

## Uber Joins Holstein Assn.

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) - Pennsylvania Holstein Association is pleased to announce Thomas Uber will be starting his internship January 2<sup>nd</sup> continuing through April. Thomas is from Mercer county where his grandparents, Art and Shirley Moore, along with their two sons, Bob and Ralph, farm approximately 400 acres and milk 60 head of Holsteins.

Tom is currently attending Penn State working towards BS in Animal Science. He is actively involved with the PSU Dairy Science Club

Tom was a member of the Hayburners 4-H club for 9 years and is now a leader of the club.

He was also a member of two other clubs. In 1998, Tom won the "Outstanding 4-H Boy" award for Mercer County. He has shown at the local and state levels. His Uncle Ralph taught him how to fit Dairy Animals and now Professionally fits

Tom loves working with cows, kids, and Dairy farmers and is very excited to have this opportunity with the Pennsylvania Holstein Association.

If you would like to contact Tom about Pennsylvania Holstein Association issues or activities he can be reached at Pennsylvania Holstein Association, 839 Benner Pike, State College, PA 16801. Ph. 814-234-0364 Fax 814-234-1698

## Syracuse Dairy Farmers Hold Annual Meeting

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Syracuse Dairy Farmers Cooperative recently held their annual meeting at Tassone's Restaurant in Baldwinsville, NY. Stephen Crego, president, introduced guests Leslie Ball, sanitarian for Byrne Dairy, and James Patsos, CEO of United Ag Services.

Ms. Ball discussed the upcoming USPH quality rating and the Byrne Dairy Newsletter. She was instrumental in getting the newsletter started. Future newsletters will contain information to help the dairy farmers maintain their high quality standards. There will also be a message from Bill Byrne, president of Byrne Dairy, on market conditions and outlook.

James Patsos discussed current market conditions. An oversupply of milk nationally is

depressing milk prices. Fortunately, consumer demand for dairy products continues to improve each year. In the Northeast, the milk is in short supply. However, the pressure of competition from Midwest and Western manufacturers holds down the ability of Northeast manufacturers to raise prices.

At the close of the meeting, Stephen Crego of Baldwinsville was re-elected president; Duane Eibert of Marcellus, vice-president; and Paul Johnson of Baldwinsville, secretary/treasurer.

Dairy farmers that may be interested in Syracuse Dairy Farmers market should contact Stephen Crego at (315) 635-5439.

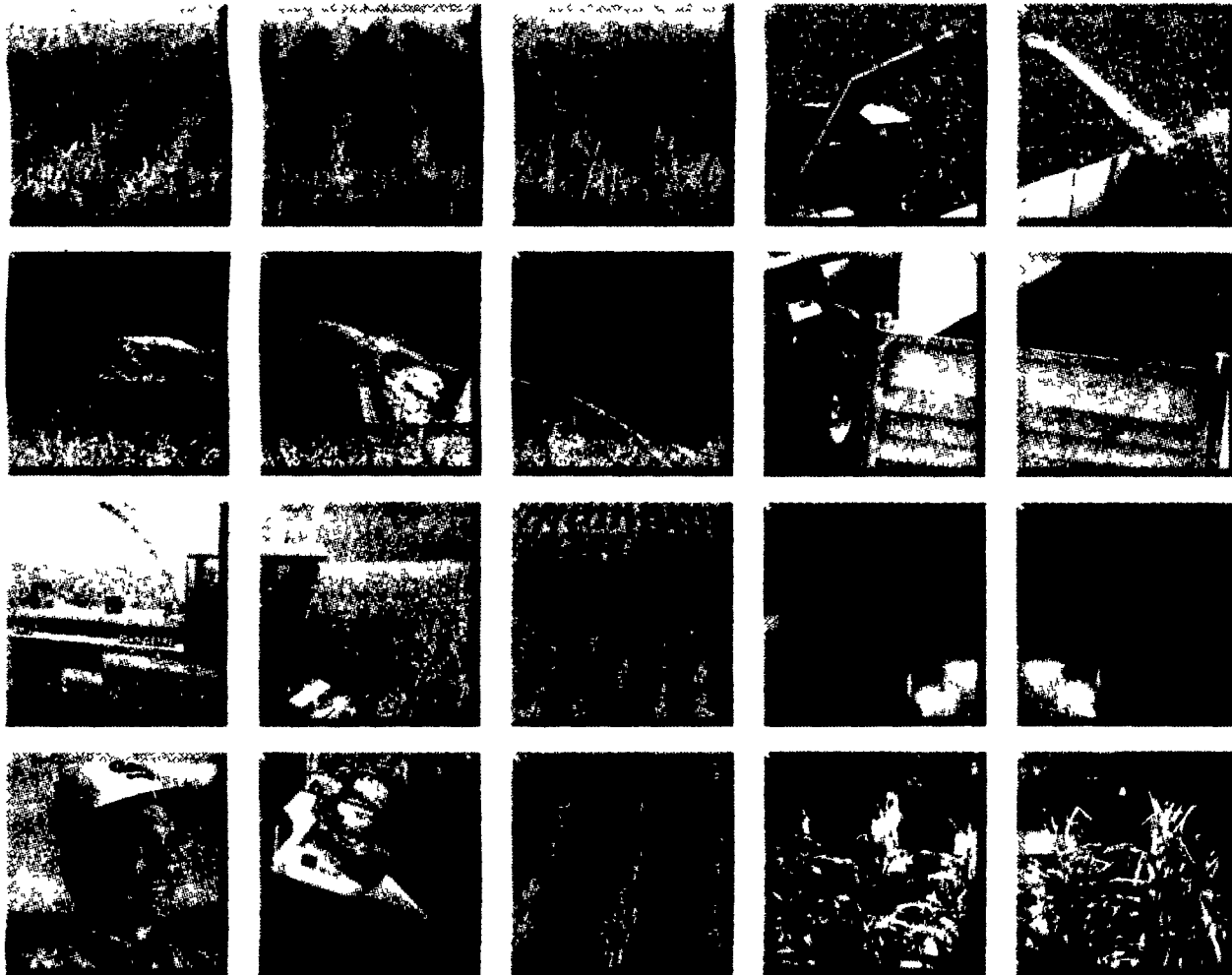
Scenic Mountain Co-op Pays Dividends At the recent annual meeting

of Scenic Mountain Milk Producers, members received their annual patronage dividend checks. LaVerne McCarty, co-op manager, stated that he was pleased with the co-op's success. For the second year in a row, they were able to return to their members patronage dividend checks that nearly equaled twice what the member paid in dues and the co-op does not require equity investment from their members.

Scenic Mountain Milk Producers Cooperative members are primarily located in Sullivan and Bradford counties in Pennsylvania. Their members market their milk with the help of United Ag Services. Their members have an excellent program that improves their income above the market administrator price.

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James Patsos of United Ag Services presented this year's quality awards to Duane and Betty Reibson, Forksville, and Robert and Anna Marie Cole, Ulster. Each year United Ag Services presents certificates and monetary awards to the top quality producers for the preceding year to each of its member cooperatives.

During the business meeting, officers were elected for the coming year. Steven Hovan, Rome, was elected president; Robert Cole, Ulster, vice president; and Judy Oliver, Meshoppen, secretary/treasurer. LaVerne McCarty urged the members to tell their neighbor dairy farmers about Scenic Mountain's premium program and their three times a month payment schedule. The co-op could use a few additional quality producers to meet their market demands. McCarty can be reached by calling (570) 924-4668.

Interested dairy farmers can also contact United Ag Services 1-(800)-326-4251. United Ag Services is a federation of dairy cooperatives. Their goal is to improve the dairy farmers bottom line. United provides a variety of services to dairy cooperatives and agricultural organizations, as well as individual dairy farmers. These services include marketing, accounting, and producer and employee payroll. United is located at 12 North Park Street, Seneca Falls, NY 13148.