

Pennsylvania Youth Excel In Public Speaking Contest, Cow Awards At Holstein Convention

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Youth from the Mid-Atlantic area, Pennsylvania in particular, took home numerous awards for excellence in public speaking, as well as top breeding and production awards at the recent National Junior Holstein Convention in Winston-Salem, N.C..

More than 400 youth gathered from across the U.S. for the event. Ranging in age from nine to 21, these youth competed in numerous contests, held a junior forum, and mingled with other youth during fun-filled activities, all with the intent to strengthen their dairy knowledge while building friendships for the future.

The National Prepared Public Speaking contest drew a total of 38 contestants this year among the three divisions. Speeches were given on topics related to the Holstein and dairy industries. Each contestant was judged on organization of material, power of expression, voice, stage presence, and response to questions within an allotted time.

Winners were announced as follows: Junior (ages 9-13): 1. Patrick Lundy, New York 2. Brett Shelley, Pennsylvania 3. Carissa Doody, Maryland; Intermediate (ages 14-16): 1. Clayton Wood, Pennsylvania; 2. Rachel Ebert, Pennsylvania 3. Allison Waggoner, South Carolina; Senior (ages 17-21): 1. Sarah Olson, Minnesota 2. Miranda Miller, Oregon 3. Rachel Kilgore, Pennsylvania.

States also had the chance to participate in the scrapbook contest. The small division is for states with less than 200 national junior members while the large division is for states with more than 200 members. An anonymous panel of judges evaluated the scrapbooks on news clippings, photos, organization, originality and variety of activities, and the cover.

Twelve total entries were judged. Winners in the small division were: 1. Virginia, 2. Iowa, and 3. Oregon. Placings in the large division were: 1. Illinois 2. Minnesota, and 3. Maryland.

Cow awards were presented to junior members in four different categories: Breeder of an Excellent, Progressive Breeder, 30,000 Pounds, and 150,000 Pounds Lifetime Production.

Junior members who have bred a cow classified "Excellent"

were Kyle Burdette, Pennsylvania; Emily Cloninger, Pennsylvania; Jody Endvick, Wisconsin; Daniel Hardesty, Virginia; Thomas Harwood, Pennsylvania; Ava Koebel, Michigan; Maureen Lee, Wisconsin; Chase Miles, Pennsylvania; Brenda Nelson, Minnesota; Erik Nelson, Minnesota; Amanda Sell, Wisconsin; Emily Stuff, Pennsylvania; Joshua Whitehill, Kansas; Kimberly Wilson, Missouri; and Clayton Wood, Pennsylvania (two animals).

The National Progressive Breeder award recognizes high production and classification standards for each cow bred and owned by a junior member. Every cow qualifying receives a star, and an accumulation of five stars or more enables the member to be recognized at the National Convention. One Star winners were: Dakota Barrett, Vermont; Jessica Barrett, Vermont; Gregory Byham, Pennsylvania; Thomas J. Ewing, Missouri; Matthew Hardesty, Virginia; April Hartle, Pennsylvania; Kimberly Herbst, Maryland; Christi Knight, Pennsylvania; Justin London, Pennsylvania; Cindi Mearkle, Pennsylvania; Jamie Mearkle, Pennsylvania; John Nathan Miller, Missouri; Amanda Nelson, New York; Aubrey Schwartzbeck, Maryland; Austin Schwartzbeck, Maryland; Katie Tessier, South Carolina; Allison Waggoner, South Carolina; Kimberly Wilson, Missouri, and Corbin Wood, Pennsylvania.

Two Star winners were Emily Cloninger, Pennsylvania; Andrew Herbst, Maryland; Nicole Hosto, Wisconsin; Lea McCullough, Wisconsin; Kelly Lee, Wisconsin; Chase Miles, Pennsylvania; and Clayton Wood, Pennsylvania.

Three Star winners included Vivian Briggs, Maine; T. Jason Ewing, Missouri; Ava Koebel, Michigan; Andrew Lenkaitis, Illinois; Brenda Nelson, Minnesota; Erik Nelson, Minnesota; Brent Schuler, Pennsylvania; Jason Troutman, Pennsylvania and Carrie Wack, Pennsylvania.

Four Star winners were Bethany Barrett, Vermont; Benjamin Dorshorst, Wisconsin; and John Douglass Hardesty, III, Virginia. Adam Raney of Pennsylvania was the Five Star winner.

Eight Star winners were Charann Foster, Pennsylvania and Thomas Harwood, Pennsylvania.

Jessica Whitehill, Kansas, was the Nine Star winner.

The National 30,000 Pound Cow award is given to junior members who have bred and owned a cow producing over 30,000 pounds of milk in 305 days or less. Winners awarded this year included Jesse Bitler, Pennsylvania; Vivian Briggs, Maine; Amy Hartle, Pennsylvania; Troy Hartle, Pennsylvania; Thomas Harwood, Pennsylvania; Kimberly Herbst, Maryland; Nicole Hosto, Wisconsin; Sarah

Krall, Pennsylvania; Jason Manross, Pennsylvania; Cole McLaughlin, Pennsylvania; Matt Mosholder, Pennsylvania; Erik Nelson, Minnesota; Jeff Orr, Pennsylvania; Kendel Reist, Pennsylvania; Kendra Reist Trego, Pennsylvania; Megan Schantz, Pennsylvania; Brent Schuler, Pennsylvania; Stephanie Stout, Illinois; Emily Stuff, Pennsylvania; Jessica Whitehill, Kansas; and Joshua Whitehill, Kansas.

The 150,000 Pound Lifetime Production award goes to junior

members who owned an animal producing over 150,000 pounds of milk in her lifetime. Awards this year went to Nathan Bingham, Vermont; Kevin Caldwell, Pennsylvania; Rebecca Cloninger, Pennsylvania; T. Jason Ewing, Missouri; Amy Hartle, Pennsylvania; Thomas Harwood, Pennsylvania; Daniel Krall, Pennsylvania; Andrew Morrill, New Hampshire; Kimberley Morrill, New Hampshire; Christopher Potts, Virginia; Kendel Reist, Pennsylvania and Jessica Whitehill, Kansas.



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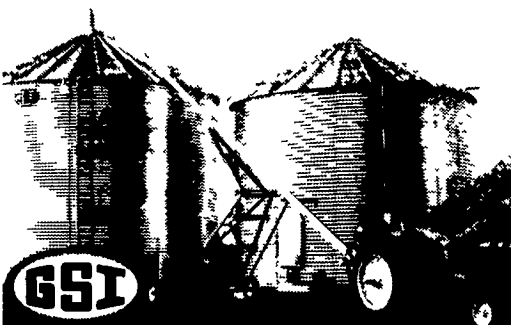
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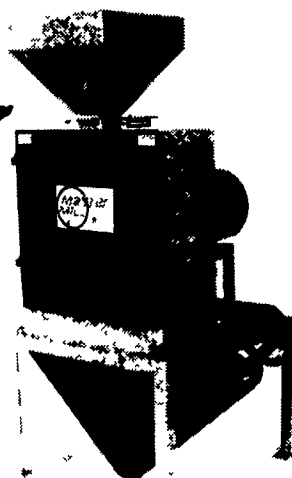
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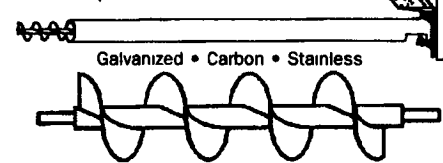


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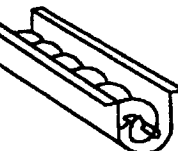


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