARLING HEIFER

Brown Swiss: 1 Kristin Myers

Holstein: 1 Lauren Hess, 2 Amy Miller, 3 Derek Savage

Jersey: 1 Jordan Leppo, 2 Bobby A Groft, 3 Ashley Burdette

JR. YEARLING HEIFER

Brown Swiss: 1 Jarrod Burall, 2 Jordan Leppo, 3 Shelley Bell

Holstein: 1 Jeena Rinehart, 2 Jonathan Sanders, 3 Paul R Albaugh, III

Jersey: 1 Brandi Burdette, 2 Jennifer Stambaugh, 3 Samantha Stambaugh

Milking Shorthorn: 1 Adam Brower

INT. YEARLING HEIFER

Holstein: 1 Kristin Myers, 2 Davis Schwartzbeck, 3 Ryan Haines

Jersey: 1 Bobby A Groft, 2 Brandi Burdette

SR. YEARLING HEIFER

Brown Swiss: 1 Enn Burall

Holstein: 1 Amy Miller, 2 Josh Sanders, 3 David Miller

Jersey: 1 Bobby A Groft, 2 Brandi Burdette

CHAMPION HEIFER

Ayrshire: Champion: Kimberly Holland

Brown Swiss: Champion: Kristin Myers,

Reserve: Danielle Garst

Guernsey: Champion: Jason Watt

Holstein: Champion: Jeena Rinehart,

Reserve: Jeena Rinehart

Jersey: Champion Bobby A Groft

Reserve: Bobby A Groft

Milking Shorthorn: Champion Adam Brower

Supreme Champion Heifer: Jeena Rinehart

JR. 2-YEAR-OLD

Holstein: 1 Jarrod Burall, 2 Amy Miller, 3 Josh Hoff

Guernsey: 1 Davis Schwartzbeck

Jersey: 1 Brandi Burdette, 2 Nicolette Null

Holstein: 1 Brandon Derr, 2 David Miller, 3 Ryan Haines

Jersey: 1 Ashley Burdette

JR. 3-YEAR-OLD

Holstein: 1 Justin Watt, 2 Jason Watt

Jersey: 1 Bobby A Groft

SR. 3-YEAR-OLD

Brown Swiss: 1 Ross Bell

Holstein: 1 Josh Sanders, 2 Ryan Haines, 3 Justin Watt

Jersey: 1 William Null, 2 Ashley Burdette, 3 Zeb Hall

AGED COW

Brown Swiss: 1 Enn Burall, 2 Shelley Bell

Guernsey: 1 Wyatt Hall

Holstein: 1 Adam Brower, 2 Gary Brauning, 3 Josh Sanders

Jersey: 1 Daniel Null, 2 Ashley Burdette

DRY COW

Holstein: 1 Amy Miller

Jersey: 1 Bobby A Groft

HOLSTEIN PRODUCTION AWARDS

3-Year-Old Cow: Ryan Haines

4-Year-Old Cow: Josh Sanders

CHAMPION COW

Brown Swiss: Enn Burall Reserve Ross

Bell: **Guernsey:** Davis Schwartzbeck Reserve

Wyatt Hall

Holstein: Justin Watt Reserve Brandon Derr

Jersey: Daniel Null Reserve Ashley Burdette

GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

Ayrshire: Kimberly Holland

Brown Swiss: Enn Burall Reserve Ross

Guernsey: Davis Schwartzbeck, Reserve

Wyatt Hall

Holstein: Justin Watt Reserve Brandon Derr

Jersey: Daniel Null Reserve Ashley Burdette

Milking Shorthorn: Adam Brower

TOTAL PERFORMANCE

Holstein: Adam Brower

HIGH PROTEIN AND PERFORMANCE

Jersey: Daniel Null

DAM AND DAUGHTER

Brown Swiss: 1 Ross Bell

Holstein: 1 Josh Hoff, 2 Ryan Haines, 3 Justin Nupp

Jersey: Ashley Burdette, 2 Daniel Null, 3 Bobby A Groft

Champion Dam and Daughter: (Zachary Hall memorial Award) Josh Hoff

BEST BRED AND OWNED

Brown Swiss: Ross Bell

Holstein: Justin Watt

Jersey: Daniel Null

OUTSTANDING JUNIOR DAIRY EXHIBITOR

Ryan Haines

OUTSTANDING SENIOR DAIRY EXHIBITOR

Amy Miller

Dairy Feeding Systems Conference Dec. 8-10

CAMP HILL (Cumberland Co.) — Dairy feeding systems impact milk production, labor requirements, capital investments, cropping systems, excess nutrients, and overall farm profitability. A conference focusing on this important system within the dairy farm is scheduled here Dec. 8-10.

Entitled "Dairy Feeding Systems: Management, Components, and Nutrients," the conference will bring together more than 30 experts, including several producers, to share their knowledge and answer participants' questions on all aspects of dairy feeding systems components and management.

Target audiences for the conference are dairy producers and farm managers; producer advisers and consultants; extension and university educators; nutritionists; crop advisers; feed, seed, and equipment sales representatives; nutrient managers and agronomists; veterinarians; agricultural engineers; and faculty designers. The program will be of interest to policy makers, lenders, and professionals working in agricultural media as well.

The goals of the conference are to provide information that can improve feeding systems management and farm profitability, provide an overview of the engineering aspects of feeding systems, and demonstrate the integration of herd nutrition and cropping system management to improve farm profitability and minimize excess nutrients.

Included in the three-day program are presentations on feeding systems and herd health, choosing storage facilities, forage allocation, contracting for feed, coping with catastrophic loss, TMR mixers and management, worker training, grouping strategies, feed bunks, water quality, cow comfort, shrinkage, feed quality, economics, and nutrients management. Speakers from academia and industry will include animal scientists, engineers, consultants, veterinarians, and agronomists. The conference will offer a combination of presentations, panel discussions, and informal discussions. Plenty of time is dedicated to audience questions.

Planned evening discussions will be dedicated to topics of interest to the audience. An evening trade show may be offered, if there is sufficient industry interest. (Those interested in exhibiting should contact NRAES.)

The planning committee for the Dairy Feeding Systems conference includes Jud Heinrichs, Department of Dairy and Animal Science, The Pennsylvania State University; Ginny Ishler, Department of Dairy and Animal Science, The Pennsylvania State University; Dennis Buckmaster, Department of Agricultural Engineering; The Pennsylvania State University; Larry Chase, Department of Animal Science, Cornell University; Danny Fox, Department of Animal Science, Cornell University; Robert Graves, Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering, The Pennsylvania State University; Corwin Holtz, Agway; and Marty Sailus, NRAES.

The registration fee for the conference is \$210 in U.S. funds if postmarked on or before November 16, 1998; and \$260 in U.S. funds after November 16 and for walk-ins. The fee includes admission to conference, one lunch, break refreshments, evening discussions, and a copy of the conference proceedings. Checks should be made payable to NRAES in U.S. funds. All major credit cards are also accepted. Refunds must be requested by November 23, 1998; and there is a \$25 fee to process a refund.

A block of rooms has been reserved for conference participants at the Radisson Penn Harris Hotel and Convention Center in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, which is just outside of Harrisburg. To reserve a room, call the Radisson Penn Harris Hotel at (717) 763-7117 or (800) 333-3333. Mention "Dairy Feeding Conference" to receive the special conference rate of \$65, plus 6 percent tax, for a single, double, triple, or quad. Reservations must be made by November 16, 1998, to receive the special conference rate. After that date, the hotel will no longer hold rooms at the conference rate, and reserva-

tions will be accepted on a space and rate availability basis.

A conference brochure will be available in September. The information in the brochure, including a complete conference program, a registration form, and directions to the hotel, will also be found on the NRAES Web page, www.nraes.org. Registrations will be accepted via the Internet.

NRAES, the Natural Resource, Agriculture, and Engineering Service, is focused

on increasing the availability of research and experience-based knowledge for producers and their advisors. All NRAES activities are guided by faculty from member universities.

For more information or for one or more free conference brochures, contact NRAES, Cooperative Extension, 152 Riley-Robb Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853-5701; phone (607) 255-7654; fax (607) 254-8770; e-mail nraes@cornell.edu

Fertilizer Institute Hails

WASHINGTON, D.C. — After more than three years of proactive education and congressional activity by The Fertilizer Institute, precision agriculture research legislation is on its way to the White House where the President is expected to sign it into law.

The Precision Agriculture Research, Education and Information Dissemination Act (formerly S. 485 and H.R. 725) is part of the Agriculture Research, Extension, and Education Reauthorization Act conference report.

The measure creates a detailed precision ag research initiative with definitions, priorities and objectives for the Secretary of Agriculture to consider when approving federal research grants.

"I urge the President to sign the bill and ask the Secretary of Agriculture to begin funding precision agriculture research projects in accordance with the new law," said TFI President Gary D. Myers. Increased farmer adoption of site-specific, precision agriculture plays an important role in addressing concerns about water quality, air quality, food quality and climate change. More research and education will help increase farmer adoption.

Precision agriculture technologies and farming systems were first introduced to Members of Congress in the summer of 1995 when TFI and others sponsored a Congressional Precision Agriculture Field Day at the Agriculture

Research Service's headquarters in Beltsville, Maryland. The popular success of that event spawned similar field days around the country and federal legislative initiatives in both the House and Senate.

"As principle sponsors and bulldog supporters of the precision ag research legislation, Senators Mitch McConnell (R-KY), Pat Roberts (R-KS) and Representatives Ron Lewis (R-KY), Mike Crapo (R-ID) and many other supporting members of Congress deserve the full credit for passage of this important legislation," Myers said. "The U.S. commercial fertilizer manufacturing, retail service and equipment manufacturing industry looks forward to working with the Department of Agriculture, Land Grant Universities, Extension Service and our farmer customers in researching and adopting emerging technologies for the good of the environment and the farmer's bottom line."

"Precision agriculture has shown to have the potential to save farmers money on input costs, increase yields and productivity, while at the same time be sound agronomically and protect the environment," Myers said. "Congress' action today is a win-win-win initiative for our industry, our customers and our environment."

For a more detailed summary of the precision ag research legislation see www.tfi.org.

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