

Ayrshires, Jerseys Compete In The Ring At Maryland Fair

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TIMONIUM, Md. — Ayrshires and Jerseys were in the spotlight in the dairy ring at the recent Maryland State Fair.

Terry Rawn, Charleston, W.Va., judged the Ayrshire show. He has judged at 52 county and state fairs and works for Alta Genetics.

Ronnie Rider, Upton, Ken-

tucky, judged the Jersey show. He has judged at local, state, and national levels. Rider grew up on his family's dairy farm and now owns and operates Rider Jersey Farms.

A patriotic fall calf, Burlin Stars-N-Stripes, born September 18, 2001, won junior champion honors in the Jersey show for Eric Burall, New Windsor, Maryland. A homebred animal, the

calf was exhibited by his daughter, Erin Burall. She is a junior at Carroll Community College. Besides her studies, she takes care of the heifers and named Stars-N-Stripes in response to September eleventh's events.

The family operates a 158-acre dairy farm and are milking 110 animals, a mix of mostly Holsteins but also Brown Swiss and Jersey animals. Stars-N-Stripes

was the only Jersey animal they brought to the fair.

Also in the Jersey show, the grand champion Jersey was owned by Waverly Farms, Clear Brook, Va., Norman Nabholz, and Justin Burdette.

Representing the Ayrshire breed well, according to Rawn, was a 2-year-old animal that possessed frame and strength.

Judge Rawn picked an animal

led by Mary Creek, Hagerstown, Maryland, of Palmyra Farm, for senior and grand champion Ayrshire placing. Jason Mowry, Roaring Spring, owns the reserve senior and reserve grand champion.

The junior champion in the Ayrshire show was owned by Julie DeLavergne, Hagerstown, Md. Evan Creek, Hagerstown, Md., had reserve junior champion. Creek is from Maple Dell Farm, Woodbine, Md.



Paul Stiles, Clear Brook, Va., stands with Blacky Rose of Briarcliff, the grand champion of the Jersey show. He is joined by judge Ronnie Rider.

Erin Burall's "Stars-N-Stripes," born September 18, 2001, took home junior champion honors in the Jersey show.

Md. Tour Shows Urban Fringe Farming

ELLCOTT CITY, Md. — To examine the challenges and opportunities facing farms on the "urban fringe," a morning bus tour of four western Howard County farms will be conducted Friday, Oct. 11.

The tour is being sponsored for anyone interested in seeing first-hand farming on the edge of urban sprawl.

Farms featured on the tour include Bowling Green Dairy Farm, Inc., Philip Jones, Sykesville; Jasmine Organic Farm, Ghassan and Tagrid Neshawat, Glenwood; Elioak Farm, Martha Clark, Ellicott City; and Clarkland Farm, Sen. James Clark, Ellicott City.

The tour will start promptly at 8:30 a.m. from the Central Maryland Research and Education Center, Ellicott City and return by 12:30 p.m. There is no charge. Those interested are requested to contact the development authority at (410) 313-6560 by Friday, October 4 to reserve a seat.

Aug. 1 Cattle On Feed 7 Percent Below Year Ago

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the U.S. for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.09 million head Aug. 1, 2002, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The inventory was 7 percent below Aug. 1, 2001 and 1 percent

below Aug. 1, 2000.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.84 million, 7 percent below 2001 and 4 percent below 2000. Net placements were 1.80 million.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 2.19 million, 7 percent above 2001 and 5 percent above 2000.

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