

Creamery Tour Kicks Off Pennsylvania Meeting

The Pennsylvania Jersey Cattle Association (PJCA) held its annual meeting over the weekend of April 23-24, 2010, at the Ramada Inn in State College. Jersey breeders attended to organization business, honored members and enjoyed fellowship with peers and industry guests.

The event was kicked off with a tour of the Pennsylvania State University Creamery on Friday afternoon. The Creamery is the largest university creamery in the country, turning about 4.5 million pounds of milk into ice cream, cheese and other dairy products each year. The premium ice cream, with a butterfat content of 14.1%, is offered in more than 100 flavors and made into 750,000 hand-dipped cones annually. Graduates of the university's correspondence course in ice-cream making include Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield of Ben & Jerry's. Guests include former President Bill Clinton, who was given the chance to create his own flavor of ice cream—a mix of Cherry Quest and Peachy Paterno.

Saturday morning's events included the annual business meeting and adult awards program. The featured speaker was Brian Snyder, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture, who spoke on how small farms are shaping the future of agriculture.

The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Craig and Susan Wicker, Centre Hall. The couple operates Four Spring Jerseys, a 10-cow herd housed at Ardent Farm in Belleville, owned by Jerome and Kathryn Hardy.

Susan was a PJCA director for 15 years and president for three years. She presided over the organization when it hosted the Annual Meetings of the American Jersey Cattle Association and National All-Jersey Inc. in 2005 and was the state's dean to the inaugural Jersey Youth Academy in 2009. Craig is a past secretary-treasurer of the Pennsylvania Veterinary Technicians Association and



Shannon Gardner, president, left, and David Norman, secretary/treasurer, right, present Craig and Susan Wicker, Four Springs Jerseys, with a painting for being named winners of the organization's Distinguished Service Award for 2010.



Members attending the 2010 PJCA Annual Meeting heard from speakers, Aaron Horst, left, and Brian Snyder, second left. Also pictured are Gardner and Norman and LeeAnn Kapanack, 2010 Pennsylvania Jersey Queen.

has raised thousands of dollars in bicycle rallies for multiple sclerosis.

The Norman Genetic Award was given to William Eick, Windy Acre Jerseys, Columbia Crossroads, for owning the herd with the highest Jersey Performance Index (JPI) in the state. After the April 2010 genetic evaluations, his herd of 57 cows ranks eighth in the nation with an average JPI of +61 and Predicted Transmitting Abilities of +358M, +18F and +14P.

Production awards for herds and individual cows by age based on cheese yield dollars were also given. Among the smallest herds with 7-29 cows, David Myers, Summerville, had the top herd for milk and protein with a herd average of 21,223 lbs. milk and 770 lbs. protein.

JEMI Jerseys, owned by Jeffrey and Michelle Reisner, Newburg, was tops for fat production with 982 lbs. fat.

Philip Petersheim, Meyersdale, led his peers with 30-59 cows for all production measures with a herd average of 18,816 lbs. milk, 907 lbs. fat and 643 lbs. protein. Petersheim also owned the state's top-producing four-year-old, Mar Bil Paramount Ester. She produced a record with a cheese yield of \$4,245.

In the category for herds with 60-99 cows, three herds earned recognition. Chyle-Land Dairy, owned by Jack and Ella Chyle, Pleasant Mount, was first for milk at 17,730 lbs.; Stony Hollow Jerseys, owned by the Stonerook family of Martinsburg, was the top herd for fat at 839 lbs.; and Creek View Farms, Williamsburg, was the high protein herd at 653 lbs.

Among large herds with 100 or more cows, Brian Martin, Kutztown, was first for all measures of production with a herd average of 20,093 lbs. milk, 947 lbs. fat and 735 lbs. protein on 136 head. Martin's senior two-year-old, Meshach Asia of Country Lane, topped her peers for cheese yield with a cheese yield of \$3,721.

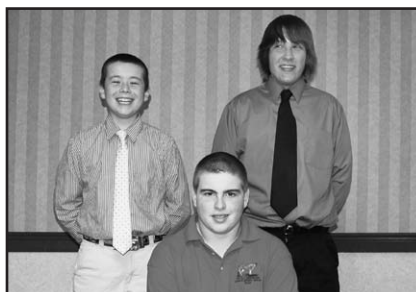
Daniel R. Mains, Newville, took home four certificates for individual cow production. Mains Lieutenant 226 was the top senior yearling with a cheese yield of \$3,384; PR Mains Rebel 186 was the high junior two-year-old with a cheese yield of \$3,699; PR Mains Mor 136 took top honors among junior three-year-olds with a cheese yield of \$4,405; and Dean C T Golden Matilda was the high senior three-year-old with a cheese yield of \$4,524. PR Mains Mor 136 was also the state's high protein cow, with 1,038 lbs. protein in her second lactation.

Other certificates were awarded to Terry Lee and Craig A. Rhein, Pine Grove, for the high five-year-old, MVF Mor Fame 1158, at \$4,289 cheese yield; Jack W. Rotz, Waynesboro, for the leading six and seven-year-old, Butter

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Winners of the junior division of the speech contest were Kassidy Ryman, center, first; John Curtis, second; and Jaydyn Isiminger, third.



Capturing prizes in the intermediate division of the speech contest were Logan Karchner, center, first; Andrew C. Theobald, left, second; and Sterling Hardy, third.



Senior division speech contest winners included Amanda Mitcheltree, center, first; Jaylene S. Leshner, left, second; and Morgan Knepp, third.

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Outgoing Jersey Queen Amanda Mitcheltree, left, and 2010 Pennsylvania Jersey Queen LeeAnn Kapanick.

Lane Primetime Izzy, at \$4,467 cheese yield; David W. Myers, for the top eight and nine-year-old, Keystone Meadows Mannix Bam, at \$3,613 cheese yield; and Ryan D. Clark, Tyrone, for the high aged cow, Edn-Ru Dough-Boy Ringles Reba, at \$3,287 cheese yield.

The slate of officers that served the organization in 2009 was re-elected to serve again in 2010 as follows: Shannon Gardner, Dayton, president; Gary Miller, Centerville, vice president; and David Norman, Liberty, secretary/treasurer. Jeff Peters, Meadville, and Alvin Vance, Mount Pleasant, were elected to serve as directors.

At the junior banquet, guest speaker, Aaron Horst, Hershey, talked about opportunities for juniors in agriculture. The Keystone State native is the winner of the 2007 National Jersey Youth Achievement Contest and now is a Cornerstone specialist with ABS Global working with dairy producers in the Eastern U.S.

LeeAnn Kapanick, Meadville, was crowned as the 2010 Pennsylvania Jersey Queen. The 19-year-old daughter of John and Stephanie Kapanick will be a freshman at Penn State-Bertrand this fall. She has been a member of the Cochranon Blue Ribbon 4-H Club since she was eight and served as the Pennsylvania

Dairy Princess in 2009. Kapanick has been active with Holsteins for many years and is in her first year with Jerseys. Her mixed herd today includes three Jerseys and four Holsteins.

Scholarships in the amount of \$550 were awarded to Amanda Mitcheltree, New Castle, and Lauren M. Kinkade, Guys Mills.

Jaydyn Isiminger, Union City, was named Junior Achievement Winner and also garnered the top prize in the junior division of the scrapbook contest. Sterling Hardy, Belleville, was the Intermediate Achievement Winner.

In the Dairy Jeopardy contest, Laury Lynn Lesher, Bernville, won the junior division. Tucker Hardy, Belleville, won the senior division of the contest and took home the Jacob Brunges Production Award for the high-protein cow in the youth production contest. His homebred entry, AF Adrienne, a Very Good-85% daughter of Highland Duncan Lester, GJPI -58, produced a record with an m.e. of 983 lbs. protein in her first lactation. Actual production on the record is 1-9 305 19,650 4.7% 927 3.6% 707 96DCR.

Other juniors to place second through 10th in the production contest in order of placing were: Sterling Hardy; Daniel R. Greathouse, Sandy Lake; Ashley Derr, Linden; Lauren M. Kinkade; Jackie Chyle, Pleasant Mount; Becky Sue Theobald, Waymart; Stacy A. Theobald, Waymart; Andrew C. Theobald, Waymart; and Mary E. Martz, Centre Hall.

In the junior division of the speech contest, Kassidy Ryman, Nescopeck, earned top honors while Logan Karchner, Nescopeck, and Amanda Mitcheltree took first in the intermediate and senior divisions, respectively.

Annual meeting festivities were wrapped up with the Pennsylvania Pot of Gold Sale, held in conjunction with the Central Pennsylvania Spring Spectacular Sale at the Grange Fairgrounds in Centre

Hall. Four heifer calves crossed the auction block for an average of \$625.

Jersey junior, Kathy Bash, Mount Pleasant, selected the high seller—Stoney Hollow Iatola Joyce—for \$700. “Joyce” is a July 2009 daughter of SC Gold Dust Paramount Iatola-ET, GJPI +59, backed by three Very Good or Excellent dams. Her Very Good-85% dam is a Vindication, GJPI -34, daughter with a two-lactation m.e. average of 19,746-1,091-770. Her grandam is appraised Excellent-90% and has an m.e. lactation average of 19,463-1,051-720 on two lactations. Her Very Good-87% third dam made 16,070 lbs. milk, 939 lbs. fat and 628 lbs. protein at 5-3.

“Joyce” was consigned by Donald and Jill Stonerook, Mount Pleasant.

Kristin M. Mull, Chambersburg, topped the Pot of Gold Production Contest and took home a cash prize of \$984.50.

Other juniors to make purchases from the Pot of Gold Sale include Rhonda Mitcheltree, New Castle; Kassidy Ryman; and Jordanna Isiminger, Union City.



Participants in the junior Dairy Jeopardy contest included (front, left to right) Laura Lesher, first; Matt Boop, second; Kassidy Ryman, third; (back) Jaydyn Isiminger and Andy Theobald.



Youth who participated in senior Dairy Jeopardy were (front, left to right) Tucker Hardy, first; Amanda Mitcheltree, second; Jaylene Lesher, third; (back) Ashley Blair, Logan Karchner, Doug Boop and Sterling Hardy.