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\$2 Per Year

\$43 Top Scored in Feeder Calf Sale At Lancaster

"Sold!! for \$43 per hundred!" Abe Diefenbach's hammer rang down on the auctioneer's block at the Lancaster Stock Yards Saturday afternoon to set a new high mark, to close the first sale of the day in the first annual all-Pennsylvania Feeder Calf Sale.

Five hundred people crowded the stands when the feeders were brought in, individuals first, then groups. When the final results were toted up, 379 head totaled \$38,595.37, weighing a grand total of 168,965 lbs, ranging from \$26 to \$43, averaging \$22.85 cwt.

Produced in Pennsylvania
Produced on Pennsylvania farms, the consignment was rounded up by the Pennsylvania Livestock and Allied Association, Inc., and the Lancaster Live Stock Exchange.

Fancy calves that were on a par with those shown in the Chicago Feeder Calf Show went on the block, calves of championship calibre. Leon Leighton, Jr., Harrisburg, president of PLAA, said more than 20 consignors were represented. There were Angus, Herefords, Shorthorns, ranging between 300 and 400 lbs, fancy, choice, good, medium, sold by pen, weight, breed and sex, except for fancy calves. Top animals were sold as singles, in pairs, in small groups, to make an ideal project for a 4-H or FFA youth.

Fancy Singles Average \$29.80
An average of \$29.80 cwt was scored for fancy singles, \$24.00 for feeder steers grading from fancy, good, choice and medium, ranging from a \$24 low to a \$34 high in the heifer division, 81 head averaged \$16.19.

Livestock association sale committee members included E. J. Dyson, New Bloomfield, B. H. Wilson, Coatesville; Leon Leighton, Jr., and Scott French, Harrisburg; Thomas B. King, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Dr. J. H. Knisely, New Paris, I. A. Daffin, Lititz; Robert C. Brown, Clearfield, and Joseph E. Duval, Newtown.

Committee members representing the Lancaster Union Stockyard were James C. Dunlap, Walter M. Dunlap, Jr., William McCoy, Charles Lyons, John M. Hooper Jr., William Bixler and Robert Heilbron. Mr. Leighton was sale secretary and Walter M. Dunlap, Jr., treasurer.

Mr. King pointed out the three purposes of the sale before stepping in to help as a ringman. "It provides a closer tie between of friendship between the breeders and market agencies, it provides an outlet for choice stock, and it localizes purchases, so the feeder does not have to go far afield to buy feeder stock."

Livestock More Important
"Livestock is coming to be more (Continued on page two)"

Autumn in Lancaster Farming



Later afternoon shadows fall across the pale fence on the John Stauffer farm, R5 Elizabethtown, now tenanted by Eugene Ebersole. Scenes as these show why Lancaster County is agriculturally great (Photo by Grant Heilman, Lititz).

Hogs Slump to 13-Year Low In Chicago

Hogs Wednesday slumped to the lowest point since March 1942 on the Chicago market, the United States Department of Agriculture reported, with a top of \$13.50.

The market there was generally 25 to 50 cents lower on barrows and gilts, mostly around 25 lower on weights under 220 lbs suitable for shipping orders. Similar slumps were reported on other markets, however Lancaster reported a \$15.50 extreme the same day.

Packers are reported buying heavily.

Chicago receipts were the largest for a Wednesday since Dec 1954. Average price of butcher hogs hit a new low since 1944 and topped at \$13.50, lowest since March 1942. Good shopping demand prevailed. Most mixed No 2 and 3 220-280 lbs barrows and gilts brought \$12.75-13.00. Bulk mixed 180-220 lb \$13.00 to \$13.50, mainly \$13.25 to \$13.50 on kinds suitable for shipment carrying No 1 and 2 end. Around 300 head mixed 1 and 2 at \$13.50 and 14-head lot \$13.60. Most sows weighing up to 600 lbs sold at \$11.00 to \$12.25.

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Fog and Chill Mark Weather In Past Week

Highlighting this week's Lancaster County weather was a chill and fog that settled down Monday night, bringing 0.3 of an inch of precipitation at Ephrata. Higher temperatures burned away the fog but the mercury offered indecision on topcoats or shirtsleeves. Numerous mishaps were reported on highways, and heavy frost greeted many an early riser the past few days.

But winter is due soon, and the county can expect continued lower temperatures.

Bernard N. White, who is opening a new Weather Bureau office in Lancaster, advises Lancaster Farming that he expects to be in operation within the next two weeks, offering both reports of past weather and forecasts for Lancaster and vicinity, five-day outlook, forecasts for Harrisburg and the lower Susquehanna Valley.

Mr. White will correlate reports from several of the observer stations throughout the county.

Mrs. Nolt New President of Farm Women

Mrs. E. Robert Nolt, Lancaster R1, has moved up from vice president to president of the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women, replacing former president, Mrs. Milton Eberly of Society 6 near Elizabethtown.

Mrs. Nolt is a member of Farm Society 4. Around 300 women attended the annual meeting Saturday in Moose Hall at Lancaster. Others elected are Mrs. Elam Buckwalter, Society 10, first vice president, Mrs. Abram Weidman, Society 5, second vice president.

Officers of the county in addition to these newly elected are Mrs. Kenneth Eshelman, secretary, and Mrs. Paul Erb, treasurer. Installing officer was Mrs. Charles Shriver, Waynesburg R3, state president, while the retiring president, presided.

Mrs. Florence Moran, guidance counselor from Harrisburg, spoke, and a memorial service for deceased members was offered by Society 3.

The Farm Women's Chorus, directed by Mrs. William Hostetter, Society 5, sang. A quartet from Society 19 provided music. A harp solo was given by Miss Francis Nissley, Lititz.

Honor guests included Mrs. Shriver, and the following county presidents: Mrs. Myron Doble, Berks; Mrs. Theodore Mathias, Chester; Mrs. Mark Shuman, Cumberland; Mrs. James W. Rode, Dauphin; Mrs. Henry Grove, Franklin; Mrs. Kenneth Staver, Lebanon; Mrs. Frances Liskey, Montgomery and Mrs. Genet Sellers, York and Mrs. George Gerberick Sr., retiring York County president.

Girls Take Top Honors in Beef District Show

It was more than Ladies' Day Wednesday afternoon at Lancaster Stock Yards, for when the champions of each breed in the Southeast District 4-H Club Baby Beef and Lamb Club Roundup and sale lined up, there was a young lady at every halter but one.

It was a Northampton county 17-year-old that took top honors, Miss Phyllis Buss of Easton RD2. Her 1,790-lb Angus was named Butchie, and was bred by Perkins Farm, Millbrook, N. Y.

Tears Among Winners
There were tears among the young ladies when the final prizes were awarded, for Mary Jane Herr, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice G. Herr of Refton found her Hereford moved into reserve position.

But soon her disappointment was overcome, and she was one of the first to congratulate the winner and the winning Angus.

Lined up in the final judging were Misses Buss and Herr, plus the reserve Angus winner, Helen A. Graybill of Manheim RD 3. John H. Hess, Jr., Lancaster, was in the final string with his reserve champion Hereford, the sole young man in the winner's circle.

White Steer Wins
Shirley Longenecker, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Longenecker, Lititz RD 2, won the Shorthorn division with a beautiful white steer. Mickey, the reserve champion was shown by Marian Hackman Elizabethtown RD 3.

This was the 13th annual Southeast District 4-H Baby Beef Show, with 284 animals from 10 counties judges. Judges were T. L. Merritt, Ohio State University; Boyd Whittle, University of Maryland; and Thomas King, the Pennsylvania State University. John M. Hooper, president of the Lancaster Live Stock Exchange, was in charge of arrangements, with the show managed by Henry T. Moon, Mr. King, Jay Nissley, Ralph Kntz, Joseph Way, Mark Bucher and County Agent M. M. Smith.

Number of baby beeves by counties were: Adams, 15; Berks, 36; Chester, 4; Cumberland, 19; Dauphin, 21; Lancaster, 99; Lebanon, 18; Northampton, 26; Perry, 12; and York, 34.

By breeds there were 139 Aberdeen-Angus, 130 Hereford, and 15 Shorthorn.

Long Weekends Few Next Year

"Long Weekends" will be few and far between in 1956, says Baer's Agricultural Almanac, now being distributed for its 131st year from Lancaster, Pa.

Memorial Day and July 1, which this year fell on Monday, will arrive smack dab in the middle of the week, on Wednesday, in 1956 Labor Day, which is always on a Monday will fall on Sept. 3, bringing summer's last big outdoor holiday earlier than usual.

But there will be a few compensations. Lincoln's birthday is on a Sunday, which will give a legal holiday on Monday to some lucky folks. And since Christmas and New Year's Day each are on Tuesday, some employers may see fit to allow a four-day vacation periods starting the preceding Saturdays.