

Robert Rumler Scholarship Awarded To Wisconsin Grad

RATTLEBORO, Vt. - Nate Zwald of Madison, Wis., is the 2002 winner of the Robert H. Rumler Scholarship, sponsored by Holstein Association USA.

Zwald, who received his bachelor's in ag economics and his master's in dairy science, will pursue a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Zwald works at Alta Genetics in Madison, where he coordinates the collection of data from herd management programs. He also serves as instructor for the UW-Madison Farm and Industry Short Course. He prepares and presents lectures on genetic improvement of dairy cattle.

Zwald was raised on Bomaz Farms, a 500-cow registered Holstein farm, in Hammond, Wis. Still involved with the family farm, he merchandises and purchases embryos and cattle, manages the herd, and trains new employees in milking parlor and facilities management.

Zwald plans to eventually earn a doctorate in dairy science and either continue teaching at the college level or do consulting for farmers through agribusiness. "A master's in business administration will help me make the transition from being a scientist to a businessman with a scientific outlook," said Zwald.

The Robert H. Rumler Scholarship was established in recognition of Robert Rumler's 36 years of service to the Holstein Association. This award goes to an individual pursuing a MBA degree and who exhibits traits of leadership, management intuitiveness, and personal qualities through hands-on experience.



Learn Your Cost Of Producing Milk

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Dairy producers in central Pennsylvania can participate in a hands-on workshop that will enable them to determine their cost of producing 100 pounds of milk.

Penn State Dairy Alliance and the Central Susquehanna Valley Dairy Extension Team have scheduled a DairyCOP\$ workshop for Wednesday, June 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The program will be held in the computer lab of the municipal library on Main Street in Bloomsburg.

DairyCOP\$ (Dairy Cost of Production System) is a computer spreadsheet developed by Brad Hilty, Information Management Specialist, with Penn State Dairy Alliance program. The spreadsheet compiles financial and production data from a dairy farm and calculates the farm's accrual cost of producing 100 pounds of milk.

Participants in this workshop will enter their 2001 data into the program and have an opportunity to compare their costs of pro-

duction to other farms in the workshop, as well as a database of farms from around the state.

According to Hilty, "Knowing what it cost to produce 100 pounds of milk is critical to maintaining a competitive position in today's dairy environment. It is the foundation for establishing sound risk management strategies."

DairyCOP\$ groups expenses into several common categories, making it possible for dairy businesses of different sizes and management styles to fairly compare their production costs. Partici-

pants will receive a disk with the program, so they can take it home and use it on their own computer. DairyCOP\$ can be used at anytime throughout the year, enabling producers to calculate their cost of production as often as the desire.

The registration fee for this workshop is \$50, which includes lunch and all materials. There is a \$12 charge for additional people from the same farm.

Producers interested in participating in this program should call the Dairy Alliance Office at 888-373-PADA or e-mail bhilty@psu.edu.

Beef, Pork Production Set Record Highs For April

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Commercial red meat production for the U.S. totaled 3.90 billion pounds in April, up 11 percent from the 3.51 billion pounds produced in April 2001 and a record high for April, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASA).

Beef production, at 2.19 billion pounds, was 13 percent above the previous year and a record high for April. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.95 million head, up 9 percent from April 2001. The average live weight was 1,227 pounds, up 41 pounds from April a year ago.

Veal production totaled 16.1 million pounds, 6 percent above April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 82,000 head, up 10 percent from April 2001. The average live weight was 327 pounds, down 13 pounds from April a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.67 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year and a record high for April. Hog kill totaled 8.43 million head, 8 percent above April 2001. The average live weight was 267 pounds, up 2 pounds from April a year ago.

Lamb and mutton production, at 19.1 million pounds, was down 5 percent from April 2001. Sheep slaughter totaled 278,300 head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, down 2 pounds from April a year ago.

January-April red meat production was 15.2 billion pounds, 4 percent above the previous year. Accumulated beef production was up 6 percent from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was up 2 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

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Commercial Red Meat Production: United States¹

Class	Apr 02 as % of		Jan-Apr ² 02					
	Apr 2001	Mar 2002	Apr 2002	Apr 2001	Mar 2002	2001	2002	% of 01
	Million Pounds		%		Million Pounds		%	
Beef	1,939	2,059	2,184	113	107	8,121	8,570	106
Veal	15.2	15.0	16.1	106	107	65.1	62.3	96
Pork	1,533	1,581	1,673	109	106	6,338	6,451	102
Lamb/Mutton	20.2	22.3	19.1	95	86	80.1	76.7	96
Total	3,507	3,677	3,902	111	106	14,064	15,161	104

1 - Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.
2 - Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

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