

World Dairy Expo Names 2000 Judges

MADISON, Wis. — World Dairy Expo names eight industry representatives and producers as official judges for the 2000 show scheduled for October 4-8 at the Dane County Expo Center in Madison, Wisconsin. The dairy cattle show judges were nominated by last year's dairy cattle exhibitors and/or breed associations and ratified by Expo's board of directors. Judging the almost 2,000 head of cattle will be: Ayrshire — Wayne Sliker, St. Paris, Ohio; Brown Swiss — Brian Garrison, Tiffin, Ohio; Brown Swiss Associate — Steve White, New Castle, Indiana; Guernsey — Blaine Crosser, Marysville, Ohio; Holstein — Chris Hill, Mt. Airy, Maryland; Holstein Associate —

Gerald Coughlin, Jr., Peterborough, Ontario, Canada; Jersey — Larry Schirm, Columbus, Ohio; Milking Shorthorn — Brian Garrison, Tiffin, Ohio; and Red & White Callum McKinven, Melbourne, Quebec, Canada.

Central National Ayrshire Show: Wayne Sliker

Wayne Sliker and his wife, Connie, own and operate Top Acres Brown Swiss and Modern Associates Cattle Sales. Top Acres maintains about 150-registered Brown Swiss and a smaller select group of Holsteins near St. Paris, Ohio. The herd is very active in showing and promotion with 92 All-Americans and 86 Reserve All-Americans which leads the all-

time list for Brown Swiss exhibitors. Eleven National Total Performance Winners have been developed at Top Acres. The herd's 89.4 classification average ranks first among the larger herds of the breed. In recent years, Top Acres has placed 78 sires in A.I. service as well as merchandised cattle and embryos across the country and around the globe.

Central National Brown Swiss Show: Brian Garrison

Brian Garrison is a Sire Analyst for ABS Global. A member of the Holstein Association American's Type Committee, Garrison has served a judge or associate judge at many shows in the U.S. This year marks the sixth and seventh time Garrison has served

as the judge or associate judge at Expo. He has also judged several shows around the world including ones in the United Kingdom, Germany, Switzerland, France, Australia, Brazil, Mexico and Canada.

Central National Brown Swiss Show — Associate Judge: Steve White

A familiar face at Expo, Steve White in past years has served as the Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Jersey and Milking Shorthorn official. White's judging career across the U.S., Canada and South America, spans more than 20 years and includes other national shows along with the Royal Winter Fair. Owner and operator of White Jersey Farms, a 125-head registered Jersey herd, he has a focused breeding philosophy on longevity, excellent type and great udders.

Central National Guernsey Show: Blaine Crosser

Blaine Crosser is the Vice-President of the Dairy Sire Product Line and Customer Service for Select Sires in Plain City, Ohio. His duties also include serving as their Guernsey Sire Analyst. Crosser is a member of the American Guernsey Association Type Committee and President of the Ohio Guernsey Breeders Association. He has judged several national, state, district, and local shows throughout the U.S.

International Holstein Show: Chris Hill

Chris Hill and his wife, Budgee, reside in Mt. Airy, Maryland where they own and operate MD-Hillbrook Sales and Fitting Service. Chris has been a professional fitter and auctioneer for 16 years. As a fitter, his travels have taken him to more than 40 states, Canada, Mexico and Germany. As an auctioneer he has sold various breed sales across the U.S. and occasionally works with his family's antique and estate auction company in Maryland.

International Holstein Show — Associate Judge: Gerald Coughlin Jr.

Gerald Coughlin Jr. resides in Peterborough, Ontario, Canada where he and his family own and

operate Trent Valley Holsteins. Trent Valley has had several homebred successes including the All-Canadian three-year-old Trent Valley Astro Crystan and England's '97 National Champion cow. The farm has also been recognized with Canada's Master Breeder Award.

Central National Jersey Show: Larry Schirm

Larry Schirm is in charge of Alta Genetics Jersey program along with duties in the development and marketing of the Holstein sires. He has spent 18 years working for different genetics companies including Carnation, Landmark and now Alta Genetics, involved in the acquisition, development and marketing of Holsteins, Brown Swiss, and Jersey sires.

International Milking Shorthorn Show: Brian Garrison

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Grand International Red & White Show: Callum McKinven

Callum McKinven is a self-employed dairy cattle buyer and seller from Melbourne, Quebec, Canada. No stranger to the Official role at World Dairy Expo, McKinven has judged the Holstein, Jersey, and Ayrshire shows in past years. He has also judged in several different countries around the world as well as numerous provincial shows in Canada and state shows in the U.S. McKinven's most notable roles, besides Expo, include placing the Franca Show (Brazil), the Hokkaido Black & White Show (Japan), the National Show (Spain), and the Holstein Show at the Royal Winter Fair (Canada).

World Dairy Expo Honors Four Dairy Industry Leaders And Producers

MADISON, Wis. — Four individuals will receive star treatment for their tremendous achievements within the dairy industry during the 2000 World Dairy Expo, October 4-8 in Madison, Wis. Honored this year will be: Dairyman of the Year — Howard Voegeli, Monticello, Wisconsin; Dairy Woman of the Year — Berneta Snider Gable, New Enterprise, Pennsylvania; International Person of the Year — Heinrich Meli, Bad Ragaz, Switzerland; and Industry Person of the Year — Miles "Mac" McCarry, Deltona, Florida.

"This year's winners are an exceptional group of people who have wholeheartedly made the dairy cow and the dairy industry their life. They are people who have guided and improved the industry, each in their own way. In doing so, they've earned the respect of their peers and World Dairy Expo," said World Dairy Expo's General Manager, Tom McKittrick.

A special presentation honoring these award winners will be held during World Dairy Expo at the 2000 Dinner With the Stars, Tuesday, October 3. World Dairy Expo's three-star sponsors along with the National Dairy Quality Award recipient will also be honored. For more information on the dinner or the show, contact World Dairy Expo at 608-224-6455.

Dairyman Excels In Sound Genetics And Leadership

The Dairyman of the Year is a well-known ambassador for the dairy industry, World Dairy Expo, and the Brown Swiss breed. Howard Voegeli, Monticello, Wis., owns Voegeli Farms, Inc. and Voegeli International, a business that markets cattle, semen, and embryos to foreign countries.

Voegeli's great-grandfather, a Swiss immigrant, founded the farm in 1854. His grandfather introduced the first registered Brown Swiss to the herd in 1895. Those animals were the foundation for today's 105-cow herd. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin in 1952, Voegeli took over the already outstanding herd, and through careful genetic selection built a herd that today boasts a 24,742-pound rolling

lactation average. The herd averages 960 pounds of fat and 807 pounds of protein. His emphasis on exporting good cattle, embryos and semen has put the herd's genetics on six continents.

The herd not only excels in production, but also type. Voegeli cattle have earned 195 All-American nominations, 43 All-American awards, 44 Reserve All-American awards and 32 Honorable Mention All-American awards. The farm has had four World Dairy Expo grand champions and won the show's Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor 15 times. In 1992, Voegeli was awarded the Klussendorf award and in 1991 he was honored as Dairy Shrine's Breeder of the Year.

Being an annual exhibitor is only one small way Voegeli has supported World Dairy Expo. He was one of World Dairy Expo's founders, served on the Executive Committee and is still a member of the Board of Directors. If that weren't enough, Voegeli opens the farm to nearly 400 college and 4-H judges for a practice session the Sunday before the national contests held at World Dairy Expo.

Voegeli and his wife, Alice, have four children: Rhonda, Jacalyn, Bryan and James. Bayer, Dairy Farmers of America, Dairy Herd Management and Monsanto Dairy Business sponsor the Dairyman of the Year award.

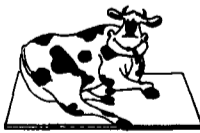
Dairy Woman Juggles Farm,

Family And Community

The driving force behind Snider Homestead Farm near New Enterprise, Penn. is a wife, mother of two, and an exemplary role model for young dairy enthusiasts. Now Berneta Snider Gable can add the title of World Dairy Expo's Dairy Woman of the Year to her list of accomplishments.

Gable is the fifth generation to farm the 310-acre century farm. Her husband, Brad Gable, works full time with the Pennsylvania Game Commission, so she is responsible for most of the farm's management decisions and labor, including fieldwork, breeding selections and record keeping.

Her 140-plus Guernsey and Holstein herd includes 18 excellent cows and consistently ranks in the state's top 10 herds for production. In the show ring, the herd has generated many awards including several All-Americans and numerous grand and reserve champion and premier breeder and exhibitor honors at the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show and the Pennsylvania Farm Show. In 1999, Sniders Opp Georgie, an aged cow, was the grand champion of the Central National Guernsey Show at (Turn to Page A23)



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