

National Dairy Shrine Names Contest Winners, Awards Scholarships

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Duffield Lyon, known to her friends as "Duffy," has withstood cool carving conditions in order to warm the hearts of millions — and promote dairy products, namely butter. Duffy's life-sized butter cows have become an institution at the Iowa State Fair, where they have been featured year since 1960. Her butter sculptures have appeared at World Dairy Expo, National Dairy Congress, the International Dairy Show, and the Calgary Stampede as well as fairs in California, Arizona, Kansas, Wisconsin, Maryland, Illinois and Missouri. Duffy discovered her talents by accident, winning a snow-sculpture contest at Iowa State University in 1948 when one judge, Christian Peterson later asked her to study with him.

In addition to her butter sculptures of cows and other figures, Duffy's impact on the dairy industry goes far beyond the crowds she draws. She has been a dedicated spokesperson for the dairy industry through dairy product promotions and a promoter of the Jersey breed.

Dick Kellogg is among the original group of AI Managers who met at Tiffin to establish the organization which became known as the National Association of Animal Breeders (NAAB) of which he also later served as the association's president.

Dick grew up on a Jersey farm in northeast Ohio and attended Blackburn College in southern Illinois. In 1937, he graduated from Ohio State University with a degree in Dairy Science. It was in 1943 that Dick

began work as an artificial inseminator in Ashtabula County, Ohio — one of the first non-veterinarians allowed to perform AI on cows in Ohio. Shortly thereafter, he took over management of Northeast Ohio Breeding Association.

Kellogg received a Distinguished Service Award from Ohio State University in 1970 and was presented the Dairy Science Hall of Service Award in 1972. In 1973, Kellogg was honored with the "Governor's Award for Community Action." The American Jersey Cattle Club recognized Dick with an Honorary Membership in 1975 for his meritorious service to the organization and in 1992, he was selected as the third person to be awarded the NAAB Pioneer Award. Since then, he has also been presented with distinguished service awards by the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation and was inducted into the Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame in 1981.

Dick and his wife, Lena, reside in Columbus, Ohio and are the parents of two sons and three daughters.

Marlin Hoff Named Distinguished Dairy Cattle Breeder
Marlin Hoff of Coldsprings Farms has been selected to receive the coveted National Dairy Shrine's Distinguished Dairy Cattle Breeder Award for 2000. Marlin and his family milk nearly 700 Holsteins at their dairy in New Windsor, MD. He and his wife, Kathleen, have two sons, Ian, 32, and Matthew, 30. Both also live in New Windsor.

Marlin graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in dairy science. He re-

turned to the family farm and eventually purchased the entire herd. Over the last three years, his herd has averaged close to 24,000 pounds of milk, 900 pounds of fat, and 770 pounds of protein. Ninety-four percent of the herd is homebred, and 97 percent is registered. The grade cows are used as embryo transfer recipients. Coldsprings Farms has participated in the herd classification program for 37 years. In the last five years, 100 cows classified Excellent and more than 450 scored Very Good.

The herd is milked in a

double-20 parallel parlor with automatic identification and milk weight recording. Marlin still does much of the milking himself. The cows are housed in free stalls; the heifers are kept on loose housing; and calves are put in hutches and go through an extensive vaccination program.

Marlin is well known for his Heart of Coldsprings production sales, which he conducted from time to time when his cull rate was low and surplus females were plentiful. Fresh cows and promising bred heifers made superior genetics available to a variety of dairy farmers. Today,

many outstanding Holsteins carry Coldsprings females as a maternal grandam or great-grandam.

Coldsprings Farms has had 625 cows with lifetime production over 100,000 pounds of milk and/or 4,000 pounds of fat and/or 3,000 pounds of protein. Coldsprings Ira Kewpie (EX94), a six-time All-Maryland, produced 216,860 M; 8,634 F; and 7,646 P. Coldsprings Lender Kerk produced 150,000 pounds of milk and more than 50 Excellent offspring. Over the years, Marlin has owned 112 Dams of Merit and 60 Gold Medal Dams.

Pa. State Maple Tour Sept. 15-16

YOUNGSVILLE (Warren Co.) — The 2000 Pennsylvania Maple Tour will be hosted by the Endless Mountains Maple Producers Association Sept. 15-16.

Headquarters for the tour will be the Wysox Fire Hall in Wysox. State directors will meet on Thursday, Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the hall.

The Endless Mountains Association has lined up stops of interest to children and adults. The tour begins with registration from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 15. Buses will leave promptly at 8:30 a.m. for stops at the Proctor Gamble plant in Mehoopany, Homestead Maple, Back Achers Farm (maple and gift shop), and a soup and sandwich lunch. There will also be time to visit with the vendors after the tour.

The banquet, state Maple Sweetheart contest, and enter-

tainment will be at the fire hall beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday's tour begins at 8:30 a.m. Coffee and cookies will again be available beginning at 7:30 a.m. Visits to Bradley-Mann maple syrup, gift shop, and Christmas tree farm in Mosherville and two other syrup producers as well as lunch in the western Bradford County area are planned.

The cost for both days and banquet is \$75. Individuals days

are \$35 each and \$18 for the banquet. Registration is due Aug. 15. A \$15 late registration fee will be charged for registrations received after this date.

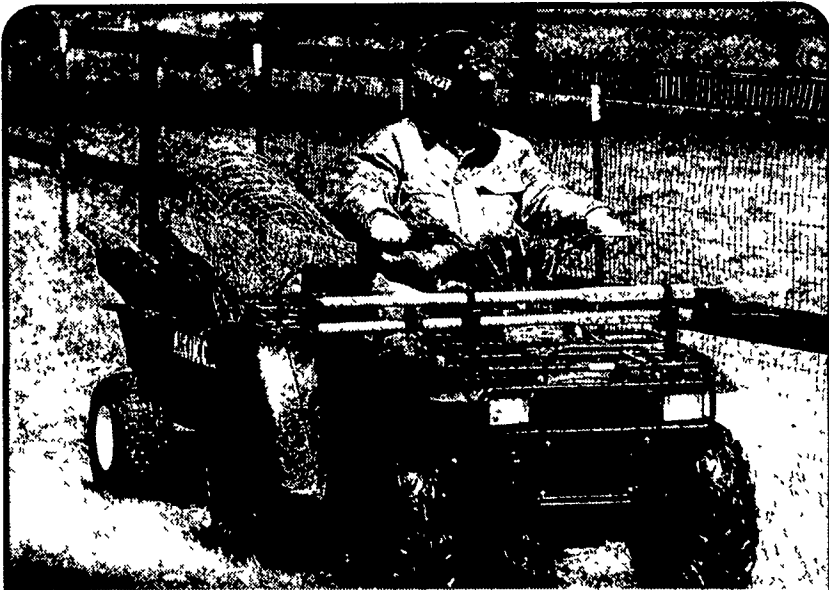
Final day for any registration is Sept. 5. For more information and registration information, contact Bradford County Cooperative Extension at (570) 265-2896 or e-mail rsh7@psu.edu. Plan on attending the 2000 Pennsylvania Maple Tour.

Biotechnology — The Public Discussion

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May, 2000, three out of five consumers in the U.S. believe they will benefit from biotechnology within the next five years. Moreover, the survey reported that 69% of the respondents were more likely to buy foods that had been modified for insect protection and require less pesticide spray. Based on

these and other survey results it is evident that the majority of Americans have accepted the benefits of the new food biotechnologies. While this is exciting, it is essential that these agricultural biotechnologies be utilized to better-feed people in developing countries where, for many, there is an inadequate food supply available presently.



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