

Kemmeren Crowned New York Queen

The annual meeting of the New York Jersey Cattle Club was held on January 20, 2012, in Syracuse in conjunction with the New York All-Breeds Convention at the Sheraton University Hotel and Conference Center.

Katy Kemmeren, Bainbridge, was crowned as the 2012 New York Jersey Queen. The daughter of John and Dianne Kemmeren is a junior at Morrisville State College. She earned her associate's degree in dairy management in 2011 and is now working on her bachelor's degree in agriculture business. Katy's herd of Registered Jerseys includes 10 cows and 18 replacement heifers and is managed with the family's mixed herd of Brown Swiss, Jerseys and Holsteins.

She was co-chair of the Morrisville State Dairy Sale in 2010 and will coordinate sale selections for the sale this fall during a summer internship for the college. She was a member of the dairy judging team in 2010 and is active in the Morrisville Fresh program, which markets produce, cheese curds, compost and a line of dipping sauces produced by the college at farmer's markets and other local outlets. Katy got her start with Jerseys through the New York Pot of Gold program, purchasing her first heifer, Lawtons Dunkirk Kristin, in 2004. The Excellent-91% matriarch is still in the herd today and has proven her value as a foundation animal. She has three records over 21,000 lbs. milk and her daughter, Angelrose Miss Kylie, Excellent-92%, was tapped Grand Champion of the county fair.

New York Jersey breeders were recognized for production achievements with awards for herd averages in four categories based on herd size and individual cow production in nine age categories.

Among small herds with 10-50 cows, Kevetta Farms, owned by Kevin and Annetta Herrington and their family, Dansville, was the high milk and protein producer in 2011 with a herd average of 20,286 lbs. milk, 881 lbs. fat and 730 lbs. protein on 15.5 cows.

The herd owned by Merle Lawton, Newark Valley, ranked first for milk and protein among herds with 51-100 cows with a herd average of 20,868 lbs. milk, 989 lbs. fat and 737 lbs. protein on 78.1 cows.

In the category for herds with 101-150 cows, Den-Kel Jerseys, owned by Kip and Robin Denniston-Keller, Bryon, led the way with a herd average of 19,121 lbs. milk, 1,001 lbs. fat and 726 lbs. protein

on 102 cows. Den-Kel Jerseys also earned awards for the high senior three-year-old for protein (Den-Kel Iatola Icing-ET) and the top cow 6-9 years-old for milk and protein (Den-Kel Lemvig Jelly-ET).

Domino Farm, owned by the Dewitt family, Accord, was the high milk and protein producer among large herds with more than 150 cows with a herd average of 20,812 lbs. milk, 980 lbs. fat and 771 lbs. protein on 162 cows. Domino Farm also took home certificates for the high producing four-year-old for milk and protein (Dominos Hollywood Gretchen), the top five-year-old for milk (Dominos Jace Marco) and the high five-year-old for protein (Dominos Jerrick La Lona). "Gretchen" was also the high dollar cow. The Very Good-85% daughter of Senn-Sational Barkly Hollywood, GJPI +63, produced a 4-11 record with a dollar value of \$7,498. Actual 305-day production is 30,290 lbs. milk, 1,642 lbs. fat and 1,183 lbs. protein.

Other breeders to earn awards for individual cow production were: Dutch Hollow Farm, Schodack Landing, high senior yearling milk (Dutch Hollow Oregon Matilda-P), top yearling protein (LF Jacinto Roz), high junior two-year-old milk (Dutch Hollow Showtime Mosaic), high senior two-year-old milk (Dutch Hollow Jacinto Melinda 536-ET) and top cow 10 years and older protein (Dutch Hollow Avery Sparkles); Triple J Dairy, Mount Vision, high junior two-year-old protein (Sugar Ridge Rebel Red); George Family Farms, Interlaken, high senior two-year-old protein (Lake Effect Iatola Lavina); Glen Meadows Farm, Fultonview, top junior three-year-old milk and protein (Glen Meadows Geronimo Sandra); Greg and David Chamberlain, Wyoming, high senior three-year-old milk (Hi-Land Texida Gladioli); and Tim and Patti Everett, Sharon Springs, top cow 10 years and older milk (Longview Rosecrans Barb).

Business Program

In the business meeting, members learned their state Jersey organization received a rebate check in the amount of \$1,490.20 for advertisements placed by New York breeders in the *Jersey Journal* in 2011—second in the nation to California. The New York club is also working with the *Jersey Journal* to establish a website to be hosted by USJersey.com.

Members approved sponsoring awards at The All American Jersey Show, the Big E, the New York Spring Carousel and the New York State Fair. Because of increased participation by juniors, the organization will increase spending at the state fair in

order to provide an award for each class in the junior show. Live streaming video at the New York Spring Carousel and the New York State Fair will be provided if sponsors can be found.

AJCA-NAJ Area Representative Sara Barlass reported on the record-breaking year for the national Jersey organizations in 2011. She encouraged Jersey breeders to consign to and attend two upcoming sales: the New York Spring Sale on May 5 in Whitney Point, N.Y., and the 60th National Heifer Sale on June 30 at the Fryeburg Fairgrounds in Fryeburg, Maine.

She also encouraged Jersey breeders to support the upcoming Cow Power Sale hosted by fellow New York Jersey breeders, Kip and Robin Denniston-Keller, at the farm in Byron. The sale will be held on June 23, the weekend prior to the AJCA-NAJ Annual Meetings, which will be hosted by Jersey breeders from New England in North Conway, N.H.

The junior Jersey show at the New York State Fair will be held on August 30. The open show will be held on September 2. Bill Walker, Big Prairie, Ohio, will be the judge.

Dr. George Merrell made a short presentation on a new permanent identification rule that will impact interstate travel of cattle in New York. All dairy cattle must be identified with official 15-digit tags starting with 840 or metal tags starting with NY21, regardless of age or sex. Tattoos will be regarded as a supplemental form of identification; animals identified with them will also need interstate papers that provide an address where the animals will be loaded and unloaded.

Officers were unanimously elected as follows: Brian Chittenden, Schodack Landing, president; Dana Chamberlain, Wyoming, vice president; Rebecca and Sandra Ferry, Johnstown, co-secretaries; and Alan Danforth, Cobleskill, treasurer.