Ohio Junior Walks Wins $2,427 In Jersey Pot O'Gold Contest

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio — Imagine going to a cattle auction, buying a yearling heifer, then three years later pocketing a check for about $2,400 in a contest based upon her first lactation.

That's exactly what Andrew Bok, a 10-year-old 4-H'er from Defiance, Ohio, has done with his heifer, "Vera," in the 1998 Pot O'Gold Production Contest sponsored by the American Jersey Cattle Association of Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

Andrew is the winner of the 1998 Pot O'Gold Production Contest.

Twenty-two heifers sold in two Pot O'Gold sales in 1995 were eligible for this event. First-calf lactation records for each entry were standardized, the dollar value was calculated using Federal Order 33 multiple component pricing (MCP), and then ranked. The owners of the 12 highest producing animals split an award purse totalling $8,670.

In 1995, Andrew purchased Pine Valley Glenwood B Vera from Pine Valley Dairy Inc., Lakeland, Fla., for $2,600.

"Vera" was sired by a highly proven Jersey bull, Duncan Duke of Glenwood, PTI +270. Her dam was an Excellent daughter of Molly Brook Brass Major, PTI +279, with two lactations averaging 15,528-622-544 m.e.

As this year's contest winner, Andrew receives $2,427.60. His heifer calved at two years and three months of age, and 305 days produced 25,310 lbs. milk, 1,215 lbs. fat, and 876 lbs. protein. Her standardized record was 29,613—1,409—1,016 m.e., and the MCP dollar value of the record was $4,466.95.

Derrick L. Josi, from Tillamook, Oregon, is the second place winner and receives $1,473.90. He purchased Rebob Berretta Bionca, a daughter of Mason Boomer Sooner Berretta, PTI +413, from Rebob Farm Inc., Tillamook.

Derrick paid $1,600 for "Bionca" in the 1995 Western Pot O'Gold Sale.

"Bionca" calved at one year and 11 months of age, and in 305 days produced 19,940 lbs. milk, 1,063 lbs. fat, and 703 lbs. protein. This was standardized to 25,324—1,339—886 me. The MCP value for this lactation was $4,023.88.

The third place winner is Mollie Jensen from Turlock, Calif. She purchased Berretta Commander S9291 from Yosemite Jersey Dairy, in Hilmar, CA, for $2,100. She receives $867 for her animal's winning lactation.

"S9291" was sired by Mason Boomer Sooner Berretta. She calved at two years and two months of age and produced 19,640 lbs. milk, 889 lbs. fat, and 780 lbs. protein, which was standardized to 24,943—1,102—967 m.e.

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Premiere exhibitor and premier breeder awards went to the Allen Hill Dairy, Smock. A family business, the following family members helped show a total of 14 animals (left to right): Shelby Allen, Joel Winder, Corky Allen, Sandy Allen, Taylor Allen, Rich Allen, Justin Burdette, Ron Allen, Clinton Allen, Lisa Allen, and Daniel Allen. Tying the end of the line is judge Creedin Cornman, Carlisle, PA. Photo by David Hiebert.

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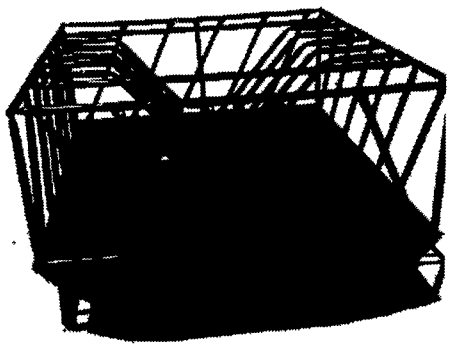

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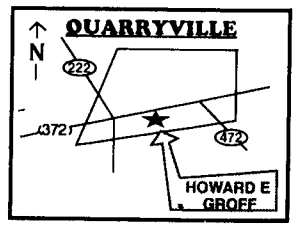
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