

Dairy Stakeholders Seeking Pacesetter Award Nominees

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Nominations are being accepted for the new "Pacesetter Award" sponsored by the Pennsylvania Dairy Stakeholders. Recipients of the Pacesetter Award will be honored at this year's Pennsylvania Dairy Stakeholders meeting on Dec. 13 and 14. The award will honor those who work within the dairy food industry to build a

stronger, more viable future for dairying in Pennsylvania.

The Pacesetter Award has been created to recognize individuals, companies and organizations that strive to build a positive image of the Pennsylvania dairy industry and create a prosperous, marketable future for Pennsylvania dairy producers and the supporting industries.

Examples of potential recipients could be a producer who develops a new and innovative technology on the farm, a cooperative that opens new market outlets for Pennsylvania milk, a business that develops a support product to help producers or processors increase profitability, or an organization that develops a new program to build positive exposure for the industry.

Up to three recipients will be presented with this prestigious award each year. Anyone can submit a nomination for themselves or for someone else in the industry worthy of the award. Nominees will be considered based on how well their accomplishments meet the following criteria: visionary, innovative, progressive, excellence of per-

formance, and unique. To receive a Pacesetter Award nomination application, contact Alan Bair at the Pennsylvania Dairy Stakeholders either by calling (717) 948-6328 or emailing nab4@psu.edu. Applications should be received by the Pennsylvania Dairy Stakeholders by Nov. 15, 2000.

Three Champs For Hostetter

NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster Co.) — "It's hard to find fault in our winner," said judge Gordon Wood, Annville. "She's clean cut and a real dairy cow."

This is the third year that Jim Hostetter, Annville, took home the grand champion place Wednesday at the New Holland Sales Stable Dairy Show and Sale.

Hostetter bought both the champion and the reserve champion from the Peila family, Bernardston, Mass. This is the second year in a row that animals Hostetter purchased from the Peilas took home grand champion honors.

"The champion stood out really easily," said Wood. "She had a super udder and overall real dairyness, a good crease, and a high, wide, rear udder."

"The reserve is not quite as big but is put together right," he said of "Design."

"She's also a thin-hided cow, which I think means that she'll milk better. If I'm buying cows, I always feel the hide."

Milking 101 pounds, "Stardust," the grand champion, was sired by Brown Dale Stardust. Rated VG-85, she produced 23,618 total pounds of milk this

year, 776 pounds of fat, and 760 pounds of protein. At the sale which followed the show, Albert Buckbee purchased the cow for \$3,500.

The reserve champion, is milking 78 pounds (S: Dixellen Design, D: VG Inspiration daughter). Barry Hostetter purchased the reserve champion for \$3,300.

Judge Wood, Mansfield, has 85 homebred Excellent cows with a 110 breed age average at his home farm of Gorwood-D Holsteins.

Wood has judged approximately 100 shows in his career, but usually finds himself in the ring as an exhibitor. He began judging years ago when his agriculture teacher asked him to judge a show.

"I Haven't missed this show in 15 years, and I was at a lot before that," said Wood. "I usually show for other people here. I've bought cows from this sale."

This year, however, is the first time judging this show.

Buyers came from Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland, New York, and Iowa for the sale which followed the show.

The top 25 cows averaged \$2,460 in the 389-head sale. The top 100 cows averaged \$1,785.



From left, owner of grand and reserve champions Jim Hostetter, Annville; Brian Peila, Bernardston, Mass., stands with reserve champion "Design" 3-year old class winner; Martin Peila, Bernardston Mass., holds the halter of grand champion "Stardust," also the mature cow winner; and Gordon Wood, Mansfield, show judge.

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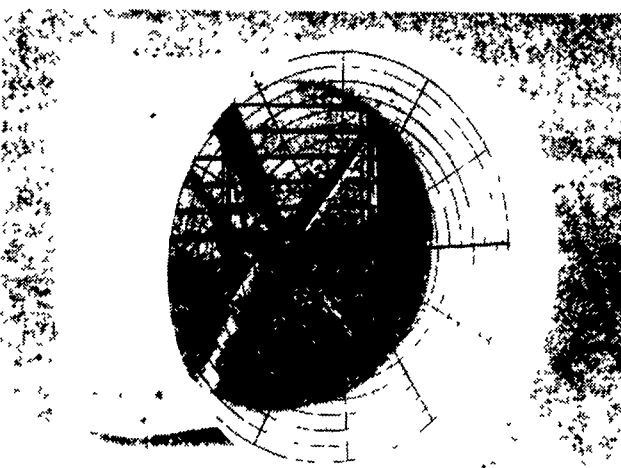
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