

N.J. Dairy Scholarship Offered

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — The New Jersey Holstein Association has announced the availability of assistance to New Jersey residents studying dairy/animal or agriculture science, beginning in September 2003.

The scholarship, known as the Edward T. Oleskie Scholarship in Dairy and Animal Science, will be awarded to applicants based on merit, demonstrated interest in agriculture, and financial need.

The scholarship is open to undergraduate students majoring in Agriculture at two- or four-year institutions or to individuals pursuing continuing education in an agricultural related field.

Consideration will be given to New Jersey residents planning to return to a career in New Jersey. One scholarship will be awarded each year, and it may be renewed annually upon approval of the scholarship selection committee.

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Record Pork Production During January

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Commercial red meat production for the U.S. totaled 4.08 billion pounds in January, relatively unchanged from a year ago, but pork production was 2 percent higher at record-high levels, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

January 2002 contained 23 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays. January 2003 contained 23 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.29 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter

totalled 3.01 million head, down 2 percent from January 2002. The average live weight was 1,268 pounds, up 8 pounds from January a year ago.

Veal production totaled 17.9 million pounds, 6 percent above January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 93,800 head, up 7 percent from January 2002. The average live weight was 317 pounds, down 4 pounds from January a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.75 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year and a monthly record high. Hog kill totaled 8.79 million head, 1 percent above January 2002. The average live

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The junior Angus show was conducted Jan. 13 during the Pennsylvania Farm Show. Scott Greiner, Va., judged the event.

Rising to the top and being named grand champion owned heifer was HJF Erica Jacey, owned by Megan Fuls, Richland.

The reserve grand champion heifer in the junior show was also named the grand champion bred and owned heifer for Katie Nolt, New Holland, with Triple N Elizabeth Alice.

The reserve grand champion bred and owned heifer was owned by Denton Grim, East Berlin, with BCA Faith D14.

The heifer champion was the grand champion for Megan Fuls and the reserve heifer calf cham-

weight was 268 pounds, unchanged from January a year ago.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.9 million pounds, was down 10 percent from January 2002. Sheep slaughter totaled 238,800 head, 6 percent below last year. The average live weight was 133 pounds, down 7 pounds from January a year ago.

Farm Show Releases Junior Angus Show Results

tion was shown by Kurt Long, Airville, with LVA Carlee 3000C 204.

The intermediate champion was Golden Rule Heidi 206, for Hope Long, Airville.

The reserve intermediate heifer was shown by Katrina Frey, Quarryville, with Weaverland Senorita Kelsie.

The junior champion female was the reserve grand champion for Katie Nolt, New Holland and the reserve junior champion was the reserve bred and owned champion for Denton Grim, East Berlin. The grand champion registered angus steer was shown by Dustin Fortin, Erie Co., and the reserve grand champion registered angus steer was shown by Herman Hake, York County.

Election of officers in the jun-

ior angus organization saw these results: president, Sarah Grim, East Berlin; vice-president, Kyle Grim, East Berlin; secretary, Caitlin Fairbairn, Coatesville; treasurer, Cory Thompson, Wellsville.

Directors elected were: Denton Grim, East Berlin; Katrina Frey, Quarryville; Sarah Nolt, New Holland.

The 2003 Queens Court includes: Hope Long, Airville, queen; Jennifer Hower, Bethlehem, princess; Leah Walton, Kennett Square, princess; Samantha Semrau, Millerstown, princess.

Sweethearts include: Katrina Frey, Quarryville; Kate Livingston, Dover; Kim Long, Airville; and Amanda Thompson, Wellsville.

Recertification Sessions Announced For BQA Certified Producers

MIDDLETOWN (Dauphin Co.) — The Pennsylvania Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) program has scheduled recertification sessions for the spring.

These sessions will recertify producers who were certified in 2001 and want to maintain their certified producer status. The sessions will run for approximately one hour and include current Quality Assurance updates.

At the conclusion, producers will be able to extend the certification for an additional two years.

Training and evaluation are handled by extension and industry professionals to assist producers in taking the necessary steps to ensure the safety and quality of beef.

Workshop dates and locations are as follows:

Classrooms:
Berks/Lebanon County areas: Tuesday, March 11, 6 p.m. at Country Fare Restaurant, Myers-town.

Chester County areas: Wednesday, March 12, 7 p.m. at

New Bolton Center, Kennett Square.

Adams/York County areas: Thursday, March 13, 6 p.m. at Adams County Extension Office, Gettysburg.


Bedford/Somerset County areas: Monday, March 17, 6 p.m. at Bedford County Extension Office, Bedford.

Washington County area: Tuesday, March 18, 6:30 p.m. at Washington County Fairgrounds.


Centre County area: Thursday, March 27, 1 p.m. at the Pa. Beef Expo, State College.

Bradford/Sullivan/Tioga/Potter County areas: Tuesday, April 1, 6:30 p.m. at the Bradford County 4-H Center, Troy.

For more information about the Pennsylvania BQA Certification program, the workshops planned for your area, or to sign-up for a workshop in your area, call Scott Wright at (717) 939-7000 or your local extension office.



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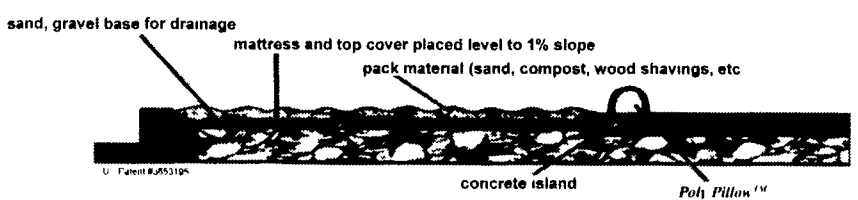
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