

# Plainfield Farmers' Fair

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Junior champion: 1. Bryant Hlavaty.  
Reserve junior champion: Charlene Barlieb  
Junior 2-year-old: 1. Brewer Farms 2. Jacob Klein  
Senior 2-year-old: 1. Bryant Hlavaty 2. Enc Longenbach  
Junior 3-year-old: 1. Keystone Farms 2. Brandy Hahn 3. Bailey Reichard  
Senior 3-year-old: 1. Keystone Farms 2. Enc Longenbach 3. Layne Klein.  
4-year-old: 1. Enc Longenbach 2. Charlene Barlieb 3. Jacob Klein.  
Aged cow: 1. Keystone Farms 2. Brewer Farms 3. Brandy Hahn.  
Dry cow: 1. Brewer Farms 2. Brandy Hahn.  
125,000 pounds cows: 1. Bryant Hlavaty.  
Senior champion: Bryant Hlavaty.  
Reserve senior champion: Eric Longenbach.  
Grand champion: Bryant Hlavaty.  
Reserve grand champion: Eric Longenbach.  
Cow in milk — best udder: 1. Longenbach 2. Bryant Hlavaty.  
Best three females: 1. Keystone Farms 2. Red Maple Farms 3. Klein Farms.  
Dairy herd: 1. Keystone Farms 2. Red Maple Farms 3. Klein Farms.  
Produce of dam: 1. Jacob Klein 2. Bryant Hlavaty 3. Bryant Hlavaty.

Dam and daughter: 1. Bryant Hlavaty 2. Bryant Hlavaty 3. Jacob Klein.  
Junior get of sire: Keystone Farms.  
Breeder's junior herd: Juniperdale Farms.

## NORTHAMPTON COUNTY 4-H DAIRY ROUND-UP SHOWMANSHIP AND FITTING

Senior fitter: 1. Brian Kromer 2. Bryant Hlavaty 3. Brandy Hahn.  
Senior showmanship: 1. Brian Kromer 2. Bryant Hlavaty 3. Jimmy Kromer.  
Intermediate fitter: 1. Stephanie Brewer 2. Taralee Fulmer 3. Cassie Fulmer.  
Intermediate showmanship: 1. Taralee Fulmer 2. Diane Hahn 3. Cassie Fulmer.  
Junior fitter: 1. Stacy Brewer 2. Timmy Seipt 3. Amanda Fehnel.  
Junior showmanship: 1. Stacy Brewer 2. Margaret Seipt 3. Timmy Seipt.  
Champion fitter: Brian Kromer.  
Reserve fitter: Bryant Hlavaty.  
Champion showman: Brian Kromer.  
Reserve showman: Bryant Hlavaty.  
**COLORED BREEDS**  
**BROWN SWISS**  
Summer yearling: 1. Charlene Barlieb.  
**GUERNSEY**  
Junior calf: 1. Diane Hahn.  
Junior yearling: 1. Diane Hahn.  
Senior 3-year-old: 1. Diane Hahn.  
**JERSEY**  
Senior calf: 1. Brian Kromer.  
Intermediate yearling: 1. Stacy Brewer.

Junior 2-year-old: 1. Stephanie Brewer.  
Junior champion: Charlene Barlieb.  
Reserve junior champion: Stacy Brewer.  
Junior 3-year-old: 1. Brian Kromer 2. Jimmy Kromer.  
4-year-old: 1. Bailey Reichard.  
Aged cow: 1. Brian Kromer 2. Brian Kromer.  
Senior champion: Brian Kromer.  
Reserve senior champion: Stephanie Brewer.

## GRAND CHAMPION

Brian Kromer  
**RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION**  
Charlene Barlieb  
**HOLSTEIN**  
Junior calf: 1. Bryant Hlavaty 2. Bryant Hlavaty 3. Stephanie Brewer.  
Intermediate calf: 1. Margaret Seipt 2. Stephanie Brewer.  
Senior calf: 1. Charlene Barlieb 2. Jeremy Smith 3. Stacy Brewer.  
Summer yearling: 1. Taralee Fulmer 2. Cassie Fulmer.  
Junior yearling: 1. Timmy Seipt 2. Zach Fulmer 3. Charlene Barlieb.  
Intermediate yearling: 1. Bryant Hlavaty 2. Stephanie Brewer 3. Bailey Reichard.  
Senior yearling: 1. Jeremy Smith.  
Junior champion: Timmy Seipt.  
Reserve junior champion: Taralee Fulmer.  
Senior 2-year-old: 1. Bryant Hlavaty.  
Junior 3-year-old: 1. Brandy Hahn 2. Bailey Reichard.  
4-year-old: 1. Charlene Barlieb.  
Aged cow: 1. Bryant Hlavaty 2. Brandy Hahn.



Champions of Northampton County 4-H Dairy Round-Up Holstein Show, from left, William Leshar, judge; Timmy Seipt with Keystone Mattie Jewel, junior champion; Zach Fulmer for Bryant Hlavaty with Keystone Rudolph Lollipop, reserve senior and reserve grand champion; and Bryant Hlavaty with Keystone Highlight Lake, the senior and grand champion.

Dry cow: 1. Brandy Hahn.  
Senior champion: Bryant Hlavaty.  
Reserve senior champion: Bryant Hlavaty.

**GRAND CHAMPION**  
Bryant Hlavaty

## RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION

Bryant Hlavaty  
Dam and daughter: 1. Bryant Hlavaty 2. Brian Kromer.

# Cooperatives Unify

ARDEN HILLS, Minn. — Land O'Lakes, Inc., Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative Association, Lone Star Milk Producers, Inc., and Arkansas Dairy Cooperative Association have signed letters of intent to develop a plan for merger, according to officials of the four cooperative organizations.

A new Eastern Fluid Milk Marketing Division of Land O'Lakes would be created and would operate under the established Advantage Dairy Group identity.

Advantage Dairy Group was established in January 2000 as an East Coast milk-marketing joint venture involving Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers, Land O'Lakes, and Southeast Milk, Inc. (SMI). The South East Milk Marketing Agency, which includes Lone Star Milk Producers and Arkansas Dairy Cooperative Association, joined in June 2000. While SMI will not be part of the merger, it is anticipated that SMI will continue its mutually beneficial marketing relationship with the new Advantage Dairy Group.

"This consolidation will bring together four organizations that share a commitment to the dairy industry and dairy-producer success, as well as a dedication to quality and operational excellence," Land O'Lakes President and Chief Executive Officer John E. Gherty said. "In addition, it will continue the successful eastern milk-marketing efforts of Advantage Dairy Group. Ultimately, it will put us in a better position to compete effectively and deliver maximum value to members and customers."

Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative Association General Manager Robert Shore, who will manage the new Land O'Lakes Eastern Fluid Milk Marketing Division, said Advantage Dairy Group would address current industry forces on behalf of member-owners.

"We are operating in a rapidly consolidating industry, in which success is increasingly determined by the ability to maintain competitive size and scale," Shore said. "This addresses that issue and continues the strong member and customer relationships that are part of Advantage Dairy Group. The new organization will enable us to improve milk-marketing efficiencies and market access for members."

"Establishing and maintaining a national procurement, processing and marketing system are also critical to success in today's

dairy industry environment," Gherty said. "The merger being explored will create a strengthened Eastern Fluid Milk Marketing Division within Land O'Lakes farmer-owned organization. Land O'Lakes has a well-established national presence in dairy foods manufacturing, milk marketing and value-added product marketing."

Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative Association President Jack Hardesty said that the four organizations were well-suited for unification.

"We have a proven record of working together," Hardesty said. "And we share a cooperative commitment to generating and preserving market access for member milk, adding value to that milk and generating positive returns for producer-members."

Lone Star Milk Producers General Manager Jim Baird said, "When you look at customer consolidation and federal order reform, we're operating in an environment that makes this an important, positive, strategic decision."

Officials of the four organizations did not release further details of the merger discussions, but indicated a target of early fall for the development of a definitive merger agreement. That agreement would be subject to approval by the members of each participating cooperative.

Land O'Lakes annually procures and processes approximately 12 billion pounds of milk, relatively equally divided among its eastern, upper midwest and California dairy producer regions. Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative Association, which markets milk for producer-members in ten eastern and southern states, handles over three billion pounds of milk annually. Lone Star Milk Producers markets 700 million pounds of milk in eight states from Kansas to Alabama. Arkansas Dairy Cooperative Association

handles 300 million pounds of milk in four mid-southern states.

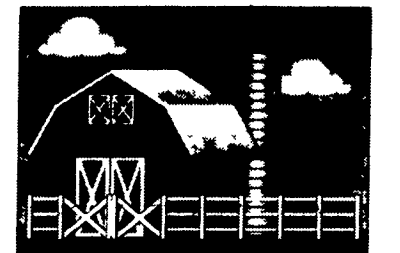
Land O'Lakes (www.landolakesinc.com) is a national, farmer-owned food and agricultural cooperative, with sales approaching \$6 billion. Land O'Lakes does business in all fifty states and more than fifty countries. It is a leading marketer of a full line of dairy-based consumer, foodservice and food ingredient products across the U.S.; serves its international customers with a variety of food and animal feed ingredients; and provides farmers and local cooperatives with an extensive line of agricultural supplies (feed, seed, crop nutrients and crop protection products) and services.

Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative Association (www.mdvamilk.com) is a milk marketing and processing cooperative which markets milk for nearly 1,600 dairy farmers in 10 states from Pennsylvania to Alabama. Headquartered in Reston, Va., the cooperative includes a fluid milk processing plant in Newport News, Va.; two manufacturing plants in Laurel, Md. and Strasburg, Va.; and an equipment warehouse in Frederick, Md.

Lone Star Milk Producers, Windthorst, Texas, markets 700 million pounds of milk for 130 dairy farmers in Texas, Oklaho-

ma, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

Arkansas Dairy Cooperative Association, Damascus, Ark., represents 300 million pounds of milk and 185 dairy farmers in Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma.



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