

Lehr Earns New York Youth Achievement Award

Members of the New York Jersey Cattle Club met for their annual meeting on January 12, 2018, in conjunction with the New York All Breeds Convention at the Holiday Inn in Syracuse.

Though the meeting was primarily a business meeting, Jersey breeders took opportunity to present the New York Youth Achievement Award to Kylie Lehr of Canastota. The daughter of John and Lynda Lehr is a freshman at Cornell University majoring in animal science.

She operates Ky-Hi Jerseys, a herd of 20 Registered Jerseys, raising heifers on her family farm and cows on four other dairies with milking facilities.

Kylie is the most recent recipient of the Bob Toole Youth Award and attended Jersey Youth Academy in 2017. She is a regular exhibitor at The All American Junior Jersey Show and has consigned four animals to The All American Jersey Sale. She also shows at the Chenango County Fair, where she won the Premier Exhibitor and the Premier Breeder banner at the open and 4-H shows in 2015 and 2016.

She has been secretary of the New York Junior Jersey Cattle Club the past two years and was class president her sophomore, junior and senior years. She was captain of both the junior varsity and varsity volleyball teams and played soccer through her junior year.

New York Jersey breeders are making plans for the AJCA-NAJ Annual Meetings, to be hosted in Saratoga Springs in 2019. The theme is "Something for Everyone." Sponsorships are now available by contacting co-chairs, Bethany Beiersdorf, Freedom, at 716/353-3095 or Rebecca Ferry, Johnstown, at 518/248-9294.

AJCA-NAJ Area Representative Sara Barlass brought the group up to speed on national Jersey activities. In 2017, new records were established for registrations (184,957) and sales of JerseyTags (581,866). New York Jersey breeders registered 4,049 animals to rank seventh in the nation. Appraisers scored 115,563 animals during the year—the third high in breed history and fifth consecutive year over 100,000. Contributions to Project Equity are expected to be a new record as well, with revenue projected at \$906,000.

Barlass encouraged breeders to support the New York Next Generation Sale through consignments or purchases. The sale will be managed by Jersey Marketing Service on May 5 at the Steuben County Fairgrounds in Bath.

She also encouraged members to

attend the AJCA-NAJ Annual Meetings in Canton, Ohio, in June. The meetings include several special events, including the 150th anniversary of the AJCA and the 21st International Conference of the World Jersey Cattle Bureau.

The New York Jersey Cattle Club picnic will be held on July 22 at the farm owned by Bethany Beiersdorf and her family in Belfast. The event begins at 12 noon. Please RSVP by July 15.

The current slate of officers was re-elected to serve in 2018 as follows: Brian Chittenden, Schodack Landing, president; Rebecca Ferry, vice president; Sandra Scott, Johnstown, and Bethany Beiersdorf, co-secretaries; and Alan Danforth, Cobleskill, treasurer.

Juniors were urged to apply for Jersey Youth Academy, with applications being accepted beginning in September for the next class, to be held in Columbus, Ohio, in July 2019.

The junior club is looking for a calf to be donated for their raffle fundraiser, with the winner announced at the New York State Fair.

Last year, they raised more than \$5,600 from the raffle of JX Rudgers GSP Bumblee {4}, donated by Rudgers Brothers of Attica. The raffle winner was Rebekah R. Martz of Red Hook, N.Y. "Bumblebee {4}" is a June 2017 daughter of JX Faria Brothers GSP {3}-ET, GJPI +139. She is out of a Very Good-82% daughter of High Lawn Vibrant Score-ET, GJPI +118, with 20,950 lbs. milk, 834 lbs. fat and 653 lbs. protein at 1-11.