

2004 National Youth Awards

Junior members of the National Brown Swiss Association were honored for various achievements at the Junior Recognition Banquet on June 30, 2005, South Beloit, Ill.

National Youth Achievement Winner

Dylan Fry of Chestertown, Md., was selected as the National Youth Achievement Winner during the National Brown Swiss Convention. The National Youth Achievement Award is the highest honor a Brown Swiss youth can earn.

Dylan is the son of Kenneth and Bronwyn Fry. A newcomer to the breed, Dylan purchased his first Brown Swiss calf in 1996 at the Mid-Atlantic Calf Sale. Since then, his Brown Swiss herd has grown to 30 head with the help of his grandfather, Ed Fry. Most notable is Fair Hill Jetway Pez. Scored at "EX93", Pez was Honorable



Dylan Fry
National Youth Achievement Winner

Mention All-American three times. She has also been named National Bell Ringer three times and is a daughter of Fry's first Swiss purchase.

Dylan will be a senior this fall at Cornell University where he has been a Dean's List student since he arrived in Ithaca. He is active in the dairy science club, Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, and the collegiate dairy judging team. His long-term goal is to own the largest herd of Brown Swiss in the country and have a herd average over 26,000M. It is his belief that Brown Swiss can be successful in large herds and he hopes to prove this to others.

The first runner-up was Jared Daubert from McElhattan, Pa. Jared comes from a long history of breeding Brown Swiss at Victory Acres Farm, owned by his parents Dean and Brenda Daubert. Jared received his first Brown Swiss calf on his first birthday. Since then, he has come to own 21 head, with 18 in milk and 16 bred and owned. To date, he has bred four different Excellent cows, each producing over 30,000M. One

of those Excellents, Victory Acres Ensign Beth, is a Superior Brood Cow. Two more are her daughters. His cattle have earned him National Youth Production and Cheese Yield Awards as well as several Pennsylvania State Bell Ringers.



Jared Daubert
Runner-Up National Youth Achievement

Jared will be a sophomore this Fall at Penn State where he majors in Animal Science. On campus, he is involved in the dairy science club, block and bridle club, and Earth House (an agricultural interest dorm at Penn State.) Jared maintains a high GPA and earned Dean's List honors last Fall. His future goal is to increase his herd's rolling herd average to over 20,000M and to improve the type of his cattle.

The other two national semi-finalists were Kayla Alberti of Modesto, Ca., and Heidi Heller, Cecil, Wis.



Kayla Alberti also received the National Youth Production Award in 2002 and several state Bell Ringer honors.

Kayla will be a senior this Fall at Modesto High School and has earned her State FFA Degree. Her future goals are to own her own dairy.

Heidi Heller is the daughter of Jack and Ginger Heller from Lakeshore Farm. She owns eight head of Brown Swiss. Heidi is the president of the Wisconsin Junior Brown Swiss Association and was the first recipient of the Wisconsin calf loan program. Heidi received her Wisconsin State FFA Degree this year.

Heidi has completed her first of two years in the University of Wisconsin-Madison Farm and Industry Short Course. At college Heidi participates in Collegiate FFA, the dairy judging team, the Little Badger program, and the school yearbook. Her future plans



Heidi Heller

are to return home and continue to build on the farm's breeding program as well as modernize record keeping.

National Brown Swiss Youth Ambassador

Charlotte Muenzenberger from Coon Valley, Wis. was selected as the 2005-06 National Brown Swiss Ambassador during the National Brown Swiss Convention. The National Youth Ambassador represents the Brown Swiss breed at trade and cattle shows, as well as other events throughout the country.

Charlotte is the 20-year old daughter of Randy and Barb Muenzenberger, who operate Bo-Valley Swiss in western Wisconsin. She



Charlotte Muenzenberger
National Brown Swiss Youth Ambassador

is currently a student at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls where she is majoring in Dairy Science with a pre-vet option and journalism minor. On campus, Charlotte is involved in the school's dairy club, Alpha Zeta, Alpha Sigma Alpha, dairy judging, hockey cheerleading, and Agriculture Communicators of Tomorrow.

Charlotte was a National Brown Swiss scholarship winner last year as well as runner-up in the ambassador contest. She has also previously been selected as a district youth achievement winner. In 2003, she was the Wisconsin Brown Swiss Queen and served as the state junior association's president the following year.

The other two finalists for Youth Ambassador were Catherine Perdue, White Hall, Md., and Katie Voelker, Perryville, Mo.

Scholarship Winners

Three scholarships were awarded in 2005 with the sponsors being the National Youth Fund, New Generations Genetics/Dan Gilbert, and the Pixie Knoll Scholarship sponsored by John and Connie Anderson of California.

Katie Voelker of Perryville, Mo., received the \$1,000 scholarship. She attends the University of Missouri-Columbia where she is majoring in Animal Science/Pre Vet. She was involved in 4-H for 11 years and FFA for five years. She owns 66 Brown Swiss and has participated in all of the National Youth Programs of the Brown Swiss Association. Katie's goal is to return to the family farm after receiving her college degree.



(l-r) Jared Daubert and Katie Voelker
National Scholarship Winners
(missing is Ashley Pope)

Ashley Pope of Loyal, Okla., is the recipient of the \$500 scholarship. She will be attending Oklahoma State University with an interest in Agricultural Communications and Agriculture Business. She owns 22 Brown Swiss and has been successful in breeding and showing at the state and national level, including the Bell Ringer program. Ashley has been an officer in the Oklahoma Junior Brown Swiss group and was very active in 4-H, FFA, and the state dairy breed organizations. Her goal is to own a public relations office with emphasis on agriculture business.

Jared Daubert of McElhatten, Pa., is the recipient of the Pixie Knoll \$500 scholarship. He attends Pennsylvania State University pursuing a degree in Animal Science. He owns 22 Brown Swiss and has participated in all the National Youth Programs. Jared's activities include: 4-H for 11 years, FFA for three years, and other high school activities. He was on the State 4-H Dairy Judging Team and was a District II Youth Achievement Winner. Jared's career goal is to become a large animal veterinarian and to continue to develop a herd of Brown Swiss.

2004 Youth Production Award Winners

The Youth Production Award Contest provides an opportunity for any junior who owns a Brown Swiss cow to participate in one

of the many Brown Swiss youth programs. This award goes to the junior owning the cow with the highest deviation compared to their rolling herd average.

A winner is selected from each of the national director districts. The national winner is the owner of the cow with the highest ECM deviation overall and receives a \$100 savings bond in addition to the plaque.

Fair Hill Polaris Lena ET, owned by Dylan Fry of Chestertown, Md., is the winner in the youth production contest for 2004. Lena freshened at 2-1 and produced a record in 305 days 3X of 32,960M, 1177F and 1052P. Her record was adjusted to 2x for the contest. Lena is sired by Top Acres PR Polaris ET and her dam is Sunny Acres Troub Levina. She was bred by Fair Hill Farm.

Lena outdistanced the runner-up in the contest, Port Haven Potential Fiona, owned by Boston Portner of Sleepy Eye, Minn., by only 50 pounds ECM. Placing third in this year's contest was Robland Discover Annabelle, owned by Elijah Landgraf of Jackson, Mo., who was the Cheese Yield champ this year. The top 5 entries overall are listed in Table 1.



Junior Production Awards, Cheese Yield Awards, and Bellringer Winners

(l-r) Suzanne Voelker, Katie Voelker, Kristin Erf, accepting for Robbie Eberhard, Andrew Nicol, Devin Mayer

2004 Cheese Yield Award Winners

The Cheese Yield Award contest honors the junior whose cow produced the highest cheese yield during a 30-day period. This program emphasizes the fact that Brown Swiss milk is ideal for cheese making due to the high protein content and almost ideal ratio of fat to protein. With more and more dairymen being paid on an end-product or cheese- yield pricing basis, this program exemplifies the value of Brown Swiss milk.

A winner is selected in each of the nine districts. The national winner will receive one-half the proceeds of a representative block of cheddar cheese, which is sold during the convention. The additional half of the proceeds are donated to the Junior Activity Fund.

With a close top pair for cheese yield, this year's third place production award entry is tops in the Cheese Yield Contest. Elijah Landgraf of Jackson, Mo., and his cow Robland Discover Annabelle, are the Cheese Yield champs for 2004. In the month of January 2004, Annabelle produced 144 pounds of milk with 3.6% fat and 3.5% protein on test day. This would yield 445.8 pounds of cheddar cheese during a 30 day period.

Annabelle's total outdid the second place entry, Fair Hill Polaris Lena ET, youth production winner, owned by Dylan Fry of Chestertown, Md., by less than 20 pounds. Annabelle is sired by Round Hill Pres Discover ET and her dam is Robland Rose Anne. Annabelle was bred by Nicole Landgraf. She had a complete 305 day record of 32,213M, 1,354F and 1,111P.

Listed in Table 2 are the top five overall cows in the contest, regardless of district. Table 3 lists the district winners who received plaques at the National Convention Awards Ceremony in South Beloit, Ill.

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TABLE 1 - 2004 Youth Production Award Winners

Animal & Owner	Age	DIM	Milk	%F	Fat	%P	Prot	Cow ECM	Herd ECM	Dev
National & District III Winner										
Fair Hills Polaris Lena ET	2-01	305d	29,334	3.6	1048	3.2	936	39,663	23,205	+16,457
Owner: Dylan Fry, Chestertown, MD ** Adjusted to 2x										
District I										
Yawnoc Earnhart Link	3-06	305d	16,818	4.0	665	3.2	545	22,347	15,738	+6,609
Owner: Seth Conway, Jefferson, NH										
District II										
K & Q Collection Robin	3-06	305d	26,245	3.2	835	3.4	882	29,179	18,029	+11,150
Owner: Andrew Edmond Smith, Denver, PA										
District V										
VoGrin Prophet Sneakers	7-04	305d	30,737	3.7	1142	3.3	999	31,270	21,870	+9,400
Owner: Jennifer Pillsbury, Watertown, WI										
District VI										
Robland Discover Annabelle	3-11	305d	32,213	4.2	1354	3.4	1111	40,220	25,045	+15,174
Owner: Elijah Landgraf, Jackson, MO										
District VII										
Port Haven Potential Fiona	2-10	292d	26,353	5.7	1498	3.2	849	42,413	26,005	+16,407
Owner: Boston Portner, Sleepy Eye, MN										
District IX										
Fabs Prelude Tess 1626	3-05	305d	23,220	4.0	940	3.3	762	28,004	21,288	+6,716
Owner: Tiffany Visser, Farmington, CA										