

# Miller, Jackson Are 2000 Holstein Hall-Of-Famers

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View Sensation Muffet scored 90 as a 4-year-old. Her two most outstanding daughters are listed in Holstein history as being the highest scored full sisters of the breed at 95 and 96 points.

In 1970, the barn at Great-View was destroyed by fire. And, as a thank you to neighbors who helped rebuild it, the Millers sang Christmas carols. From that experience was born "The Singing Millers."

In 1976, the Millers hosted their second herd dispersal so

that they could tour the country, singing and visiting the great Holstein herds. Fifty-one head were sold for a new high average in the state of \$2,697.55.

When the singing career ended, Miller pursued another lifetime goal and became a Holstein Classifier in 1980. He retired from the classification business in 1997.

Today Paul's son Mike operates Great-View Farm, which now houses heifers from the outstanding herd bred by Miller. In

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The Pennsylvania Holstein Association executive committee includes from left (seated) Dean Johnson, John Burket, James Burdette, Rick Allen, (standing) Judy Black, Steve Vanco, Adam Derr, Reid Hoover, David Bitler, and Gordon Wood.

## Holstein Convention Sale Averages \$3,047

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CARLISLE (Cumberland Co.) — Despite the current low milk prices, consignments at the Annual Pennsylvania Holstein Convention Sale still averaged more than three thousand dollars. With 79 lots sold during the sale, the gross income was \$240,700.

The top selling animal was Mt-Glen Broker Liberty, cosigned by Ben and Dean Jackson of Columbia Cross Roads. Reese Warner from Frederick, Md., purchased the calf for \$12,000. The summer calf is out of a Very Good dam with 41,000 pounds milk. She is sired by Broker-ET who has a TPI index of 956 and sired the 1998 All-American senior three-year-old.

Arthur Rhoderick of Hagerstown, Md., cosigned the second highest selling animal, Art-Acres Wind Tex B 285-ET. Brian Peila of Bernardston purchased the winter yearling for \$8,600.

A summer yearling from Solid-Gold Holsteins in Emlenton brought \$6,900. Mike and Cindy Weimer cosigned the calf, who was purchased by Donald Albaugh. Penn-Gate Farms in Littlestown had the fourth highest seller, a winter yearling who was purchased by Thomas and Cindy Sheaffer from Carlisle for \$6,300.

A July calf brought \$6,100. She was cosigned by Pennsylvania Pride Partners in Fleetwood and purchased by Amy Kulick in Carlisle.

Prior to the sale, a Dunloggin' dispersal catalog was auctioned off to benefit the Pennsylvania Junior Holstein Scholarship Fund. The catalog was donated by Russell Shopp of York County and brought \$400 from Jack Sunday in Carlisle.

The sale was held last Friday evening as the culmination of the Pennsylvania Annual Holstein Convention. People could visit the consignments throughout the convention at the Thompson/Walton Dairy Farm.



The high selling lot at the Convention was a summer calf that sold for \$12,000. From left are Fred Strouse, Tom McCauley, Creedin Cornman, Bill and Cindy Warner representing buyer Reese Warner, cosigners Dean and Ben Jackson and their families, and Brad Walker at the halter.

## Father And Son Win Lancaster Farming Drawing

CARLISLE (Cumberland Co.) — Mike Weimer, and his son Spencer, were the winners of Lancaster Farming's drawing during the Pennsylvania Holstein Convention and Sale last Thursday and Friday.

Mike won five straws of Lystel Leduc from Alta Genetics, and Spencer won five straws of Chapel Bank Elton Farmer from Sire Power. Lancaster Farming sponsored both the semen and insemination.

The Weimers live on a 90-cow dairy farm in Emlenton (Clarion County). Their rolling herd average is around 27,000 pounds, and they currently have around 85 heifer replacements. Mike and his wife Cindy have been dairy farming since 1987 when they purchased the farm from Cindy's parents, Jim and Dorothy Neely.

Owning all registered Holsteins, the Weimers currently have a B.A.A. of 107.3 for their herd. They own four Excellents and 19 Very Goods as of their 1999 classification. Both Mike and Cindy are very active in the Holstein Association. Spencer and his older sister Sarah are also very active in the Junior Holstein Association.

Spencer is eight years old and in second grade. This year will be his first year in 4-H. Already he is preparing for the summer shows, practicing leading and clipping his animals.

Mike, Cindy, Sarah, and

Spencer enjoyed attending this year's Convention. Winning the semen drawing was a highlight for Spencer, who unfortunately wasn't feeling well all day Friday. On Thursday, Mike, Spencer and Sarah traveled to

Harrisburg to see the Capitol Building, while Cindy staffed the Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program's exhibit during the Convention. The Weimers also sold two calves during the Holstein Convention Sale.

Both Mike and Cindy are on the planning committee for the

2001 Pennsylvania Holstein Convention and Sale, which will be held in the Northwest District. They invite everyone to attend.

Lancaster Farming thanks the many visitors who visited its booth and entered the drawing during last week's convention.



Kirk Sattazahn representing Sire Power selected eight-year-old Spencer Weimer from Emlenton as the winner of Lancaster Farming's drawing for five straws of Sire Power's Farmer bull.



David Hill representing Alta Genetics USA Inc. selected Mike Weimer from Emlenton as the winner of the Lancaster Farming drawing for five straws of Alta Genetics semen.