

Md. Holstein Association

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nah Smith, Ben Yoash, and Allyson Lethbridge.

Jennifer Herbst, Washington County, and T.J. Remsburg, Frederick County, were named 2003 top senior distinguished junior members, with Herbst winning the overall trophy. Honorable mention in the senior division went to Brooke Hoffman, Erin Magness, Jacob Pieper, and Tracy Webb.

Marlee Savage of Montgomery County took home four junior production awards — in the 3-year-old, 4-year-old, 6-year-old, and lifetime production categories. Evan Patrick Creek won the 2-year-old division, and Katherine Herbst's cow topped the 5-year-old group.



Andrea Hood is recipient of this year's Outstanding Maryland Holstein Scholarship.



Distinguished Maryland Holstein intermediate junior members are, front row from left, Malorie Rhoderick, Holly Wright, Laurel Moore, and Hannah Smith, with Cam Davis, 2002 Maryland Holstein Association president, and back row, from left, Davis Schwartzbeck, Curtis Rhoderick, Andrew Herbst, Scott Davis, and Ben Yoash.

NFU President To Discuss Low Dairy Prices

BROOKVILLE (Jefferson Co.) — National Farmers Union President Dave Frederickson and other Farmers Union leaders will discuss solutions to low dairy prices with Brookville area farmers April 1.

Frederickson, NFU Government Relations Representative Tracy Beckman and Pennsylvania Farmers Union President Larry Breech will provide an overview of congressional actions, upcoming dairy events, and possible remedies to the dairy crisis.

"Today dairy farmers are receiving the lowest prices for

their products since 1979, and unfortunately, economic projections are not showing an increase in prices for the coming months," said Breech. "Both producers and consumers are losing the fight on this issue."

"Milk prices are well below the cost of production and it is having a devastating effect on our rural economies," Breech said. "Our dairy producers are producing millions of gallons of milk per year, yet are unable to make a profit, while dairy manufacturers continue to profit year after year."

Farmers Union has been urging Congress to hold hear-

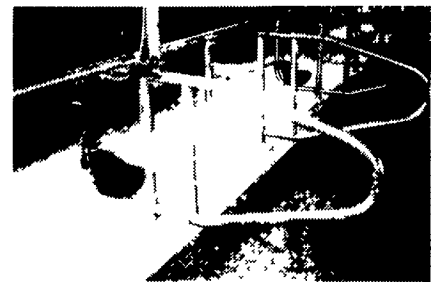
ings to determine whether a lack of market competition within the dairy industry is resulting in price gouging for both consumers and producers. NFU, along with a coalition of other groups, will conduct a dairy fly-in in Washington, D.C., April 7-9 to address the negative impacts of imported milk protein concentrates.

A Farmers Union member-only event will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Roseville Grange located on Rt. 322 west of Brookville, Pa. The program, which is open to the public, will begin at 8 p.m. For more information, contact Breech at (570) 784-9326.

Conservation Story Next Issue

EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — Because of space constraints, the report on the Lancaster District's 52nd Annual Banquet will run in next week's issue of *Lancaster Farming*. Thanks for your patience.

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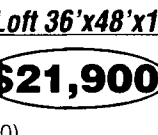
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