

Salem Country is One of World's Greatest Cow Districts

Salem District and Oregon Against the World on High Records of Jersey Milkers

Polk County Has More World Record Cows Than Are Found In Any County in State; Comparisons Are Made

The following material for the annual slogan number of the Statesman in great cows is furnished by John C. Burtner, of the department of industrial journalism at the Oregon State Agricultural college:

Polk county is a great dairy county in a great dairy state. In fact, the statement has been made and records seem to bear it out, that there are more world record cows in Polk county than in any state in the union, except Oregon. And this includes the world, for the United States is the leading dairy nation.

Of these record making cows, Jerseys are most numerous. So many Jersey records have come to Oregon, that Arthur Folger, superintendent of official testing in California, is quoted as saying, "I wonder when the Jersey Breeders' association will start printing two lists, one for Oregon, and one for the rest of the country."

Jerseys are in lead. Indicative of the predominance of Jerseys, famous and otherwise, in this state, is the summary of official testing for February showing 30 Jersey herds on test, including 106 cows, while for all other breeds there were eight herds, with 66 cows.

Some Great Leaders

Some of the outstanding Jersey records held in Oregon, the majority of which are in Polk county, are: Four Class A leaders are: St. Mawes' Lady, 451588, senior yearling with a milk record of 11,756 pounds and fat 829.99 pounds, owned by H. D. Huff, Independence; Poppy's Dortha, 378,520, junior 3 year old, with milk record of 17,804 pounds and 994.25 pounds of fat, owned by F. E. Linn, Perrdale; St. Mawes' Lady's Pride, 515044, senior 3 year old, holds a record of 12,243 pounds of milk with 1,002.35 pounds of fat, owned by H. D. Huff of Independence; and St. Mawes' Lady, 451588, junior 4 year old, with 15,229 pounds of milk and 1,022.97 pounds of fat, also owned by Huff.

Jersey class AA leaders are: St. Mawes' Lady's Ruby, 485715, senior yearling, milk 12,808 pounds, fat 708.70, owned by Huff; Imp. Xenia's Oxford L'ac, 574105, junior 2 year old, milk 13,122 pounds, fat 821.70 pounds, owned by Huff; Peet's Mabel Mowat, 479804, junior 2 year old, milk 12,766 pounds, fat 872.03, owned by K. Hanneman, Portland; Darlings Jolly Lassie, 425948, junior 4 year old, milk 16,425, fat 1,112.28, owned by Pickard Brothers, Marion; Vive La France, 219516, senior 4 year old, milk 11,926, fat 1,031.64, also owned by Pickard Brothers; and Lad's Dora, 350672, mature, milk 18,632 pounds, fat 1,048.07 pounds, owned by S. J. McKee, Independence.

ence. Both Darlings Jolly Lassie and Vive La France are now dead.

More of Them

Two Jersey Class AA leaders in Oregon are: The Lion's Lilac, 671092, senior yearling, milk 10,752 pounds, fat 742.44, owned by Huff, and Peet's Mabel Mowat, 479804, mature, with milk 14,915, fat 883.93, owned by K. Hanneman. The Lion's Lilac was high cow in Oregon for February, producing 1521 pounds of milk and 103.73 pounds of fat, after 125 days in milk according to the official testing summary.

Other Breeds, Too

All the records in Oregon are not held by Jerseys, however. The Ayresheres have Oregon Panetta, Q. 75,207, senior 3 year old in Class DD, with a record of 14,370 pounds milk and 584.74 pounds of fat. She is owned by Oregon State college.

For the Guernseys, there is Oregon Pet, 112652, senior 3 year old, 305 day farmers class (DDD) making 10,287.5 pounds of milk and 580.8 pounds of fat. Oregon Pet is owned by Rieben Brothers, Banks.

The Brown Swiss record is at Linnton, where Crissy's June Rose, 15978, a junior 4 year old, owned by Paul Boeckl, on 305 day test made 14,100.6 pounds of milk and 615.37 pounds of fat.

World's High Fat Record

But the world's highest fat record is not a Jersey's, is not in Polk county, nor even in the United States. It is held by De Kol Plus Segis Dixie, 295135, a Holstein owned by Donat Raymond, Vandred, Ontario, Canada. Her record is 1384 pounds of butterfat. The highest American fat record is also held by a Holstein, Daisy Angie Ormsby 34, 571569, with a record of 1286.35 pounds of fat. She is owned by the Lakeland farms, Clarkston, Mich.

The world's milk production record goes to another Holstein, Segis Pieterje Prospect, with 37,381.4 pounds of milk. She is dead, and her former owners, the Carnation Milk company, of Washington, last summer erected to her memory a monument, one-fourth more than life size.

ALFALFA FEED GOOD

When green alfalfa is fed unchopped to chickens leaves are eaten while stems are left, whereas when the alfalfa is chopped in lengths one-half inch or less, there is no waste. Since alfalfa runs from 35 to 60 per cent stems, chopping materially reduces the waste. The same condition holds true for kale, says the experiment station.

ASHBURN MEETING IS GREAT SUCCESS

On the Farm Which Had the Greatest Herd in the World in 1921

It seems that the meeting of the Linn-Benton County Jersey Cattle club at the Ashburn Jersey farm, Shedd, Oregon, Thursday, March 14, might have been held as a celebration, for on the very morning of the meeting, C. C. Dickson and Son, received certificate of herd accreditation for an abortion free herd. There is a plan in Oregon now for erecting herds that have passed certain test requirements, and this is one of the first herds to receive such a certificate. Under ordinary circumstances this little piece of paper might not mean a great deal, but as it is going through what the Dicksons have, it means a great deal to them. This was one of the meetings of the local Jersey club and was well attended.

More than 20 years ago, J. M. Dickson and wife came to the planter's valley from Humboldt for a location for a dairy farm. Their son Cummings (C. C.) attended the Oregon State college, being graduated in 1910. For the first year the senior Mr. Dickson secured a position of official tester with the agricultural college, doing this partially for two reasons, one, to secure the remuneration that was offered; but the primary reason was to be in a better position to study the dairy industry and the possibilities in this section.

Approximately 20 years ago they purchased 235 acres of land near the little town of Shedd, and the foundation for the Ashburn herd was laid. The history of this herd is one of construction and almost entirely devoid of speculation. A Jersey cow, Lucy Corcoran, that they brought with them from California was the foundation of their famous herd of "Lulus."

Another cow that distinguished herself as a foundation cow was their old cow Silky H. The Register of Merit volumes modestly gives her credit for having "nine R. of M. daughters, and she has been proclaimed the greatest of all brood cows, but printers ink cannot convey the real influence that she has had on the Jersey family through her numerous descendants. (She was the grand dam of Lady Silken Glow 1038.70 lbs. fat, is just one illustration.)

Some Great Cows

The Lulu family produced these world class record cows, namely: Lulu Alpha of Ashburn, 800.93 lbs.; Lulu Flossy of Ashburn, 698.65 lbs.; and Lulu Mary of Ashburn 844.64 lbs., each being a world's records when made. The purchases for the farm herd have been few, but as a constructive breeding farm with a definite plan the history is most interesting.

Their first herd bull was G. G. Chief of Ashburn, a son of the gold medal bull, Golden Glow's Chief. This was followed by Valentine's Ashburn, Barometer, he was sired by Barometer's Golden Lad. He sired 23 daughters on the Ashburn farm that qualified for the R. of M., and their records placed this bull in the list of gold and silver medal bulls.

Yes, further than that, according to the last ranking given bulls by the University of Missouri, published in the Jersey Bulletin, this bull ranks third in the world

for increase of daughters over dams for bull with ten or more tested daughters. This bull was followed by St. Mawes of Ashburn, a son of Rosalre Olga's Lad, and his daughters qualified him as a gold and silver medal bull. This bull now ranks fourth in the world by the same standard as above. It was harder for this bull to distinguish himself, as he was mated with the daughters of the Barometer bull, and this gave him a high standard to raise.

The Dicksons received some satisfaction, of course, from production records from the standpoint of the increased revenue, but it always seemed that their greatest satisfaction came from the thought that they were making good in their breeding program. The entire family joined in the planning, and watching developments.

World's Greatest Herd

It has been stated on good authority that this herd held more production medal records in 1921 than any other herd. The Jersey fraternity lost one of their best friends when the senior member, J. M. Dickson, died in 1918, but the work with the Jerseys has not slackened. One does not like to mention calamities, but it was nothing short of a calamity when their herd became infected with contagious abortion in 1921. Up until that time the offspring of different bulls has been tabulated and one could note the progress that they were making.

Abortion Like Cyclone

Abortion in their herd was like a cyclone hitting a building program. There was loss of calves, loss of production, loss of cows and an uncertainty that made it difficult to estimate the real loss in dollars. Now that the trouble is all over, their paddocks are full of calves and the herd is again getting back to a degree where definite plans can be laid. Dickson estimates that the loss from this disease has easily been \$40,000. In cooperation with the Oregon State college their herd was tested out and every one of their foundation cows were taken.

Mr. Dickson says from the standpoint of dollars and cents it would have been better if he had sent their entire herd to the butcher, when the disease first became apparent, and started new, but from the standpoint of the Jersey interests, this procedure would have lost to them the results of the constructive breeding.

The herd now numbers approximately 60 head, mostly descendants of the old lines, but there are many links out of the chain that would have been valuable.

Kleek's Buy From Herd

J. J. Van Kleek & Sons, of Beers, purchased a number of heifers from the farm in its early history, and have practically the same blood lines, but up until the time of buying the bull Mabel's Gambo there had not been a joint ownership of any animals. This bull was purchased to mate with the results of the former foundation. He was sired by Sibyl's Gambo, and his dam is a double granddaughter of Oxford You'll Do.

There have been two daughters of this bull to complete records in the Ashburn herd; the first produced 636 pounds of fat in 305 days and delivered a mummified calf. This would have been a gold medal record if the calf had been living. The next qualified for a silver medal. Other daughters on the Van Kleek farm are producing around 75 pounds of fat per month as junior two year olds.

They now have a bull, Queen

Great Cows; Not Enough

By R. J. Hendricks

THE Salem district is the greatest great cow section in the world; we have more world record cows than any similar extent of territory.

And, by the same sign, we have the natural conditions here for the greatest dairying country on earth.

More than this, we do not have enough cows of all kinds, from the highest record winners to the common brindle family milker, to supply the ever increasing demand for milk and its products.

With the best opportunities in this line on the broad footstool, we are not living up to these chances to make ours the Mecca section of dairying activities for all the lands bordering on the seven seas.

The basic thing is that butterfat can be produced in our valley for at least 7 cents a pound lower cost than is possible in the eastern states, where there is a greater handicap of cold winters and hot summers making for higher overhead and other expenses and relatively lower efficiency of the essential machine—the cow.

At most times of the year, there is a fierce competition in the Salem district for the inadequate supply of milk and cream produced here. We do not have enough cows; especially are we short of the proper number of good cows; cows that more than pay for their keep.

The demand increases with our population. The struggle will go on till we secure major irrigation projects and beet sugar factories and wider alfalfa and more white clover and vetch fields, and a greater expansion of our flax industry, and all the other things that are coming to round out the requisites for the premier dairying section of the world.

STATE DAIRY MEET IS GREATEST YET

When representatives of the Oregon dairy industry gathered at the state college campus at Corvallis for the big conference March 21 and 22, much new information, especially on markets, grades and standards, will have been assembled for use of the delegates in arriving at plans for same development of the state as a greater dairy center.

The committees on marketing and on grades and standards have been combined under the

leadership of A. E. Engstrom, director of the Lower Columbia Dairyman's association who is being assisted in preliminary work by George O. Gatlin, R. H. Kipp, W. A. Schoenfeld and E. S. Larabee, specialists of the college, the Portland chamber of commerce and the federal department of agriculture.

Delegates from every county in the state have been named, indicating that the coming meeting will be the most representative of any similar conference in the state. Most of the delegates will be actual dairymen, though creamerymen and various public bodies as well as state farmers' organizations will also be represented.

SANITATION GREAT NEED

Strict sanitation alone positive-ly controls the coccidiosis disease of chickens, says the experiment station. Applying strict sanitation depends upon a knowledge of the parasite and the nature of the disease. In addition to sanitation, liberal milk feeding for a limited period is also used to control severe outbreaks.

Maid's Oxford, to mate with the daughters of the daughters of "Mabel" bull. His first daughters are just in milk with around 35 to 40 pounds of milk per day, and these in turn are being mated with a son of Jersey Volunteer.

A Fine Meeting

To return to the Jersey meeting. A good sized crowd was in attendance. The hospitality of the Dickson family is well known. Cummings, his wife and mother, are all good entertainers and your welcome is assured, but if you know the Jersey language it may seem that the reception is even more cordial. The forenoon was spent in visiting and inspecting the herd. After lunch there was speaking and a business meeting was in order on the lawn. The speakers of the afternoon were F. E. Callister, Albany; E. A. Rhoten, Salem; C. R. Briggs, P. M. Brandt and A. M. McCapes, the latter three from Corvallis.

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E. A. Rhoten, one of the leading dairymen of the Salem district and authority on matters connected with the dairy industry, responded to the following article to an inquiry of the Slogan editor of The Statesman for this annual "Great Cow" number:

"The subject of the Slogan is 'Great Cows.' It is true that the great cows of the Pacific northwest, and more especially of the Salem district, have brought fame to our country. Their records have proven the possibilities of our section as a dairy producing state, and favorable advertising for the owners each of these cows whose production has exceeded any other cow in the world.

"But, today I have in mind the lesson to be learned from the records which have been made. What caused them? Is it because we have naturally better cattle or better blood lines? Or is it because we have better caretakers? Or is it because we have natural climatic conditions conducive to the maximum production? I do not want to belittle the quality of our cattle for one moment, nor do I want to insinuate that our herdsmen and caretakers are not masters at their profession, but I am convinced and believe that here is evidence available to back up the assertion that the climatic and feed conditions of the Willamette valley are such as to make maximum production possible.

"The great cow whose produc-

tion exceeds all other cows is entitled to all of the credit that may be given her. The horse that establishes a world's record for speed is entitled to credit, but the horse that fails to make the mile within a half second of the lead horse is hardly heard of. The same is true of the cattle, but from the practical standpoint the cow that produces a few pounds less than the world's record cow should not be lost sight of. Our total tonnage of produce is not made up from the world's record cows, but the same natural conditions which makes these big records possible are at work all of the time in helping increase the production of the many cows in the various herds, and it is their production that swells the bank accounts and makes the dairy profitable.

"Oregon has produced many noted cows. A very few years ago a herd of cows was shipped to Oregon from a far eastern state. They were placed on test and soon became famous themselves. They made records that attracted the attention of the world. People planning to enter the dairy producing business should bear these facts in mind. We have a country where it is possible to secure a maximum production per cow.

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Flax, October 28.

Filberts, November 4.

Walnuts, November 11.

Strawberries, November 18.

Apples, Figs, etc., Nov. 25.

Raspberries, December 2.

Minst. December 9.

Beans, etc., December 16.

Blackberries, December 23.

Cherries, December 30.

Pears, January 6, 1929.

Gooseberries, January 13.

Corn, January 20.

Celery, January 27.

Spinach, etc., February 3.

Onions, etc., February 10.

Potatoes, etc., February 17.

Bees, February 24.

Poultry and Pet Stock, Mar. 3.

City Beautiful, etc., March 10.

Great Cows, March 17.

Paved Highways, March 24.

Head Lettuce, March 31.

Silos, etc., April 7.

Legumes, April 14.

Asparagus, etc., April 21.

Grapes, etc., April 28.

Drug Garden, May 5.

Sugar Industry, May 12.

Water Power, May 19.

Irrigation, May 26.

Mining, June 2.

Land, Irrigation, etc., June 9.

Floriculture, June 16.

Hops, Cabbage, etc., June 23.

Wholesaling, Jobbing, June 30.

Cucumbers, etc., July 7.

Hogs, July 14.

Goats, July 21.

Schools, July 28.

Sheep, August 4.

Seeds, August 11.

National Advertising, Aug. 18.

Livestock, August 25.

Grain & Grain Products, Sept. 1.

Manufacturing, Sept. 8.

Woolworking, etc., Sept. 15.

Automotive Industries, Sept. 22.

Paper Mills, Sept. 29.

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