



Twice Supreme: Maryland Holstein Named Best Of The Best At World Expo

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MADISON (Wis.) — A little more than a week after taking home supreme champion honors at the All-American Dairy Show in Harrisburg, 4-year-old Holstein Tri-Day Ashlyn ET went on to be named supreme cow of all breeds at the World Dairy Expo, widely regarded as the best dairy show in the world.

Owned by Ernie Kueffner of Boonsboro, Md. and Adrienne and Kristi Crutch of Oseeana Holsteins, W.V., Ashlyn is the daughter of dam Bindy-Brook Odyssey Favorite and Marcrest Encore. She is classified EX-94 and produced 38,567 pounds of milk in 348 days as a 3-year-old.

"It's quite a thrill," Kueffner said of the cow's selection as supreme champion. Ashlyn excels in every aspect of dairyness, including type and production, as well as being an excellent brood female. "She's a complete, complete cow," he said.

One of several offspring carrying on the legacy of Ashlyn's great genetics is her 3-month heifer calf, EK-Oseeana Ash-

lyn's Allure. At a \$25,000 selling price, the calf topped the the World Classic Sale here last week.

As owner and proprietor of Kueffner's Holsteins and Jerseys, Kueffner originally bought his 50 percent share of Pennsylvania-born Ashlyn from Oseeana Holsteins in 1999.

Kueffner houses about 70 dairy animals on his farm, including Ashlyn. About 80 percent are Holstein and the other 20 percent are Jersey. The herd consists mainly of show animals, cows used for breeding and flushing purposes, and offspring of the "unique" cows bred there.

The business offers breeding stock and embryos for sale, some of them going to foreign countries including Switzerland, Germany, and Japan.

Three of Ashlyn's sons are being used for artificial insemination, two with Semex in Ontario and one with Select Sires in Ohio. Ashlyn also has four living daughters by embryo transfer (ET). Her second calf remains on Kueffner's farm and is now a bred heifer.

Kueffner is no newcomer to

success in showing champions. In 1996 he exhibited the supreme champion Jersey at the World Dairy Expo — making him this year the first person ever to show two supreme champions at the event.

Originally from Wisconsin where he grew up milking Brown Swiss on his father's dairy farm, Kueffner continued to be involved with dairy animals after moving out of the state, pursuing other business ventures, and raising a family.

"Basically, I've been involved with cattle my whole life," he said.

It has been within the past five or six years that breeding and embryo transplanting became Kueffner's main focus. In 1997, after spending 12 years in North Carolina, he decided to make the move to Maryland to be in "one of the best states in the country for good cattle."

Kueffner said he was honored that his father, Ernie Kueffner, now 80 years old and still living in Wisconsin, was able to make it the World Dairy Expo to see him show the supreme cham-

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Dwight Rohrer, Pennsylvania's 2000 shelled grain class, nonirrigated, tilled top corn yield contest winner, is profiled in *Corn Talk*, included this issue. Dwight is joined by his wife Rosie and daughter Kristyn, 5. Not pictured is Ryan, 11, and Tyler, 7.
 Photo by Michelle Kunjappu

Gov. Schweiker Delivers \$3.5 Million For York Expo Arena

YORK (York Co.) — On Wednesday, Gov. Mark Schweiker delivered \$3.5 million in capital budget redevelopment assistance funds for a new York Expo Arena at the York Fairgrounds.

"For more than 200 years, the York Fairgrounds has served as a premiere showcase for Pennsylvania agricultural products, a

center stage for educational programs and entertainment, and a key economic asset for south-central Pennsylvania," Schweiker said. "Still, the home of the oldest fair in America holds the promise of delivering even more for York and the surrounding region — and its about to get a new facility to help it succeed in fulfilling that

promise. "Today we present \$3.5 million in capital budget redevelopment assistance funds to build

the brand-new York Expo Arena at the York Fairgrounds. The new multipurpose center will be a comfortable year-round

venue for livestock competitions and countless additional attractions such trade shows, business

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Ag Leaders Watch Farm Bill Developments

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LEOLA (Lancaster Co.) —

Pennsylvania farmers are among the most successful in the nation while receiving a rela-

tively small amount of federal help, Pa. Deputy Secretary of

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A 'Royal' Devotion



Jan Harding will be honored for her many years of devotion to the Pennsylvania Dairy Princess program this Sunday at Rockspring. Read more about her work on page B2. Photo by Lou Ann Good



Fourth graders from Greenwood Elementary School, Millerstown, gathered with Pennsylvania Secretary Of Agriculture Sam Hayes at the start of the fifth annual Farm-City Day conducted at the Farm Show Complex late last week. More than 3,000 students from about 30 mid-state schools participated in activities such as milking a cow, watching bees make honey, and learning about a wide variety of ag topics including soil and water conservation. Photo by Dave Lefever