## 4-Year-Old Captures New Holland Dairy Show

NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster Co.) - "Brismer Charles Necta," the 4-year-old champion of the mature fresh cow class, took home supreme champion of the New Holland Sales Stables, Inc. Mixed Breed Dairy Show and Sale Wednesday.

The cow, owned by Jim Hostetter, Annville, is rated VG-87 and is milking 93 pounds (S: Boulet Charles, D: 83 Pt. Lincoln, with a GD VG-86, Robthom Premier).

Judge Jim Burdette, Chambersburg, said he liked the "tremendous size and scale" of the cow, which has a "really good udder." He spoke about the cow's body rib and how confident she moved on

Exhibitor Jim Hostetter purchased the cow this past year from Brian Piela, Bernardston, Mass. Hostetter said this is the second

time in a row he captured the New Holland dairy show championship.

Burdette, who won premier breeder this year at Eastern National, chose the reserve champion from the same division as the supreme, Curtmar Jed Lisa, also a 4-year-old (S: Juniper Rotate Jed- ET, D: Belcher Process Wendy), exhibited by Stonehurst Farm, Strasburg. The cow was shown by Harold Welk.

Burdette said the reserve, a "dairy kind of cow," was "high and wide in the udder." Stonehurst was represented at the show by Harold and Donald Welk.

Burdette awarded an honorable mention to Benjamin Mickey for the 7-year-old cow, Rohart Stardom Dena, rated VG-87, which also won this year's supreme

champion at the South Mountain Fair and the grand at the South Central District Show, according to the show catalog.

Mickey also won best udder, fresh. Jim Hostetter picked up best udder, dry.

Burdette told those watching the show that this "is certainly a nice assembly of cows before you today, folks."

The supreme was purchased by Daniel Albright, Landisburg, for \$8,000.

The reserve was purchased by Todd Lohr for \$4,700.

Total sales volume was more



"Brismer Charles Necta," the 4-year-old champion of the mature fresh cow class owned by Jim Hostetter, Annyille, center, took home supreme champion of the New Holland Sales Stables, Inc. Mixed Breed Dairy Show and Sale Wednesday morning. Reserve champion was exhibited by Stonehurst Farm, Strasburg, represented by Harold Welk, left. At right is Jim Burdette, judge.

than \$81,000. Top 25 cows not including grand and reserve champion averaged \$2,700. Top 100 cows not including grand and reserve champion averaged \$1,970. According to the Sales Stables, there weree 100 registered buyers, representing New York,

Maryland, Massachusetts, Kansas, and Canada.

Following is a list of show placings.

MIXED BREEDS Dry Cow: 1. Fred Potteiger. Eshleman, 3. Fred Potteiger.

2-Year-Old Dry Helfer: 1. Jim Hostetter. 2. Stonehurst Farm. 3. Stonehurst Farm. 2-Year-Old Fresh Heifer: 1. Daniel

Albright. 2. Jim Hostetter. 3. Tonda Fuller. 3-Year-Old Dry Heiler: 1. Jim Hostetter. 3-Year-Old Fresh Heiler: 1. Henry Lapp and Donald Hostetter. 2. Jim Hostetter. 3. Jim

Mature Dry Cow. 1. Jim Hoetetter. 2. Fred Potteiger. 3. Metvin Peller. Mature Freeh Cow. 1. Jim Hoetetter. 2.

Stonehurst Farm. 3. Benjamin Mickey.

## **Hunterdon County's First Wetlands Creation Project Restores Half Acre**

CLINTON, N.J. — When Lebanon resident Robert LeCompte began farming his 85acre property near the Round Valley Reservoir, he noticed water collected on the site in a swale running through the prop-

Thirty years ago, an entrepreneur like LeCompte might have addressed the problem by dumping tons of fill dirt on the eroded, unsightly spot.

But at the end of the 20th century, with more than half New Jersey's wetlands — some

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584,000 acres - lost to development, LeCompte decided to give Mother Nature a helping hand.

The result: Hunterdon County's first wetlands creation project and the restoration of a full half acre of this unique natural resource. What was once a soil erosion problem during heavy runoff is now the site of two quarter-acre wetland pools, and the new home of nearly 700 fish, waterfowl, amphibians and reptiles commonly found in New Jersey wetlands.

"I remember catching polli-

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wogs and getting my dungarees wet wading in marshes and ponds as a boy," said LeCompte, owner of Polytek, a liquid rubber manufacturing company founded in Hunterdon County. "I saw a chance to help nature along and maybe give my own grandkids the thrill of that some kind of experience."

LeCompte contacted the Hunterdon Soil County Conservation District and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

seeking information on creating a wetlands environment on his The county Soil Conservation District provided technical advice for the project, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service contributed about \$2,000 of funding through its Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program. LeCompte provided additional funds, the site and

Although dozens of wetlands creation projects have been

undertaken in New Jersey since the state launch of the Partners program in 1991, LeCompte's project is the first in Hunterdon County, according to D.J. Monette, a fish and wildlife biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recently presented LeCompte with a certificate of appreciation for his efforts on behalf of the state's environment.

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