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AYRSHIRE BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

COLUMBUS, OH – The Ayrshire Breeders' Association had a successful convention at the Prairie Meadows Casino & Racetrack Hotel in Altoona, IA hosted by the Iowa Ayrshire Breeders' Association. Tom Fenton presided over the annual meeting which was held Friday, June 23, 2017.

The Association reported a slight increase in net assets for the past year, with registrations and transfers holding relatively steady. In the election of officers, Tom Fenton of Winchester, OH took over the reigns as president while Mark Valentine of Thurmont, MD moved up to vice president. Three incumbents were re-elected to serve as director: Tom Gillette, Lyon Falls, NY; Mary Creek, Hagerstown, MD; and Lloyd Machin, Newton, IA. The Board of Directors voted for Damian Ullmer of Seymour, WI to fill the one year remaining for the term in Region 2 vacated by Mark Valentine.

For the second year, Mark Kortus of Lynden, WA was the recipient of two awards for his cow, Mainstream Real Bethany, EX-93 2E. "Bethany" was awarded Ayrshire Trophy for the highest actual 305-day record with over 4.0% fat and the Total Performance Award based on energy corrected milk, final score, bred and owned, and net merit. She made 40,640M (48,398 ECM) 5.2% 2,124F 2.6% 1,056P in 305-days at 5-07.

James and Judy Heims of Anamosa, IA were the recipients of the Rodriguez and Skiff Memorial Trophy for their cow, Heims JJ46F Burdette Reb Rebel, who made the highest actual 305-day milk record. "Rebel" produced 41,360M 2.8% 1,159F 3.0% 1,242P at 5-04.

Family-Af-Ayr Farm LLC of Caledonia, IL was awarded the Living Lifetime Production Award for Family-Af-Ayr Kellogg Lacey-ET. Her lifetime record is 285,480M 3.3% 9,476F 2.9% 8,258P.

French Trophies were awarded to the top two herds in each category according to herd size and based on 305-day Energy Corrected Milk (ECM) production.

	# of cows	ECM
<u>80 COWS OR MORE</u>		
BORCHARDT, GREGG & PATRICIA & LUKE, CALEDONIA, IL	80	21,928
PALMYRA FM CATTLE PART., HAGERSTOWN, MD	106	21,319
<u>40 TO 79 COWS</u>		
MILLER, JACK A., BRADNER, OH	43	21,552
BUSCH, TIMOTHY H. & KATIE, CECIL, WI	41	21,081

15 TO 39 COWS

CURTIS, JAMES, CAZENOVIA, NY	16	24,746
EVANS, DOUGLAS E., GEORGETOWN, NY	38	23,627

5 TO 14 COWS

KORTUS, MARK RANDALL, LYNDEN, WA	5	31,677
FREEMAN, DALTON+DILLON+BREANNE, BREMEN, IN	7	30,574

Constructive Breeder Awards were presented to those enrolled in the ABA's REWARDS program that had: at least 50% of herd bred and owned; a minimum herd size of 10 head; a minimum of 110% of the breed's ECM average of 20,717; and 70% of eligible females were classified with an average score of 86 points.

<u>Owner/Farm Name</u>	<u>% Bred Classified</u>	<u># Cows</u>	<u>ECM</u>
Beverly Donovan, Benton, ME	100	13	28,337
James Curtis, Cazenovia, NY	100	16	24,746
Jacob Worden, Oelwein, IA	87	14	23,699
Doug Evans, Georgetown, NY	100	38	23,627
Kurt Wolf, Epworth, IA	100	24	22,679
David & Rachel Maulfair, Jonestown, PA	96	39	22,447
Gregg, Pat & Luke Borchardt, Caledonia, IL	85	80	21,928
Jack Miller, Bradner, OH	97	43	21,552
Timothy & Katie Busch, Cecil, WI	94	41	21,081