



The 2000-2001 New York Dairy Princess finalists are, from left, Jennifer Peck, Jefferson County; Jessica Degan; Ostego County; Megan White, Orange County; Andrea Leach, Cortland County; (front row) Cairy Norman, Wayne County, first alternate; Marianne Moody, Delaware County Princess, New York state princess; Christine Lee Weissman, Sullivan County, second alternate princess.

Marianne Moody Crowned New York State Dairy Princess

SYRACUSE, NY - Marianne Moody, from Hamden, New York, is the newly-crowned 2000-2001 New York State Dairy Princess. Having served as the Delaware County Dairy Princess since spring, Moody will devote an additional year promoting milk and dairy products in conjunction with the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council, Inc. (ADACA). As state princess, Moody received a \$1,200 scholarship and will represent ADADC at county dairy princess pageants, farm meetings, and a variety of special events. In addition, she will help train new county promoters at seminars and workshops.

The 17-year-old daughter of Bill and Patsy Moody, Marianne is a senior at Delaware Academy. She lives and works on her family's 220-cow dairy farm and enjoys caring for and showing her Holstein and Jersey cows. Marianne is involved in National Honor Society, Jersey Cattle Club, 4-H Holstein Club, and is serving as the District 4 President of FFA. In college, Marianne plans to study agriculture or dairy science.

Cairy Norman of Macedon, New York, in Wayne County, was named the First Alternate State Princess. She received a \$700 scholarship. Norman is the 16-year-old daughter of Suzanne Norman and the granddaughter of Jim and Arlene Airy. She is very active in 4-H, where she shows her own registered Holsteins at the county fair.

Christine Lee Weissmann of Callicoon Center, New York, in Sullivan County, was selected as the Second Alternate State Princess, receiving a \$600 scholarship. Weissman also received \$100 for outstanding performance in speech presentation, \$200 for outstanding public relations efforts, and \$100 for her performance on a product knowledge exam. Ewissman is the 17-year-old daughter of James and Evelyn Weissman, and a graduate of Jeffersonville Youngsville Central School. She is an active 10-year member of 4-H, and plans to spend her future processing the milk on her family's farm. This is her first year in the dairy princess program.

Like the state princess, alter-

nate princesses will represent ADADC at county dairy princess pageants, help train new county promoters at seminars and workshops, and will assist the state princess with various appearances throughout the state.

Other finalists were: Andrea Leach, Cortland, New York, Cortland County; Jennifer Peck, Antwerp, New York, Jefferson County; Megan White, Slate Hill, New York, Orange County; and Jessica Degan, Mount Vision, New York, Ostego County.

Twenty-seven county dairy princesses competed in the state pageant, vying for the title relinquished by reigning princess JoAnn DeBlock, of Orange County, New York. The judges were looking for the young women who most effectively promote milk and dairy products, based on a personal interview, impromptu and prepared adult speeches, a written communication test, product knowledge test, and informal interaction with others. Judges evaluated the contestants on their communication skills, knowledge of milk and dairy products, poise, and personality.

Judges were Stephanie Meyers, Director of Communications and Education for the Maryland-Virginia Milk Producers, in Reston, VA; Mark Giles, Agway Agricultural Products; and Jessica Chittendan, Assistant Director of Communications, New York Farm Bureau and 1991-92 New York State Dairy Princess.

In addition to Christine Weissmann, two other girls received recognition for their outstanding speech performances. Susan Peter, of Casleton-on-the-Hudson, New York, in Rennselaer County; and Andrea Leach of Cortland, New York, in Cortland County were each presented with a check for \$100, courtesy of New York Farm Bureau.



Marianne Moody accepts a hug from outgoing New York State Dairy Princess JoAnna DeBlock.

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