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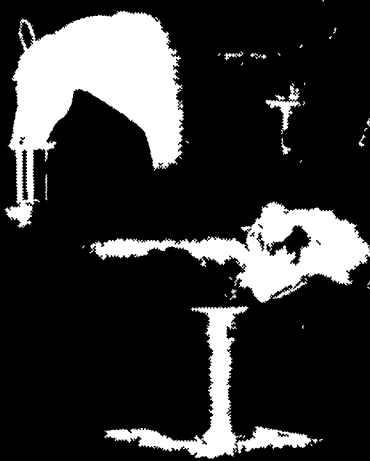
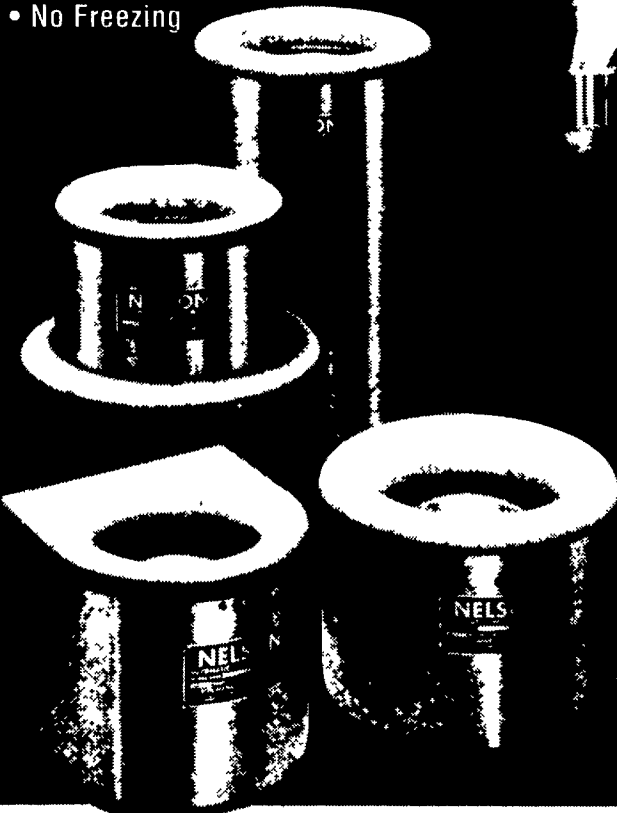


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Sixth District Congressman Bob Goodlatte takes the first scoop from the giant ice cream sundae served on the Capitol Lawn recently. Joining the celebration, from left, Virginia Dairy Princess Sarah Leonard from Midland, Va., New Jersey Dairy Princess Brynn Kirby from Hillsborough, N.J., and Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Rachel Kilgore from Airville.

Capitol Celebrates National Ice Cream Month

WASHINGTON, D.C. — What hits the spot on a warm summer day? Why ice cream of course!

House Agriculture Committee Chair Congressman Bob Goodlatte, took that to the extreme recently serving up a giant ice cream sundae on the front lawn of the Capitol building.

In honor of National Ice Cream Month, dairy princesses from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Virginia built the tantalizing dessert using 27 gallons of vanilla bean ice cream donated by Turkey Hill.

Congressman Goodlatte did the honors of serving the official

first scoop. Virginia Dairy Princess Sarah Leonard of Midland, Va. and Virginia Alternate Dairy Princess Ashley Shiflett from Fort Defiance, Va. helped the Congressman scoop sundaes for more than 500 passersby and Capitol Hill staff members.

In addition to helping serve sundaes, Pennsylvania Royalty Rachel Kilgore, Rachel Ebert, and Ashley Chapman met with Representatives Todd Platts, John Murtha, and Phil English to discuss issues affecting dairy farmers, including the MPC bill and Child Nutrition Act. Royalty also toured the Capitol.

New York Couple Receives Young Jersey Breeder Award

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Eric and Janet Partridge, East Durham, N.Y., were recently named by the American Jersey Cattle Association (AJCA) as recipients of its Young Jersey Breeder Award. They were recognized for their accomplishments during the recent annual meeting of the AJCA and National All-Jersey Inc. (NAJ) in Columbus, Ohio.

The Partridges are third-generation breeders of registered Jersey cattle and the fifth generation to raise a family on the 220-acre farm, Hedges Homestead. The herd is currently 48 registered Jerseys, with a rolling herd average of 16,207 pounds of milk, 712 pounds of fat, and 560 pounds of protein.

The Partridge philosophy is to breed cows that are functionally correct, with a balance of type, production and longevity. The present herd features eight Excellent and 29 Very Good cows. Over the past eight years, they have owned 18 Excellents, breeding 15 of them.

The Partridges are actively involved in many dairy organizations. Janet has been the secretary of the New York Jersey Cattle Club for the past four years and a member of the state sale committee in 1999 and 2001. Eric was vice-president of the Capital District Jersey Cattle Club for three years.

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