

Cast Your Ballot for Your Favorite Jersey Jug Winner

It's your turn now to select the finalists in the *Jersey Journal* People's Choice Contest commemorating the 50TH anniversary of the Jersey Jug Futurity.

This contest recognizes and honors the contribution of Jersey females that have graced the shavings of the National Jersey Jug Futurity.

On pages 26, 30 and 31 are the Winners of the Futurity. During the milkout of the 2005 National Jersey Jug Futurity, your Winner and Reserve Winner of the People's Choice Contest will be announced.

Announcement of the contest in the March *Jersey Journal* brought immediate response, and many current and retired Jersey breeders expressed their interest in this contest. Throughout the June *Jersey Journal* you will find advertisements on the admired cows that have set the standards for the show today "that people stop what they are doing to come and watch."

Analyzing the past Winners, we find that:

Advancer Sleeping Pamela was the first Winner to become National Grand Champion in the same year she won the Futurity, in 1959. Since then, H.V.F. Gareth Samares took the same honors in 1974 and Empire Crusader Heidi in 1979.

"Heidi" is the highest appraised Futurity Winner, at Excellent-97%. Eight other Winners are appraised Excellent-95%. The average appraisal score of 43 cows that were scored in the U.S. is 91.7%.

Three National Jersey Jug Futurity winners have produced 305-day records in excess of 30,000 lbs. milk., 1,200 lbs. fat and 1,000 lbs. protein: C Tops Impressive, SHF Renaissance Fantastic and Sunset Canyon MBSB Anthem-ET. Five others have produced records in excess of 20,000 lbs. milk: Itaskas Merry-Thought, A.S.M. Miss America of GJF, WF Justin Bess-ET, Regal Flair and Woodruffs Lester Elvira.

There is one dam and daughter pair among the futurity winners. Gaywinds Saint Crissy won in 1986 and her daughter, Gaywinds Duncan Cris-ET, won in 1993.

Nine Futurity Winners have sons that were sampled in A.I. sampling programs.

Winners come from 18 states and Canada. Jersey breeders from the state of Ohio have exhibited the greatest number of futurity winners, with 11 wins. Indiana, Kentucky and Virginia exhibitors have shown five winners each.

The greatest number of original nominations was made in 1991, when 877 heifer calves were nominated. Over the past 10 years, an average of 714 heifers have been nominated.

The Next Step

This is the first round of voting, which will determine the finalists in the People's Choice contest. Once you've selected your personal Top 5, you can cast your vote in one of two ways.

Tear out the official ballot, list your Top 5—it is not necessary to rank them—and mail the ballot. All ballots must be postmarked on or before **Friday, August 5, 2005** to be counted. Those received after August 8 will be discarded, as will any ballots that have been photocopied.

Or, vote online at <http://JerseyJournal.USJersey.com>. Only one ballot per email address will be counted. If more than one vote is received from an individual address, only the last vote will be used. The Internet polls will remain open for voting until 9:00 a.m. on August 6.

After the votes have been counted, the final group of cows competing for the title of "People's Choice Winner" will be announced in the September issue of *Jersey Journal*.

You'll be invited to vote again for the final ranking of the finalists in the September *Jersey Journal*. At this time you will pick your top three finalists and ballots will be due back in the *Jersey Journal* office by no later than **Monday, October 24, 2005**.

Final voting for the Reserve Winner and the People's Choice Winner of the National Jersey Jug Futurity will also be conducted on both the Internet and on official ballots, available only in the September *Journal*. If you are not a subscriber, today would be an excellent time to begin your subscription.

My Top Five Jersey Jug Choices Are:

(We welcome any comments you have on reasons for your choices.)

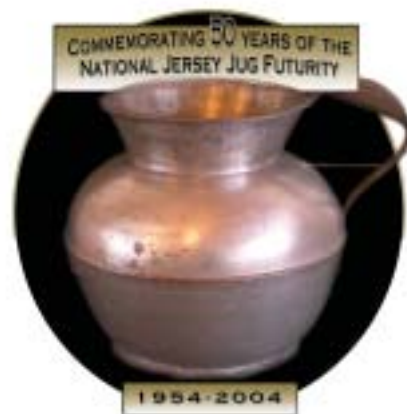
FINALIST #1

FINALIST #2

FINALIST #3

FINALIST #4

FINALIST #5



Ballot submitted by: _____

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