

New York Breeders Meet Under The Summer Sun

The New York Jersey Breeder's Association held their summer picnic and meeting at John and Lynda Lehr's farm in Canastota, N.Y. on July 20, 2014.

News from the American Jersey Cattle Association (AJCA) was delivered by Area Representative Sara Barlass and outgoing AJCA director Charles Luchsinger, Syracuse. They spoke of the high goals and achievements that breeders are reaching and surpassing in numbers of registrations, *Jersey Journal* subscriptions, REAP herds and cattle appraised. Luchsinger noted that he was pleased to visit with fellow breeders and a local senator and representative to discuss immigration and trade issues at the recent Constituents day as part of the AJCA-NAJ Annual Meetings in Alexandria, Va.

Committees were formed to investigate and organize another sale in the spring on behalf of the state association and fundraising items to offset the costs of junior programs with in the state.

Youth Awards

Outgoing queen, Rebecca Eichorst, Truxton, passed the New York Jersey Queen crown to Emily Chittenden, Schodack Landing. Emily will represent the state in the National Jersey Queen contest as part of the All American Jersey Show activities.

Emily was also named one of the two senior division state youth achievement award winners. The co-winner of the prestigious award was Meagan Chittenden, also of Schodack Landing. The cousins will be eligible to compete in the 2015 National Youth Achievement Contest as nominated by New York. Meagan also received the Robin Denniston-Keller Memorial Scholarship.

Jasmine Notebook, Warwick, was the youth achievement award winner in the junior division.

Youth production awards were presented, based on the national contest rules and ranked on Net Merit Dollars. Ryan Lawton, Newark Valley, placed first in the over 30 months-old category with Normandell Geronimo Violet. The Very Good-83% C-Bar Hallmark Geronimo, GJPI +73, daughter produced a record at 5-4, in 305 days and with 26,192 lbs. milk, 1,333 lbs. fat, 959 lbs. protein, with a Net Merit value of \$7,482.34. Nathan Lawton, Newark Valley; Lydia and Meagan Chittenden, Schodack Landing; and Jasmine Noteboom rounded out the top five placings. Dylan Lehr, Canastota, and Sharla and Mickala Woodrow, Milford, also received recognition in the contest.

For the under 30-months old category, Dutch Hollow Deacon Solar-P helped Emily Chittenden win the award. This polled Fairway Topkick Deacon-P, GJPI +39, daughter is appraised Very Good-86%. She calved at 2-4 and in 305 days produced 28,079 lbs. milk, 1,150 lbs. fat, 887 lbs. protein, with a Net Merit of \$4,398.34. Cassie Chittenden, Schodack Landing; Katherine Dewitt, Accord; Maxwell Chittenden, Schodack Landing; and Kylie Lehr, Canastota, were the other youth in the top five of this age group.



Junior award winners from left to right: Ryan Lawton, Cassie Chittenden, Maxwell Chittenden, Sharla Woodrow, Kylie Lehr, Emily Chittenden, Mickala Woodrow, Dylan Lehr and Lydia Chittenden



New York Jersey Queens: 2014-2015 queen Emily Chittenden and 2013-2014 queen Rebecca Eichorst.