

Franklin County FFA Chapter Wins International Dairy Judging Contest

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MERCERSBURG (Franklin Co.) — The Conococheague FFA of James Buchanan High School here won this year's Hoard's Dairyman Cow Judging Contest.

Nine students from the chapter tallied an average score that topped 412 participating FFA chapters from across the U.S.

Contestants judged five major breeds of dairy cattle from photographs featured on the covers of Hoard's Dairyman magazine from January

through early March.

Members of the winning team pictured on the front row of the photo on page one are, from left, Aaron Horst, John Fisher, Sheena Wingert, Greta Moyer, Micah Myers, Alecia Martin, Meagan Myers, and Shaina Martin. Eric Myers, sixth from right in the back row, was also a contestant. Lisa Shaw, Conococheague FFA adviser and dairy judging coach, is pictured in the back row, far left.

According to Shaw, the entire FFA chapter deserves credit for supporting the dairy judging

team. One way other members help is by filling in with ag department responsibilities while the team is away at judging events, she said.

Although the Conococheague chapter previously won honorable mention in the 72-year old contest, this marks a first in taking the top placing, Shaw said.

The winning team will be featured in the May 10 issue of Hoard's Dairyman, according to contest coordinator Karen Kutz.

The team also receives a plaque and a \$100 dollar cash prize.

In addition to the FFA division of the judging contest, Kutz said that 591 4-H clubs participated this year, as well as students and families from 12 countries including Australia, Belize, Denmark, Germany, Honduras, Japan, Malta, Mexico, Netherlands, South Africa, and South Korea.

The 86-member Conococheague FFA is a three-star chapter with a strong career development emphasis in addition to the top dairy judging team. This year the chapter was selected as

one of the top ten models of innovation finalists in the U.S.

FFA students in the middle row of the cover photo are, from left, Meleah Brumbaugh, Aimee Heckman, Allison Holland, Allison Heckman, Ryan Mummert, Mary Ann Dale, Megan Angle, Matt Reed, and Joni Stanton. In the back row, from left, Shaw, Jessica Landis, Landry Beck, Amber Oberholtzer, Matt Hawbaker, Robert Sanders, Eric Meyers, Eugene Divebliss, Andy Stoner, Dawn Goshorn, Chassidy Myers, and Nichole Soler.

Rural Medicine Symposium Set For May 2

MARSHFIELD, Wis. — John J. May, M.D., has researched agricultural health and safety issues for two decades, and he believes it's time to focus on proven prevention efforts.

"We have spent lots of time on education and it's not clear that education is helping very much," said May, who will speak May 2 in Marshfield as part of Stueland Symposium 2002, "Timely Topics in Rural Medicine."

May said it is easier to impart education than to change equipment or attitudes, which is why those methods haven't been as fully pursued. "But it is those strategies that are more likely to show positive results," he said.

For his contributions to agri-

cultural health and safety, May has been named the 2002 Stueland Scholar. The Stueland Scholar presentation, including May's keynote talk, is scheduled for 5:15-6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 2, at Froehke Conference Center, located on the campus of Marshfield Clinic, Marshfield, Wis. The Stueland Scholar event is open to the community.

May is a specialist in pulmonary medicine and internal medicine at Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown, N.Y. He also is a professor of clinical medicine at Columbia University.

Since 1993 he has directed the New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health in Cooperstown, and the Northeast Center for Agricultural and Oc-

cupational Health, funded by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). He also serves on the Steering Committee of the National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety, Marshfield.

May grew up in the suburbs of south Connecticut. He became interested in agricultural issues in the early 1980s after moving to a upstate New York and seeing a number of farmers with dust-related illnesses.

"As we learned more about the agricultural community, we discovered there were issues in safety, hearing loss, chemical use, and other areas of concern," May said.

May's published work features more than 40 peer-reviewed arti-

cles. Topics include respiratory health problems caused by working with silage, farm tractors and the use of seatbelts and rollover protective structures, hearing loss in farmers, a safety survey of auctioned farm equipment, and injuries among dairy workers.

Current studies focus on the occupational safety environment of farm workers in the northeastern U.S. He is looking at new methods of injury surveillance, and examining more specifically the ergonomics issues that workers face in orchard and vegetable farm settings.

Chester County To Publish Produce Guide

WEST CHESTER (Chester Co.) — The Chester County Agricultural Development Council is planning to distribute a Produce Guide which lists farm markets and stands, farmers' markets, and Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) operations that retail to the public in Chester County.

The Council is requesting that growers in Chester County who wish to be included in the listing call the office (610) 344-6285 to request a produce guide questionnaire. The form has questions such as location, type of produce, and hours of operation for the market.

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Land O'Lakes Names OSU V.P. To Board

ARDEN HILLS, Minn. — Land O'Lakes, Inc. recently announced the appointment of Bobby D. Moser, Ph.D., as an advisory member to the national food and agricultural cooperative's board of directors. Moser is the vice president for agricultural administration and university outreach, as well as the executive dean for the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences at Ohio State University.

As head of Ohio State University Extension, the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, and the Agricultural Technical Institute in Wooster, Moser oversees 2,200 faculty and staff with an operating budget of \$130 million.

Moser earned a Ph.D. in animal nutrition from the University of Nebraska and received his masters and bachelor's degrees in animal nutrition and animal science, respectively, from Oklahoma State University. He lives with his wife, Pat, in Dublin, Ohio.

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