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## MORGAN OSBORN-WOTTHLIE CROWNED NATIONAL JERSEY QUEEN

*Reynoldsburg, Ohio, December 3, 2025*—Morgan Osborn-Wotthlie, Union Bridge, Md., has been crowned the 67<sup>th</sup> National Jersey Queen.

Morgan was presented with the Charlene Nardone Crown by outgoing National Jersey Queen Emma Townsend, Lafayette, Ind., on November 9, 2025, at the start of the National Jersey Jug Futurity.

She will represent Jersey breeders for the next year, participating in events such as the 158<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Jersey Cattle Association (AJCA), the World Dairy Expo, and the 74<sup>th</sup> All American Jersey Shows & Sales.

First alternate Rhea Miller, Oldenburg, Ind., and second alternate PaytonLynn Baldwin, Albany, Ore., also serve on the court with Osborn-Wotthlie.

The National Jersey Queen contest lasted three days, and six outstanding young women from across the country competed for the coveted crown.

Osborn-Wotthlie, a senior at Messiah University, plans to pursue a master's degree in food science and agricultural systems.

Her experiences traveling abroad and visiting Jersey herds around the world have strengthened her appreciation for the breed's global impact. Her platform, "Ask Me What the Jersey Cow Can Do for You," invites conversations that address both consumer concerns and the aspirations of current and future breeders.

In Morgan's own words: "I have a strong desire to give back to the little brown cow who raised me. The American Jersey Cattle Association has given me the perfect opportunity to combine dairy industry advocacy with a space to celebrate the Jersey cow on a national level."

Morgan is a member of the American Jersey Cattle and a graduate of Jersey Youth Academy. She has competed in Jersey production and achievement contests at the national level. Morgan exhibits her cattle under the Bar-None prefix which she owns with her parents J.W. and Debbie Osborn Wotthlie.

Rhea Miller is a sophomore at Purdue University, where she is preparing to attend veterinary school with plans to become a large animal veterinarian, specializing in livestock and equine medicine. Throughout her junior career, Rhea has shown her Registered Jerseys at the local, state, and national levels, demonstrating her lifelong dedication to the Jersey cow and the dairy community.

Her platform centers on the efficiency and sustainability of the Jersey breed, both in the showring and the milking herd—promoting balance, productivity, and longevity within the breed.

"Jerseys are an amazing example of how genetics and herdsmanship can work together to create a more sustainable future for dairy producers. Their smaller body size, feed-efficiency, adaptability, and high-quality milk composition with high butterfat and protein levels make them one of the most environmentally and economically efficient dairy breeds. This is important as many people in the public are turning away from the dairy industry for what they believe to be more eco-friendly options," said Miller.

PaytonLynn Baldwin, the second alternate, is a student at Linn-Benton Community College studying agricultural science and business. She plans to transfer to Utah State University to pursue a career in animal nutrition. She hopes to help the dairy industry grow in innovative and cost-effective ways through her career.

Raised on her family's Red Barn Farm, PaytonLynn developed a lifelong passion for Jerseys and agriculture. Her platform, "The Next Generation of Dairy Youth," focuses on empowering young people with the tools, knowledge, and voice to lead the future of dairy.

The Queen and her court presented awards for the National Jersey Jug Futurity and The 73<sup>rd</sup> All American Jersey Cow Show.

The Charlene Nardone National Jersey Queen Fund provided scholarships of \$500, \$300 and \$200 to the Queen and two alternates. For more information, follow the National Jersey Queen program on Facebook @USJerseyQueen.

The American Jersey Cattle Association, organized in 1868, compiles and maintains animal identification and performance data on Jersey cattle and provides services that support genetic improvement and greater profitability through increasing the value of and demand for Registered Jersey<sup>TM</sup> cattle and genetics, and Jersey milk and milk products. For more information on the association's complete line of services for dairy business owners, visit the website at www.USJersey.com or connect at Facebook.com/USJersey.

Photos of the Queen and her court are available for download or by emailing the USJersey Communication team at info@usjersey.com.

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