Holstein Association Releases Auction Report

ALTOONA (Blair Co.) - On Saturday, March 1, the Pennsylvania Holstein Association concluded the 89th Pennsylvania Holstein Convention with the annual awards breakfast, which featured two fund-raising auc-

The first annual Junior Labor Auction sold eight lots of Junior **Executive Committee members** who were willing to spend a day of their time volunteering. The volunteer tasks ranged from maid service to fieldwork to washing a string of show cattle. Thanks to the generosity of many adult members, the Junior Labor Auction raised nearly \$700 for the Junior Association.

Additionally, the banquet featured a Special Items Auction. County Holstein clubs in the central host district donated various items to be auctioned off for the junior benefit. The top sale was a handmade quilt, donated by the Blair County Holstein Club. Judy Black, this vear's convention co-chair, purchased it for \$1,075. Collectively, the 23 donated items raised about \$4,000 for the Junior Association.

2002 Pennsylvania Holstein **Convention Sale Results**

· Lot 6, \$36,000, New-Vision Rubens Tory. Buyer: Penn-Croft Holsteins and Associates, Belleville. Consignor Peachey, Petersburg

 Lot 2, \$9,000, Windy-Knoll-View Package-ET. Buyer Glen Arthur Meier. Ridlott, III Consignor James Burdette and

Kelly Myers-Zepp, Mercersburg

• Lot 1, \$7,000, First Choice of Tolare Rudolph Cupid Pregnancies Buyer Ned Warner, Paulding, Ohio Consignor Barry and Diane England and Spring Hill Farm, Big Prairie, Ohio.

Lot 17, \$6,200, Welk-Shade Starbuck Kit-ET. Buyer. Ashley Hartle, Bellefonte. Consignor Kitty Syndicate, Middletown,

· Lot 9, \$6,200, First Choice of Glen-Valley Emerson Caress transfers. Buyer: Kirby and Sheryl Horst, Newmanstown Consignor Kenneth and Marilyn Umble.

 Lot 7, \$6,100, MS M-M-D DP Abby-ET Buyer Rick and Ron Allen, and Cessna Brothers, Clearville Consignor Dylan Marshall Thomas, Lancaster

 Lot 19, \$5,700, Art-Acres Convner Kay-ET Buyer William and Michael Ammon, Lewistown Consignor Arthur Rhodenck and Tom Mercuro, Hagerstown, Md

 Lot 11, \$5,500, First Choice from Regancrest-BDE Dreams. Buyer. James and Dennis London, Punxsutawney. Consignor Regancrest Farm and Barry and Diane England, Waukon, Iowa

 Lot 8, \$5,000, First Choice from Burket-Falls Princes-Red Pregnancies Buyer: Ran-Rod Holsteins, Dayton, Va Consignor: John Burket, East Freedom

Sale gross was \$289,450 on 85 lots, averaging \$3,405

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Chester County Holstein Club Sets Tour

WEST CHESTER (Chester Co.) — The Chester County Holstein Club has planned a tour Tuesday, March 12 to Adams, Franklin and Cumberland counties.

The group will have several departure places this year.

These places include the Sam Stoltzfus Farm of Parkesburg at 7:30 a.m. and the parking lot in back of the Burger King at Morgantown at 7:50 a.m. The cost is \$15 and you are to bring a packed lunch. Supper will be provided by Monsanto Com-

The tour includes farms such as Penn Gate (Steve and Chris Wood), where they are developing two outstanding cow families which began with Abby and Flashy. They have a 94-pt. Skychief daughter and are milking daughters of Storm, Red Marker, and others.

Ricecrest Farms is another farm that has developed outstanding cow families. The Kay and Martha cows have done very well for them. They are milking several nice 2-year-olds, including an 86-pt. Convincer daughter and an Emerson daughter. They have 200 cows and farm about 600 acres.

Antrim Spring Farm is still another herd of fancy cows.

They have seven Excellent cows, including a 94-pt. Inspiration daughter. They also are working with an Excellent Tony daughter which has given them four Excellent daughters and has several Excellent maternal sisters. They have 68 cows and farm 300 acres.

Tower Vue Farm and Fountain Farm is a farm that has two herds in one facility. They also have outstanding cows. They do some showing and have brought home some prestigious awards, including grand champion Pennsylvania Farm Show and supreme champion in 2002. These two herds combined have 19 Excellent and 38 VG cows with an average BAA of 108.3 percent. Some highlights are a VG Stardust daughter with 13 generations VG or Excellent in back of her, and a 91-pt. Astre daughter with four generations Excellent.

Stover Farms is another farm that has good cows. They are milking more than 200 cows and farm 1,400 acres. Some of the cows are sired by Manfred, Milan, Broker. This Broker daughter is Excellent 90-pts., and has a Mandel daughter as well as three Leduc daughters.

They have a slocum daughter that finished third in the state for butterfat. They have several fancy Leduc heifers, two of which were pictured on the cover of Alta Genetic's brochure. They also have a green house set up for raising their young calves.

For reservations, call one of the following by March 9: Bob Hewitt, (610) 495-7927; Glenn Ranck, (610) 998-0672; or Sam Stoltzfus, (610) 857-5975. When calling for reservations, please mention where you would like to meet the bus.

Fruit Pruning

MERCER (Mercer Co.) — A demonstration of proper fruit tree pruning will be held again this year at the Apple Castle on Friday, March 15.

The Apple Castle is located on Rt. 18 near New Wilmington. The day's events will begin at 1:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the Mercer County Cooperative Extension, P.O. Box 530, 463 N. Perry Hwy., Mercer, PA 16137, e-mail MercerExt@psu. edu or phone (724) 662-3141.

Progressive Dairymen's Cooperative Presents Quality Awards

TROY (Bradford Progressive Dairymen's Cooperahere for their annual meeting on Feb. 23.

tive, Inc. members met Stewart reported Pro- steady increase in

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gressive Dairymen's Cooperative had a President Douglas profitable 2001 with a members' milk production over last year.

James Patsos, CEO of United Ag Services, presented the financial report. He pointed out that the cooperative's members had received premiums for their milk averaging more than \$3,000 per producer over their pay price. In addition, each producer received a 13th check.

Patsos said United Ag Services gives quality awards to the top 10 percent in each of its member coopera-

cooperatives, and other small to medium-sized businesses, and individuals, providing financial, accounting, management, payroll, and other services to clients. United Ag Services is located in Seneca Falls, N.Y.





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