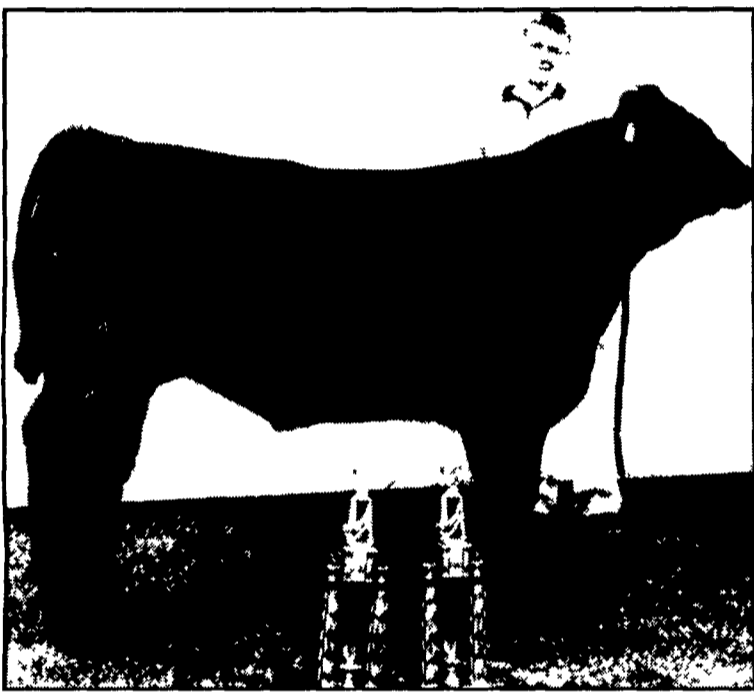


Somerset County Conducts Beef Jackpot Show



Kelly Dietrich is pictured with the steer that took grand and supreme champion at the Somerset County Beef Jackpot Show on June 25. At left is breeder Andy McIntire with judge Kerry Lawrence, center.



Dan Miller had the club calf champion steer and was named Somerset County exhibitor at the Beef Jackpot Show June 25.

Uncle Sam Salutes Marines With Milk And Ice Cream

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — It is not often that "Uncle Sam" calls a meeting between dairy farmers and the U.S. Marines over a bowl of ice cream or a glass of milk. During National June Dairy Month, however, anything is possible — especially when the Uncle Sam in question is, well, a cow.

On June 15, the recruits who graduate to U.S. Marine status at the Recruit Depot in Parris Island, SC, received a rather rare, if not MOOOving, salute. For the first time, they were welcomed into the Marine ranks with a milk and ice cream toast, compliments of Dairy Farmers of America (DFA) of Kansas City, Missouri and one of its joint venture partners, Suiza Foods of Dallas, Texas.

The one-day event came about because of one very patriotic, red-white-and blue "Uncle Sam." On loan from DFA, "Uncle Sam" is one of the art cows from last year's Chicago Cows on Parade exhibit being showcased in 20 locations around the City of Beaufort, SC as a special "Cows on Vacation" exhibit.

"We're glad to host the DFA

leadership and to show them how the young people from farms across America arrive here to take up the challenge of being a Marine," said Major Bryan Salas, public affairs, U.S. Marines, Parris Island. "The DFA social for the new Marines demonstrated the patriotism of the dairymen cross America."

After graduation ceremonies, recruits and their guests enjoyed icy cold white and chocolate milk and ice cream novelties provided by the Suiza Fluid Dairy Group. Photos were taken with DFA's Uncle Sam Cow, which has earned more than \$100,000 for hunger relief over the past year.

This is a three star event. We're proud to celebrate the graduations, "Cows on Vacation," and June Dairy Month with the U.S. Marines and the City of Beaufort," said Agnes Schafer, executive director of public relations, DFA. "Parris Island isn't a typical spot for a cow to pasture, but it's the right place for our Uncle Sam. She is very patriotic. While we're here, we might even be able to recruit a few Marine milk mustaches to salute the day."



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MEYERSDALE (Somerset Co.) — Kelly Dietrich was thrilled at the Somerset County Beef Jackpot Show recently, when her steer was named supreme champion.

The 17-year-old from Hamburg, said she sensed victory at the county fairgrounds as champion-type qualities became more visible with the steer's growth.

"I am going to go with the steer with the most promise," said judge Kerry Lawrence from Hebron, Ohio, just prior to announcing which animal would be supreme.

"He looked awesome," Dietrich said of the winner. "I thought he looked cool. He was bigger today," she said about the first time grand champion who, earlier at the TriState Jackpot Show, was named the show's reserve champion.

The steer was sired by Hostage and the dam was half-Maine out of Bo Jackson. Andy McIntire, Berryville, Va., was the breeder.

Dietrich will attend the Berks campus of Penn State to major in ag-business in the fall, she said. Jim and Donna Dietrich, her parents, keep about 50 head of beef and raise about 1,000 acres of crops, according to the daughter. Her sister Kristy is 15.

From Woodbine, Md., Matt Fogle showed the reserve champion selected out of the 76 steers in the show. It was a crossbred animal, which also won its division for the 16-year-old.

Sara Jo Campbell, Sycamore, had the grand champion heifer, shown in Class 2.

Dan Miller, 17, of Meyersdale, exhibited the club calf champion and won the Somerset County Exhibitor title.

Following is a partial list of winners.

Steers

Class 1: 1. Kelly Dietrich. 2. Erin Myers. 3. Brandon Foor.

Class 2: 1. Tammi Grubb. 2. Randy Koontz. 3. Beth Miller.

Class 3: 1. Jason Knotts. 2. Jeremy Johnson. 3. Sarah Nolt.

Class 4: 1. Jacob Desko. 2. Corey Harper. 3. Richard Heinegan.

Class 5: 1. Todd Custer. 2. Lacy Weimer. 3. Brandon Foor.

Class 6: 1. Sara Campbell. 2. Herman Hake. 3. Kelly Myers.

Class 7: 1. Cory Omps. 2. Brittney Fairman. 3. Norman Coberly.

Class 8: 1. Jared Lawson. 2. Jaclyn Upperman. 3. Cassandra Hake.

Class 9: 1. Donnie Bensenhaver. 2. Ryan Nolt. 3. Shawn Troutman.

Class 10: 1. Matt Fogle. 2. Matthew Stahlman. 3. Lynn Weimer.

Class 11: 1. Dan Miller, 2. April Coberly. 3. Robin McCabe.

Class 12: 1. Andy Myers. 2. Grant McCabe. 3. Deidra Smith.

Heifers

Class 1: Donnie Bensenhaver. 2. Cassidy Kimble. 3. Brittney Bryner.

Class 2: 1. Sara Jo Campbell. 2. Donnie Bensenhaver. 3. Jason Knotts.

Class 3: 1. Katie Nolt. 2. Grant McCabe. 3. Robin McCabe.

Class 4: 1. Wes Haslacker. 2. Grant McCabe. 3. Brittney Bryner.

Class 5: 1. Sara Jo Campbell. 2. Forrest Ohler. 3. Robin McCabe.

County Exhibitor — Dar Miller, Jason Knotts, Shawn Troutman.

Club Calf — Dan Miller, Shawn Troutman, Lacy Weimer.

Showmanship

Senior: 1. Tammi Grubb. 2. Matthew Stahlman. 3. Dan Miller.

Junior: 1. Beth Miller. 2. Shawn Troutman. 3. Kelly Myers.



Matt Fogle shows the reserve champion at the Somerset County Beef Jackpot Show. He is joined by judge Kerry Lawrence and a young friend, Kayla Widerman.

Dairy Farmers Salute Crucible Graduates With Ice Cream And Milk During JDM

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Riddle. How many ice cream bars and milk pints does it take to celebrate a recruit's completion of the Crucible — that final three-day test that makes a recruit into a U.S. Marine?

According to Lew McCravy, division sales manager for Flav-O-Rich/Suiza Fluid Dairy Group of Florence, SC, the answer is 4,000 ice cream novelties and 2,500 pints of white and chocolate milk.

McCravy and his Flav-O-Rich team joined the dairy producer leaders of Dairy Farmers of America (DFA), the U.S. largest dairy cooperative based in Kansas City, MO., in bringing the Real thing (milk and ice cream) to cool down graduating troops during a recent June Dairy Month event at the U.S. Marine Recruit Depot in Parris Island, SC. The event coincided with the fact that the U.S. Marines are hosting DFA's Uncle Sam Cow on their base as a part of the "Cows on Vacation" art exhibit being sponsored by the City of Beaufort, SC.

"It was an honor to team up with DFA and the U.S. Marine

Corp. in officially saluting the fine young women and men who we saw make it through the Crucible," said McCravy. "I can't think of a better way to use DFA's Uncle Sam cow, ice cream and milk in celebrating June Dairy Month. We enjoyed meeting the Marines and their families and being part of their lives during such a special event."

To celebrate June Dairy Month, recruits and their guests enjoyed icy cold white and chocolate milk and ice cream novelties following recent Crucible and graduation ceremonies. The products were provided by the Suiza Fluid Dairy Group, based in Dallas, TX.

To mark the occasion, Herman Brubaker, DFA chairman and a dairy producer from West Alexandria, OH, presented Brigadier General Stephen A. Cheney, the depot's commanding officer, with a commemorative Uncle Sam cow tee shirt. "We may be in different occupations, but U.S. dairy farmers and U.S. Marines share some of the same core values — hard work and a lifetime of commitment," said Brubaker.

DFA dairy farmers Jim Wal-

drop of Newberry, SC and Tom Camerlo of Florence, CO joined the DFA and Flav-O-Rich team in witnessing 300 recruits cross the finish line after three days of grueling field work with very little sleep or food.

"This is something you don't do every day, that's for sure. We may have dished up the dairy products, but the U.S. Marines provided us with a scoopful of patriotism and courage and a real fine appetite for dairy products," said Waldrop, whose typical day finds him managing the family dairy partnership that includes 400-cows and 1,100-acres.

Camerlo, who operates a 500-cow dairy in Colorado and is chairman of the National Milk Producers Federation, agreed that the promotion was inspirational. "As farmers, we're proud that, in some small way, our Uncle Sam cow and the ice cream and milk added a light-hearted touch to an incredible show of dedication and endurance. If they weren't U.S. Marines, these folks would make fine dairy farmers, but we'll settle for the fact that they love ice cream and milk," said Camerlo.