

Production Awards Highlight New York Meeting

The annual meeting of the New York Jersey Cattle Club (NYJCC) was held on January 18, 2013, in conjunction with the New York All-Breeds Convention at the Clarion Hotel in Batavia.

Members heard about the record-setting year for the Jersey breed from Sara Barlass, an area representative for the American Jersey Cattle Association (AJCA) and National All-Jersey Inc. (NAJ). During 2012, the AJCA registered a record 103,345 animals, with nearly 75% of them being registered electronically and half identified with double-matched approved eartags. During the year, 95,944 cows were scored and 260,088 units of JerseyTags sold. Both are all-time records, as are the number of cows (145,480) and herds (930) enrolled on REAP and Equity investments in NAJ.

Barlass also talked about the growing importance of genomics in cattle prices, especially for high-end Jersey genetics. She noted that series-high averages were set for the National Heifer Sale and the Pot O'Gold Sale—both all-genotyped events—in 2012. As well, the six high-genomic heifers consigned to the recent Holiday Spectacular Sale managed by Jersey Marketing Service sold for an average of \$7,933.33, with the high seller being struck off for \$11,500.

Barlass noted that the NYJCC received a rebate check from the Jersey Journal for more than \$2,000 for advertising placed by New York Jersey breeders in 2012. The amount is the third high in the country for state Jersey associations this year.

The NYJCC now has a website hosted on USJersey.com. Updates for the website, including local show information, should be sent to Beth Chittenden, Schodack Landing, or Sandy Ferry, Johnstown. The site can be found at <http://NewYorkJerseys.USJersey.com>.

In the business meeting, members approved funding of live streaming video



New York Jersey breeders listen to a report from AJCA-NAJ Area Representative Sara Barlass, far left, which highlights record-setting accomplishments of the Jersey breed in 2012.

and a blog for the New York Spring Carousel and the New York State Fair. The group also approved sponsoring junior awards at the New York State Fair and production and achievement winners.

The NYJCC summer picnic will be held on July 27 at Dreamroad Jerseys, Johnstown. The 50-cow Registered Jersey dairy is owned by the Ferry family and enrolled on REAP. Festivities, including announcement of the New York Jersey Queen, will begin at 12 noon. Applications for the queen contest and submission details can be found on the NYJCC website. The deadline is July 1.

The current slate of officers was re-elected to serve the organization in 2013. Brian Chittenden, Schodack Landing, will serve as president, Dana Chamberlain, Wyoming, is vice president, Sandy and Becky Ferry, Johnstown, are co-secretaries and Alan Danforth, Cobleskill, will handle treasurer duties.

Production Awards

Awards for herd averages and individual cow production by age in eight categories based on dollar value were also distributed.

Den-Kel Jerseys, owned by Kip and Robin-Denniston Keller, Byron, took home four certificates for individual cow production and was the state's high herd for milk, fat and protein among herds with 51-100 cows with a herd average of 19,368 lbs. milk, 999 lbs. fat and 729 lbs. protein. Den-Kel Futurity Wondergirl-ET was the state's high dollar cow and high-producer among cows 5-9 years-of-age. The Very Good-81% daughter of Sunset Canyon Futurity-ET, GJPI +57, produced a 5-7 record with a dollar value of \$6,475.51. Actual production is 25,850 lbs. milk, 1,466 lbs. fat and 1,008 lbs. protein.

Her herdmate, BK/DK Jacinto January, Excellent-91%, was the high-producing junior three-year-old. "January" produced a 3-3 record of 22,960 lbs. milk, 1,235 lbs. fat and 911 lbs. protein, with a dollar value of \$5,668.06. Den-Kel Magnet Sugarloaf, Desirable-75%, produced a 3-11 record of 23,770 lbs. milk, 1,365 lbs. fat and 929 lbs. protein to lead all senior three-year-olds in the state. The dollar value of the record is \$5,995.32. Den-Kel Blair Tear, Excellent-91%, earned the prize for top-producing four-year-old with a record 4-6 305 27,840 4.6% 1,270 3.6% 1,015 102DCR. The dollar value of the record is \$6,125.25.

Kevetta Farms, owned by Kevin and Annette Herrington and their children, Jessica and Tyler, was the high producing milk and protein herd among herds with 10-50 cows with a herd average of 21,552 lbs. milk and 795 lbs. protein.

The herd owned by Matthew and Jeremy Korona of Ilion was the high producer for fat among its peers with 10-50 cows with a herd average of 1,030 lbs. The dairy also ranks nationally for fat production based on lactation average (m.e. basis). The 10-cow dairy has a 2012 AJCA lactation average of 20,555 lbs. milk, 1,156 lbs. fat and 792 lbs. protein, which ranks fifth in the nation for fat.

Domino Farms, Accord, topped the category for large herds with 150 or more cows for all measures of production. The dairy owned by the DeWitt family had a herd average of 21,018 lbs. milk, 990 lbs. fat and 786 lbs. protein.

Four other dairies earned awards for individual cow production. Lew-Lin Iatola Crazy, Very Good-88%, owned by Lewis Stuttle, Dryden, was the high-producing milking yearling. She produced a record of 1-10 305 3x 23,430 4.5% 1,050 3.3% 783 91DCR, with a dollar value of \$4,885.60.

Greg and David Chamberlain, Wyoming, took home the certificate for the high-producing junior two-year-old, Hi-Land Country Chat, Very Good-80%. The dollar value of her 2-2 record was \$4,854.74; actual production was 20,850 lbs. milk, 1,101 lbs. fat and 750 lbs. protein.

Dutch Hollow Hurricane Sue, Desirable-78%, was the high-producing senior two-year-old. Owned by Dutch Hollow Farm, Schodack Landing, she produced a 2-10 record of 28,933 lbs. milk, 1,112 lbs. fat and 916 lbs. protein. The dollar value of the record is \$5,488.48.

Rounding out the awards was the high-producing aged cow, VVF Pitino Polly, Excellent-91%, owned by Scott O Tuttle, Windham. Her 10-7 record of 21,110 lbs. milk, 941 lbs. fat and 746 lbs. protein, with a dollar value of \$4,523.63, topped all records produced by cows 10 years and older in the state during 2012.