

1999 Md. Holstein Association Convention

FULTON, Md. — The Maryland Holstein Association has announced that its 1999 convention has been scheduled for March 12 at the Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center in Ellicott City.

The theme is, "All good things must come to an end," reflecting the coming end of the century.

A convention sale is scheduled for March 13 at the Howard County Fairgrounds in West Friendship.

Convention host is the Howard County Holstein Breeders, and according to a news release, committee people have organized a full agenda.

The deadline for ordering convention tickets is March 1 and payment must accompany the order forms. Checks should be made payable to: Howard County Holstein Association.

Completed forms and payment should be mailed to: 1999 MD Holstein Convention, c/o Sharon & Phil Jones, Bowling Green Farm, 1465 Underwood Road,

Sykesville, MD 21784.

There are four meal categories for which tickets need to be purchased: a seated business lunch; a seated ladies program lunch; a junior program lunch; and the evening seated banquet meal.

The ticket order form includes meal options and prices.

Convention registration begins at 9 a.m., March 12, and is followed at 10 a.m. with the choice of attending the annual business meeting, a ladies program, or a youth program.

Prior to 10 a.m., attendees can visit with commercial exhibitors.

The Maryland State Holstein Association annual business meeting is to include business reports, an election of officers, and the presentation of breed improvement awards, progressive breeder awards, and genetic improvement awards.

The ladies program is to include a presentation on skin care products for the family, accessorizing



Greg Claassen Ventriloquist

with scarves, and easy cake decorating ideas.

The Maryland Junior Holstein Association members' program runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and includes the junior annual business meeting, lunch and guided tours that have an environmental theme.

The juniors are to board a charter bus for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Beltsville Research Station where they are to see the research dairy herd (including a voluntary hands-in-rumen experience); go on tours highlighting the management of animals, manure, crops and soils; visit a manure digester, and see the station's new composting facility.

For those attending the seated luncheon at 12:30 p.m., the featured speaker, at 1:45 p.m., is to be Dr. Tom Bailey, a veterinary reproduction specialist with the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Bailey is to discuss improving reproductive efficiency in the dairy herd, heifer development, and what appears to be the likely future of applied technology.

According to a news release, Dr. Bailey is a veterinary consultant for Holstein Association USA, is president of the Society for Theriogenology, and is actively involved with research on a computerized heat detection system, as well as research on transvaginal follicular aspiration.

From 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., there is to be free time for visiting booths and exhibits, previewing the sale consignments, or attending a demonstration of a new Windows version of DHI PLUS available through DHI, Provo, Utah.

A social hour is scheduled to start at 6 p.m. followed by the banquet at 7 p.m.

The presentation of junior member awards and scholarships, and an introduction of the organization's judging and dairy bowl teams, are to be made at 8 p.m.

At 8:45 p.m., entertainment is to be provided by Greg Claassen, of Whitewater, Kansas. Claassen is a ventriloquist who performs about 120 times per year at theme parks and dinners, and who is involved with his father and two brothers in growing 2,500 acres of grain crops, running a farrow-to-finish hog operation, and raising feeder calves.

A dance with music provided by a disc jockey is set to start at 9:45 p.m.

January F.O. 4 Weighted

Average \$17.23

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Feb. Middle Atlantic Order Acting Market Administrator David Z. Walker announced a January 1999 weighted average milk price of \$17.23 per hundred-weight.

The weighted average differential price was 91 cents per hundredweight and producer nonfat milk solids (NFMS) price was \$1.26 per pound.

The weighted average price was down 12 cents from December but was \$2.96 higher than a year earlier. The producer NFMS price was up 24 cents from 1st January.

The nonfat milk solids price, applicable to handler payments, was \$1.2680 per pound for the month, up 23.97 cents from last year. The gross value of January producer milk, adjusted to 3.5 percent butterfat was \$94.3 million, compared to \$75.5 million a year ago.

Mr. Walker said that producer receipts totaled 551 million pounds during January, an increase of 19.4 million pounds from last January and the aver-

age daily delivery of 3,572 pounds per producer decreased 221 pounds or 5.8 percent from a year earlier.

A total of 4,976 producers supplied Order 4 handlers during the month, an increase of 455 from a year ago.

Class I producer milk totaled 219 million pounds and was down 12.1 million pounds, or 5.2 percent from last January. Class I milk accounted for 39.75 percent of total producer milk receipts during the month, compared with 43.47 percent in January 1998.

The average NFMS test of producer milk was 8.77 percent, up from 8.74 percent the previous year. The average butterfat test of producer milk was 3.84 percent, up from 3.77 percent in January 1998.

Middle Atlantic Order pool handlers reported Class I in-area milk sales of 191.6 million pounds during January, an increase of 1.2 percent from a year earlier, after adjustment to eliminate variation due to calendar composition.

Berks Holstein Club Offers Production Tour

FLEETWOOD (Berks Co.) — On Saturday, March 6, the Berks County Holstein Club has scheduled a bus tour that is to visit some of the top production herds in the state along with the dairy research facilities at Penn State University.

The trip will begin with a morning stop at Scott and Karen Nolt's "Country Path Holsteins." This young Lebanon County couple milks 100 cows three times a day, and average 106 pounds/cow/day. The current herd average is 32,918M 1047F 1023P.

Recently featured in the Holstein World, the Nolts are working in a new tie barn complete with gravity flow gutters, funnel ventilation, mattresses and a milking system equipped with automatic takeoffs.

Their classification BAA is 108.4, and they are currently flushing a high index Luke daughter.

Our next stop will be the Jay Houser Family farm in Centre County. Jay is the immediate past president of the Pa. Holstein Association. His "Penn Dell" herd has long been known for its high production, deep cow families and outstanding type. Jay's son, Jim, is the key member of the family working with the herd.

The cattle are housed in a stall barn and fed a TMR. Recently, the herd was averaging over 88 pounds of milk per cow with many nice heifers in the barn helping to yield a herd average of 27,502M 1059F 864P. Current BAA is 107.9.

Also in Centre County, the next stop is to be at "Ideals Holsteins" operated by Jake and Sally Tanis and family. Jake's philosophy is to breed for type and feed for production; he has achieved both. His herd average is currently 30,908M 1188F 973P, and the herd has topped the PA DHIA for milk in recent years.

With numerous Canadian sires represented in the herd, the BAA is 109.5. Jake uses FullTime Forage corn silage, probiotics and tender loving care to achieve his goals.

The tour is to also visit the Penn State Dairy Research facility, that has been instrumental in keeping Penn State at the forefront of new developments in the dairy industry.

Cattle are housed in freestalls and tie-stalls and milked in a double-10 herringbone parlor. A new state-of-the-art feed mill prepares feed for the 180+ cows in the milking herd.

Currently, several research trials are taking place. In spite of the on-going research and control groups of cattle, the herd is obtaining 88 pounds of milk/cow/day on average. Manure is all handled on a stack-pad. Heifers are raised primarily in freestalls.

From Penn State, on the trip home, a stop is scheduled at the Family House Restaurant to enjoy their "all-you-can-eat buffet" for the evening meal, sponsored by Star Silo Equipment and Service along with Mark Wicks, a representative for Semex. Bus transportation is being subsidized by Cargill Hybrid Seeds, John Gulya, district sales manager.

The bus is to depart the Fleetwood Grange Hall at 7 a.m. on March 6 and will stop for another pick-up at the Bethel Library (just north of I-78 at the Bethel Exit) at 7:45 a.m. Return time will be approximately 8:30 p.m. at Fleetwood.

For reservations, call Dennis Sattazahn at 610-589-2310 or David Bitler at 610-944-0541 before February 28. Bring your own lunch, drinks will be provided by the club. Cost of the trip is \$25. Make checks payable to: "Berks County Holstein Club" on tour day.



MARYLAND STATE HOLSTEIN CONVENTION MARCH 12, 1999 • TURF VALLEY • ELLICOTT CITY, MD

Annual Meeting

- 9 00 a m Registration, visit booths & exhibits
- 10 00 a m Annual business meeting, Breed Improvement awards, Progressive Breeder and Genetics recognition
- 12 30 p m Seated luncheon
- 1 45 p m Featured speaker - Dr Tom Bailey, Veterinary Reproduction Specialist with VA-MD Regional College of Veterinary Medicine will talk about improving reproductive efficiency in the dairy herd heifer development and what's in the future in technology
- 3-6 00 p m Free time to visit booths and exhibits Short demonstration on the new "Windows" version of DHI PLUS by Stephen Smith from DHI, Provo Time to preview the convention sale consignments at the Howard Co fairgrounds

Ladies Program

- 9 00 a m Registration, visit booths & exhibits
- 10 00 a m Triple Treat Skin care products for the entire family, Create a great look with the night scarf, and Cake decorating made easy
- 12 30 p m Seated luncheon - Ellicott Room
- 1 45 p m Featured speaker - Dr Tom Bailey

Junior Program

- 9 00 a m Registration, visit booths and exhibits
- 10 00 a m - Board Eyre's charter bus for USDA, Beltsville Annual business meeting, lunch and guided tours with an "environmental theme" including animal, manure, crop and soil management Juniors will see the dairy herd (including putting hands in a cow's rumen), the manure digester and the new composting facility

Banquet

- 6 00 p m Social hour with cash bar
- 7 00 p m Seated dinner
- 8 00 p m Junior awards, scholarships, and introduction of judging and dairy bowl teams
- 8 45 p m Entertainment - Greg Claassen ventriloquist from Kansas
- 9 45 p m Dancing Disc Jockey

CONVENTION TICKET ORDER FORM

Seated Business Lunch - Chicken Cordon Bleu	_____	# of persons @ \$15 00	\$ _____
Non-Meat Lenten Option	_____	# of persons @ \$15 00	_____
Seated Ladies Lunch - Chicken Cordon Bleu	_____	# of persons @ \$15 00	_____
Non-Meat Lenten Option	_____	# of persons @ \$15 00	_____
Junior Program - Meat Lunch	_____	# of persons @ \$ 5 00	_____
Non-Meat Lenten Option	_____	# of persons @ \$ 5 00	_____
Seated Banquet - Filet Mignon & Chicken	_____	# of persons @ \$25 00	_____
Non-Meat Lenten Option	_____	# of persons @ \$25 00	_____
Age 12 & Under - Meat	_____	# of persons @ \$20 00	_____
Age 12 & Under - Non-Meat	_____	# of persons @ \$20 00	_____
			Total Enclosed \$ _____

List names of those attending _____

Business Meeting _____

Ladies Program _____

Youth Program _____

Banquet _____

Phone Number _____

Mail orders to: 1999 MD Holstein Convention
C/O Sharon & Phil Jones
Bowling Green Farm
1465 Underwood Rd
Sykesville, MD 21784
Phone 410-442-2679

Deadline is March 1, 1999
Money must accompany order

Make check out to:
Howard Co. Holstein Assoc.