

Franklin Hog Farm Manager

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is written, has some limitations. Farmers who import manure, for example, are required to keep a nutrient balance sheet, but aren't necessarily required to have a full nutrient management plan.

"There is a little bit of a loophole there because some farmers keep better track (of imported manure) than others," he said. "On the other hand, just because they have a nutrient management plan doesn't mean they're using it."

Manure importer regulations are being revised for the new Nutrient Management Act.

Tom Chiou of Taiwan owns Franklin Hog Farm, which employs 10 people in the farrow-to-feeder operation. He also owns a hog finishing operation, Timber Ridge Farm, in Fulton County.

Chiou had been a hog producer in Taiwan, exporting much of his pork to Japan. Expansion took him to south central Pennsylvania in 1996.

In 1997, foot-and-mouth disease in Taiwan curtailed pork exports.

According to Sollenberger, the expansion here made sense for those reasons, and because Chiou had been importing about 90 percent of his feed from the U.S.

About 1,300 pigs a week are weaned on the 2,800-sow operation, and are moved to a "detached nursery" barn where they are raised to feeder age. The nursery is separate from the farrowing barn and two gestation barns for health reasons.

Six farmers from the area fin-



These 6-day-old pigs like to lie on the heat pad provided in the farrowing crate. By helping to keep them away from the sow except at feeding times, the pad helps prevent the piglets from being crushed.

ish about 40 percent of the hogs on a contract basis, the rest being finished by Chiou's operation in Fulton County.

Franklin Hog Farm uses artificial insemination (AI), with semen collected from boars on the farm. All the AI work is done by employees.

Replacement gilts are raised on the farm. Except for the occasional new crop of boars being brought in, "it's basically a closed herd," Sollenberger said.

The farm uses patented hog genetics that include Landrace/Yorkshire sows, pure or crossbred Hampshire and/or Duroc boars, and Pietrain terminal sires.

World Dairy Expo Hosts Five Breed Sales

Kueffner Holstein Goes For \$40,000

MADISON, Wis. — The 2003 World Dairy Expo hosted sales of four major international breeds including Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Jersey, and Holstein at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wis., Sept. 30 to Oct. 4. Following is a short summary of each sale:

World Classic 2003 Sale

Arethusa Farm LLC of Litchfield, Connecticut paid \$40,000 for Ernest-Anthony Alaina-ET at the World Classic 2003 Holstein sale on Friday, Oct. 3. The sire is Comestar Outside and her dam is Tri-Day Ashlyn-ET. Ernest Kueffner of Boonsboro, Md. was the consigner.

Two lots sold for \$27,000. Miss Paradise Precious-ET, consigned by Mark Rueth and Kent Van Dyk of Deerfield, Wis. was purchased by Arethusa Farms LLC. The animal was sired by Silky Gibson and her dam is Vandy-K Integrity Paradise. The first choice female of Shoremar S Alicia, sired by either Cousteau or Stormatic, sold for the same price and will also be headed to Arethusa in Connecticut. The consigner was Kingstead, Binder, and Butler of Damascus, Md.

The sale included 44 lots, with an average sale price of \$10,861. Total sales were \$477,900. Buyers came from 12 states and four countries. Tom Morris Ltd. of Amery, Wis. managed the sale.

Guernsey Classic International

Les Syndicate and Genex paid \$11,500 for Flambeau Manor Tiller Les-ET at the International Guernsey Classic Sale. Trotacre Loral Tiller-ET sired Tiller Les, and the Gary Van Doorn and family of Tony, Wis., was the consigner.

The second highest selling animal was a first choice female of Cedar Fringed Altann sired by Four Winds Deemand. The consigner was Aaron Gable of New Enterprise. Lavon Farms of Plano, Texas made the final bid of \$5,100.

There were 21 lots sold, with an average price of \$2,590. Total sales were \$57,000. There was one international buyer and other buyers were from 10 states. Proceeds from Lot 1 were donated to AGA promotion fund in honor of Les Peckham, a longtime Guernsey fieldman and promoter from Wisconsin. Guernsey Marketing Service managed the sale.

Top of the World Jersey Sale

The Top of the World Jersey Sale was conducted as a video silent auction. Avon Road Freedom Melonee was the high seller. Wade Schoneck paid \$3,600 for the Jersey. D.L. and Hoyt Stranberg of Alma Center, Wis., consigned the animal.

The second highest selling animal, for \$3,300, was a first choice "Renaissance" Out of Roalea Imps S J Beauty. The buyer was

Emily Hoy of Plant City, Fla. Consigners were Ron and Christy Ratliff of Garnett, Kan.

The sale, managed by Jersey Marketing Service, featured 20 lots totaling \$41,075 with an average sale price of \$2,055.

Brown Swiss Premier Sale

Bob, Cathy, and Jodi Coppini of Tillamook, Ore. paid \$6,300 for Savage-Leigh Twizzle ET 913747 at the Brown Swiss Premier Showcase Sale. Jami Savage-Hartman and Chip Savage, Knoxville, Md., were the consigners.

Kruses Banker FV Kelsey ET 917473 was the second highest selling animal at \$5,500. Larry Kruse and family, Earlville, Iowa consigned her. Katie Gibson and Kaleb Thompson of Eminence, Ky., purchased the animal.

The sale was managed by Brown Swiss Enterprises, the marketing arm of the Brown Swiss Association, and featured 30 lots with an average sale price of \$3,154.

World Ayrshire Sale

Zachary Darrow of Boggs-town, Ind., paid \$4,550 for Cedarvale Black China, top seller at the World Ayrshire Sale. Lindsey, Kyle, and Kelsey Schilling were the consigners.

Lincolnshire Jody Lass, consigned by James Place of Ontario, N.Y., and purchased by Memler, Vaskull, and Kolaske of Seymour, Wis., sold for \$4,500.

New York 4-H Girl Wins \$1,000 Scholarship At All-American

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Sonja Galley of the Ostego County 4-H Club of New York State took home the top prize of a \$1,000 college scholarship at the Junior Dairy Management Contest at the All-American Dairy Show at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

The 17th Annual Junior Dairy Management Contest was open to all 4-H, FFA members, and agricultural students at private high schools in the U.S.

Contestants participated in a linear trait analysis class, placed a class of dairy cattle, identified retail meat cuts, dairy feeds and forages, and took a test on dairy

farm business management, feed nutrition and management, milk pricing, milk quality, and dairy cattle reproductive management.

Cash prizes were awarded to the top ten 4-H and FFA individuals and to the top ten teams. Results are as follows:

2003 WINNING 4-H TEAMS

1. Berks/Lehigh 4-H — Team A — \$170.
 2. N.Y. State 4-H Dairy Mgt. — \$120.
 3. Ostego County Dairy 4-H — \$110.
 4. Michigan 4-H — \$100.
 5. Berks/Lehigh 4-H — Team B — \$90.
 6. Harford Co. Dairy Club 4-H — \$80.
- WINNING FFA TEAMS**
1. West Perry FFA — \$170.
 2. Hans Herr FFA — Team A — \$120.
 3. Caesar Rodney FFA — \$110.

4. Hans Herr FFA — Team B — \$100.
5. Fillmore Central FFA — \$90.
6. Tulpehocken FFA — Team A — \$80.
7. Cedar Crest FFA — \$70.
8. Tulpehocken FFA — Team B — \$60.
9. Northern Lebanon FFA — \$55.
10. Captain Jack FFA — \$55.

HIGH INDIVIDUALS

1. Sonja Galley — Ostego Co. 4-H — \$1,000.
2. Dustin Bliss — N.Y. State 4-H Team — \$150.
3. Jim Tausel — Ostego Co. 4-H — \$100.

4. Sarah Tuttle — Berks/Lehigh 4-H — \$80.
5. Chad Mertz — Berks/Lehigh 4-H — \$60.
6. Brent Schular — Berks/Lehigh 4-H — Team A \$50.
7. Adam Preston — Michigan 4-H — \$40.
8. Kim Vaughn — Harford Co. 4-H — \$30.
9. Suzanne Harwick — Berks/Lehigh 4-H — Team B — \$30.
10. Jennifer Garber — Hans Herr FFA — Team A — \$25.

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