

Antrim-Spring Farms Wins Banners at Holstein Show

CHAMBERSBURG — Rodney, Roger and Harold Crider of Antrim-Spring Farms, Chambersburg, PA, won top prizes at the 1999 Franklin County Holstein Open Show held Thursday, August 20, 1999. The top honors for the Criders were the Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor banners. Other top honors were: 1st place, 5-year-old, 1st place - aged cow, 1st place - 100,000 lb. milk class, 1st place - Daughter, Dam and 1st place - Produce of Dam.

Grand Champion of both the Junior and Open Show was

Windy-Knoll View JJB Ping-TW, bred and shown by Justin Burdette of Mercersburg, PA. Reserve Grand Champion of the Junior and Open Show was Q Parnell-View Juror Paula, bred by Carl Hartman, and owned and shown by Lauren Crider of St. Thomas, Pa.

This year, 1999, makes 30 consecutive years that Franklin County has held a Holstein Open Show for county Holstein breeders, in conjunction with the Franklin County Fair. Antrim-Spring Farms has participated each of those 30 years by showing their registered Holsteins.



The Franklin County Fair Holstein banner winners are pictured as follows, from left: front row, Andy and Alyssa Crider, Lucy Crider; back row, Harold and Leona Crider, Katy and Roger Crider, Rodney, Rhoda and Grace Crider, and Judge Michael Lager of Fulton, Md.

DFA Says Federal Order Reform Vote Not A True Reflection Of Dairy Farmers' Support

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — According to Dairy Farmers of America (DFA), the only reason the USDA was able to announce successful passage of the referendum on Federal Milk Market Order Reform was that dairy farmers had little choice but to vote "yes."

"The alternative was even worse," said DFA board chairman, Herman Brubaker. "In no way should this affirmative vote be considered support for the new Federal order proposed by Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman. This was a vote under duress. This vote was dairy farmers' desire to keep the Federal order system intact as we work for the enactment of more farmer-friendly legislation."

DFA President and Chief Executive Officer Gary Hanman concurs with Brubaker that dairy farmers really had no option but to vote "yes" on the referendum to ratify the amended orders. "We worked hard to improve Class I differentials and Class III and IV price levels in both the House and the Senate," said Hanman. "Unfortunately, Congress' inability to

act prior to recess, and Secretary Glickman's deadline, requiring our vote be cast by August 6, put dairy farmers in a real predicament," said Hanman. "Even though we do not support the prices proposed by the Secretary, we had to vote in favor of Federal orders."

Hanman added a "no" vote would have meant several Federal orders would be terminated, eliminating the need for Congressional action on H.R. 1402 or other improvements that may come up for consideration once Congress reassembles after Labor Day. Without Federal orders to enforce them the need for Class I and Class III and IV prices is irrelevant.

Brubaker said DFA is encouraged by the support of 53 senators who voted to end a filibuster that had delayed legislation favorable to dairy. "Every senator who voted on the procedural matter of cloture knew the vote was really about Option 1-A, Dairy Compacts and extension of price supports," said Brubaker. "However, we think that the Senate vote in fa-

vor of cloture serves as a favorable expression of support and a 'marker' for consideration of Compacts, Option 1-A, Class III formal rulemaking hearing and price support extension in the Ag Appropriations Conference which will take place in September."

Brubaker says DFA will continue to urge passage of H.R. 1402, introduced by Congressman Roy Blunt (R-MO), and passed by the House Agriculture Committee early in July. The bill mandates Option 1-A, preserves the USDA decision to reduce milk marketing orders from 31 to 11, and restores major provisions dropped by the Secretary of Agriculture that maintain income to dairy farmers across the nation.

Dairy Farmers of America is a dairy marketing cooperative that markets milk for 25,000 dairy farmer members in 45 states. DFA supplies milk to bottling and manufacturing plants that produce a complete line of dairy products and food components for consumers in the U.S. and around the world.

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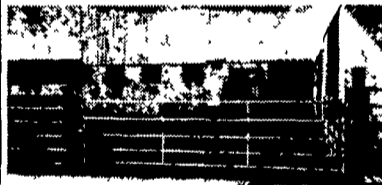
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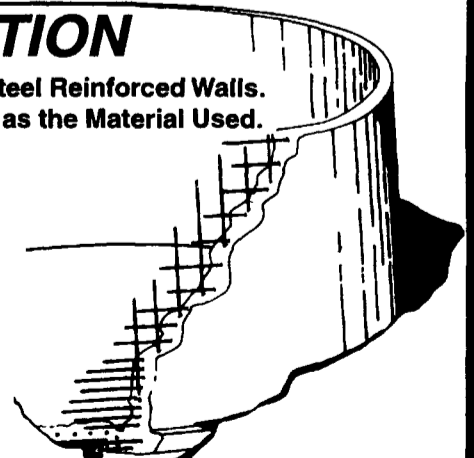
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