

Adams County Producers Host 25th Annual Beef Ball

BONNEAUVILLE (Adams Co.) — Special guests at the recent Adams County Beef Ball. The recent 25th annual ball included a parade of nine bulls representing their respective breeds.

After a welcome by Ray Grimes, McKnightstown, 2001 president of the Adams County Beef Producer organization, and a roast beef dinner, academic achievement awards were presented. Each award winner will receive \$500.

Award winners included Allyson Cole, daughter of Edward and Jean Cole, Littlestown, owners of a herd of Texas Longhorn cattle. Cole is majoring in agricultural education and plans to transfer to University of Wyoming or West Texas A&M in her junior year to complete her degree.

2000 Adams County Beef Queen Candice Flickinger was also an award winner. She is the daughter of Wayne and Deb

Flickinger, Biglerville. After graduating this June from Gettysburg High School, she plans to attend Wilson College and major in veterinary medical technology.

Flickinger handed off her crown to 2001 queen Kandice Arnold as Arnold begins her reign as 2001 Adams County Beef Queen.

Robert (Bert) Martin, son of Robert and Mary Lynn Martin, Orrtanna, was also recognized with an award. Martin, active in the local beef club, raises and shows Angus cattle. He plans to major in large animal science at Delaware Valley College, where he will be a freshman this fall.

Award-winner Josh Ramsburg, son of Jane Ramsburg, Gettysburg, is in his second year at Penn State. He plans to return to the family dairy farm after graduation.

B.J. Wagner, son of George and Sandra Wagner, Orrtanna, a sophomore at Penn State, also received an academic

achievement award. He is majoring in agriculture engineering and is active in many extracurricular activities.

Sylvester Brown won this year's conservation award. Scotch Highlander and crossbred cattle, llamas, ostriches, and find their home on his Gettysburg farm. Steambank fencing, grass-lined waterways, subsurface drainage, and sediment basins with underground outlets are a few of the improvements that Brown has completed on his farm.

2000 member recipients were Harry and Mary Jane Hilbert. Harry has served in the past as president of the Adams County Beef Producers. Mary Jane served as secretary and treasurer. Hay is the principle crop in their 45-acre farm between Gettysburg and Littlestown.

In addition a small herd of Angus cattle, hogs, Belgian horses, and Sicilian burros are

part of their farming operation. They have been members of the organization for more than 15 years and helped to organize the rib-eye steak sandwich stand at local festivals.

Black Angus, Belted Gallo-

way, Limousin, Maine Anjou, Polled Hereford, Scottish Highlander, Shorthorn, Simmental, and White Park bulls were brought into the ball for exhibition, always a highlight of the ball.



Pictured, from left, is 2000 queen Candice Flickinger, 2001 queen Kandice Arnold, and 2000 princess Stacy Menchey.

Land O'Lakes And Alto Form Commodity Cheese Marketing Venture

ARDEN HILLS, Minn. — Alto Dairy Cooperative and Land O'Lakes, Inc. has announced the formation of a cheese marketing joint venture, bringing together the commodity cheddar and mozzarella sales teams and marketing efforts of the two companies.

Officials of Alto and Land O'Lakes said the focus of the new venture, a Marketing Agency in Common (MAC), will be to enhance customer service, expand product offerings, reduce costs and provide customers with national product sourcing.

"This joint venture is also based on our common dedication

to operational efficiency and customer focus, said Land O'Lakes President and Chief Executive Officer Jack Gherty. It will enable us to leverage the combined resources and expertise of our two organizations to reduce costs and enhance service to our commodity cheese customers."

"Customers can expect a wider selection of product offerings, more efficient delivery and an even broader range of technical support and services, added Alto President and General Manager Larry Lemmenes.

The cooperative leaders added that the marketing alliance recognizes the intensely competitive and rapidly consolidating dairy

foods marketplace, Land O'Lakes' and Alto's commitment to customers and the two companies complimentary geography and product lines. The joint venture applies only to the marketing of commodity cheddar and mozzarella and does not involve value-added products.

Alto Dairy Cooperative is a 100-year-old, member-owned cooperative serving dairy producers throughout Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula. It manufactures an extensive line of cheese and value-added dairy products at two state-of-the-art facilities and is a national marketer of milk replacers for the veal calf industry.

Land O'Lakes is a national, farmer-owned food and agricultural cooperative, with sales approaching \$6 billion. Land O'Lakes does business in all 50 states and more than 50 countries. It is a leading marketer of a full line of dairy-based consumer,

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Jessica Schmidt (right) from Drumore sold her 4-H steer at the 2001 PA State Farm Show to First Union Bank, which donated the steer to the Lancaster County 4-H Livestock Banquet. Pictured also are Ted Bowers (left) and Scott Hauseman, both representing First Union Bank

