



Penn State DAIRYMEN'S Club NEWSLETTER

Fall 1998

Lloyd Ebersole to Speak at Annual Meeting

J. Lloyd Ebersole is the featured speaker at the 1998 Penn State Dairymen's Club Annual Meeting. A charter member and first president of the Dairymen's Club, Ebersole will shed light on the club's 20-year history and mission to the Pennsylvania dairy industry.

Ebersole grew up on a Guernsey farm in Perry County, PA. He began his career in the artificial insemination (A.I.) industry in 1962, working in the barn and laboratory of the First PA Artificial Breeding Cooperative in Lewisburg, PA. He worked as an A.I. technician for three years before attending Penn State and receiving his baccalaureate degree in agricultural education. As a member of the Penn State dairy judging team, he was the high individual in the 1968 National Intercollegiate Dairy Judging Contest. He was a member of the

Livestock Judging Team the following year.

In 1970, Ebersole returned to the A.I. industry concentrating on the areas of herd evaluation, direct herd training and the training and supervision of technicians. He became a sire analyst for Sire Power in 1972 and was named director of sire programs in 1974. In 1979, he was named assistant manager at Sire Power, a position he holds today.

Ebersole has served the National Association of Animal Breeders (NAAB) on a number of committees. These committees include the Dairy Sire Evaluation Committee that he chaired for three years, the Beef Development Committee and the National Dairy Herd Improvement Rules Committee, which he served as an industry representative. In 1994, he was elected to the NAAB Board of Directors. A lifetime member of the

Dairy Shrine, he was a director for six years, before serving as president in 1994.

A strong supporter of youth and an advocate of education, Ebersole has given freely of his time to Penn State, the Department of Dairy Science, and the Pennsylvania dairy industry. He serves as a judge for numerous intercollegiate and youth dairy judging contests at the PA All-American Show and World Dairy Expo. He also was instrumental in conducting a research trial at Penn State to determine the best method of incorporating linear evaluation formats into judging contests.

The Dairymen's Club is honored to have Lloyd Ebersole, a distinguished leader in the Pennsylvania dairy industry, as our guest speaker at the annual meeting.

for the Responsible Use of Animals (SRUA):

The Prospective Student Visitation Day event is for high school students interested in agriculture, especially the animal sciences.

There is no cost to high school students, but pre-registration is required by Oct. 20. Pre-registration should be sent to LuAnn Weatherholtz, 324 Henning Building, University Park, PA, 16802, or call at (814) 863-3664 for more information.

Participating students are to stay overnight with a host student Oct. 28. Registration is to start at 5 p.m. Oct. 28, and the evening includes dinner and a joint meeting with the sponsoring clubs, featuring a talk by alumnus Becky Sonnen-Bube, a graduate of the College of Agricultural Sciences, currently involved with dairy promotion.

Also on tap for the evening are to be a disc jockey, volleyball, and the opportunity to interact with Penn State students as well as other high school students.

On Thursday, Oct. 29, high school students are to attend an Animal Science laboratory class in the morning.

After the lab class, the participating high school students are free to select from taking campus tours, meeting with advisors or attending classes with their host student.

Lunch Thursday will be provided.

After lunch, students are to attend an Ag Science class (Ag Sci 290), "Careers in Agriculture," followed by a wrap-up session. Students are to be released to return home at 2:30 p.m.

Parents of participating high school students who wish to stay in the area can make their own arrangements at the Days Inn-Penn State at (800) 258-DAYS; the Autoport Motel and Restaurant at (814) 237-7666; the Sleep Inn at (814) 235-1020; or the Hampton Inn at (814) 231-1590.

Jay Houser Wins Service Award

The winner of the 1997 Penn State Dairymen's Club Service Award was Jay Houser, respected dairy producer in Centre County.

After taking over management of the family farm in 1963, Jay has built and maintained a high quality dairy herd over the past 34 years. The Penn Dell farm consists of 287 acres and 150 head of registered Holsteins. Jay has bred and developed cows that have high lifetime production totals, with the top producer reaching 301,000 pounds. Thirty homebred cows have scored Excellent and the herd has maintained a BAA in the range of 105-107 over the past 20 years. The herd has received the Holstein PBR award for each of the past 25 years.

Jay has been a member of the National Holstein Association since 1957, and a member of the Centre County Holstein Club since 1959. He has served as Centre County director, vice-president, and is currently serving as president of the PA Holstein Association.

Jay was a 4-H dairy leader for more than 30 years, a member of the Centre County DHIA, and the Sire Power AI Cooperative. Jay has shown regularly at the Centre County Fair, winning Premier Breeder and Exhibitor awards, as well as Grand Championships. He has hosted the PA PDCA judging schools and PA Holstein Junior Judging School.

In addition, Jay has has significant achievements and contributions in other areas. Jay has been a leader in many areas of Centre County agriculture such as PA Farmers Association, Center County Crop Improvement Association, local ASCS board, county extension committee, and has been a local fireman and a Pioneer seeds salesman. Jay belongs to the local Agway Board and is a member of Dairy Shrine. He was named a Master Farmer and received the Conservation Farmer of the Year award in 1983.

Jay and his wife, Mary, have five children and five grandchildren - all involved in the dairy industry on the production end. Jay has been a member and office holder of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church Council for many years.

Jay has given of his time to help young farmers get started. He has a reputation for always having cows for sale at very fair prices for beginner farmers and always has good advice for them.

Jay Houser is not only a successful dairyman, but also a successful family man and is well respected in his community.

The Penn State Dairymen's Club Service Award is presented each year to a leader in the dairy industry who is either a producer, educator, or representative of industry. The 1997 award winner, Jay Houser, has made notable contributions to the Dairy Industry of Pennsylvania.

The Penn State Dairymen's Newsletter is compiled by Beth Raney.

Student Visitation Day Registration Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

Area(s) of interest:

Farm Management Agribusiness

Science/Pre-vet/Research

Companion Animals Large Animals

Mail registration to:
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Andy Reed Wins Poage Grant-in-Aid

The 12th recipient of the Poage Grant-in-Aid was Andrew Reed of Reedsville. He was 1st place, 1997 PA 4-H Achievement Days; All American Judge, 1997 National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest; Member, High Oral Reasons Team and Second Overall Team at the National 4-H Contest; High Individual for Jerseys, 1997 PA All American 4-H Contest.

Penn State Dairymen's Club Annual Banquet

Friday, November 6, 1998
Registration 6:00 PM. Dinner served at 6:30 PM
Celebration Hall, 2280 Commercial Blvd., State College

Reservation Form

Name _____

Address _____

Deadline: November 2, 1998

E-Mail Address _____

Daytime Phone _____

Evening Phone _____

\$ _____ Total for banquet (_____ reservations at \$15/person)

\$ _____ Membership: Lifetime (\$50); Three-Year Renewal (\$15)

\$ _____ Donation to Endowment Fund (supports Judging Team activities and Poage Grant-in-Aid)

\$ _____ Donation to "Sponsor a Senior"
(\$10, \$15, \$20 helps defray the cost of a meal for a senior student at the annual dinner meeting)

\$ _____ Total Enclosed Please use single check, made payable to Penn State Dairymen's Club. Thank You!

Penn State Dairymen's Club to Celebrate 20th Anniversary

Friday evening, November 6 will feature the annual dinner meeting of the club. The 20th Anniversary event will be held at Celebration Hall, 2280 Commercial Blvd., State College. Arrival time is 6:00 - 6:30 P.M. with the dinner beginning at 6:30 P.M. We're looking forward to hearing from guest speaker Lloyd Ebersole. Dr. Terry Etherton, Unit Leader of the Dairy & Animal Science Department, will update the membership with his comments.

Directions to Celebration Hall: From downtown State College, go north on Rt. 26. At the traffic light by College Gardens Nursery and Dunkin' Donuts, turn left on Gerald Street. Commercial Blvd. is the first left hand turn. Celebration Hall is the last building on the street.

Please mail this form with your payment to:

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