

CHAMPION JERSEY COW OF NEW ZEALAND.

PRETTY'S FLIRT PRODUCES 1,010 LB. OF BUTTERFAT.

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AT the farm of Mr. W. H. Miers, Rukuhia, near Hamilton, the Jersey cow Pretty's Flirt has established a Dominion record for that breed in both milk and butterfat by producing 1,010.49 lb. fat from 16,684.1 lb. milk in 365 days. Pretty's Flirt calved for commencement of test on 31st October, 1922, and was then 6 years 353 days of age. Her previous calving was eleven months prior to that date, and she is expected to calve again on 6th December, which will be 12 months 36 days after her calving for start of test. The previous New Zealand champion of the breed was Sultan's Daisy, who, during the 1918-19 season, made the very fine record of 13,502.7 lb. milk and 968.22 lb. butterfat, which, however, Pretty's Flirt has now exceeded by 3,181.4 lb. milk and 42.27 lb. fat.

The production month by month of the new champion is shown in the following table:—

Month.	Days.	Milk.	Test.	Butterfat.
		lb.	Per Cent.	lb.
November, 1922 ..	30	2,007.4	4.28	85.91
December ..	31	2,085.5	4.89	101.98
January, 1923 ..	31	1,815.8	5.24	95.14
February ..	28	1,544.9	6.79	104.89
March ..	31	1,526.5	6.35	96.93
April ..	30	1,265.9	7.46	94.43
May ..	31	1,154.4	6.40	73.88
June ..	30	1,033.0	6.86	70.86
July ..	31	1,117.3	6.22	69.49
August ..	31	1,070.8	6.78	72.60
September ..	30	1,008.8	6.51	65.67
October ..	31	1,053.8	7.47	78.71
Totals ..	365	16,684.1	6.06*	1,010.49

* On total production.

It will be seen that Pretty's Flirt's highest monthly production was for February, when her average daily butterfat was 3.71 lb.—a New Zealand record for the Jersey breed. In fairness to Pretty's Flirt it should be mentioned that she suffered considerably from foot-rot during her testing-period, which must to a certain extent have unfavourably influenced her record.

Pretty's Flirt was born on 13th November, 1915, at the farm of Mr. John Hale, Holly Oak, New Plymouth. Her sire is Exile of Oaklands, who already has ten C.O.R. daughters to his credit. Exile of Oaklands is by the imported Island-bred bull Campanile's Sultan, the sire of Sultan's Daisy and nine other daughters with certificates. The dam of Pretty's Flirt is Jersey Bank Pretty, bred by Mr. A. Hodgkinson, Takaka, and with a certificate for 611.86 lb. fat. Jersey