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\$2 Per Year

Club Steers Average 33.57 At Harrisburg

Prime beef sold high at Harrisburg Friday as 122 head of 4-H steers averaged 33.57 cents a pound. The Chicago high Friday was 31 cents.

This average was 3½ cents greater than the 1957 average.

A new record was established by the price paid for the Grand Champion steer when Howard Johnson Restaurants paid \$2.02½ cents a pound for the Dauphin County Steer.

Auctioneer Abram W. Dittenbach, R4 Lancaster, started the Polled Hereford for a bid of a dollar a pound. The bidding coasted along until it stuck at \$1.15 cents. He then used every trick of the auctioneers trade, including reciting a poem, to get the bidding going again.

But when it did start, it was the tick of a clock, regularly, a cent at a time, until El Centro Restaurant, Harrisburg, gave way to Johnson's bid. Dittenbach, by his work and good humor, had the crowd cheering and clapping with almost each bid from the \$1.55 mark on.

Drawing the most applause was a remark that he was "ready to go on to \$30," in reference to the record paid Mrs. Sue Secondino at the International last month.

The reserve champion steer sold to Medford's Inc., Chester, for a price of \$1.01¼ a pound.

Penn Harris Hotel, Harrisburg, went to 50 cents a pound to get the champion Shorthorn.

Marian Hackman's reserve champion Shorthorn came back to Lancaster County when William Serbast, Reamstown, paid 36 cents a pound for him.

Three steers brought higher prices to county showmen. An Angus shown by Marlin Cassel, R1 Manheim, got the best price



THESE THREE LAMBS netted David Lapp, left, the price of \$1.25 a pound from Economy Meat Market, York, at the 4-H Baby Beef and Lamb Sale at Harrisburg

Friday. At the right is Harry Samuelsohn who bought the lambs. Helping hold the trio is Miss Leona Augsburger, Reinholds. (LF Photo)

paid to a county exhibitor when C. W. Hefner, Schuylkill Haven, paid 37 cents a pound.

Two other Angus steers moved at 36½ cents a pound. They were (Continued on page ten)

Grand Champion Pen of Lambs Bring David Lapp Price of \$1.25 a Pound

The Grand Champion pen of 4-H lambs, three Southdowns shown by J. David Lapp, R1 Bareville, sold for \$1.25 a pound Friday at farm show.

The lambs, weighing a total of 24 pounds, were bought by Economy Meat Market, York. Last year's 4-H grand champion pen sold for a dollar a pound.

COT Entries Slow This Year, Moore Reports

Entries in the annual Junior Chicken of Tomorrow contest are coming in more slowly this year than normally, reports Floyd Moore, Lancaster, chairman of the Coatesville Regional committee. Reporting at the Poultry Federation meeting held last week in Harrisburg, Moore said only 18 entries had been received.

The Federation relaxed one of the requirements for participation in the contest. Instead of requiring the entry to be sponsored by a member of the Federation, county agent, vocational agriculture instructors or any member of the regional committee may sponsor entries.

Entries blanks for the contest may be secured from Moore at the Lancaster Farming Quarryville office or from any member of the regional committee.

Deadline for entries is Feb. 1. The contest is open to any boy or girl from 10 to 20 years of age.

Birds entered in the contest will be judged the first week of May.

The reserve pen, also Southdowns, were shown by Miss Mary K. Keene, R. Christiana, and also weighed 294 pounds. They were sold to Medford, Inc., Chester for 40 cents a pound. This price compares to the 65 cents a pound paid for the reserve pen last year.

Other top pens sold as follows:

First prize Hampshires, 363 pounds, shown by Miss Mary Ann Hess, R1 Bareville, to S. Bonacurso, New Holland, for 25 cents a pound.

Shropshires, 336 pounds, shown by Harold Harpster, Boalburg, to Swift & Co., for 30 cents a pound. Cheviots, 285 pounds, shown by William Gates, Chestnut Hill, to Clemens Super Market, Landsdale for 40 cents a pound.

Dorsets, 325 pounds, shown by Miss Pauline L. Glosser, R2 Bernville, to Leesport Livestock Auction, for 2 cents a pound.

The average for the 34 pens sold was \$344 cents a pound. Without the champion and reserve champion pens, the average was 31.62 cents a pound.

Fifteen open class fat lambs, weight 1,450 pounds, sold for a total of \$473.39. This brought the sale total for all lambs \$4,113.79. Open class lambs averaged 32.65 cents a pound as compared to 22.05 cents a pound at the 1957 Farm Show.

The principal lamb buyers were Swift & Co., eight, A&B, Allentown, six, S. Bonacurso, New Holland, five; Medford's Inc., and Seachrist Bros., York, four each; Leesport Livestock Auction, Arthur C. Kling, Landsburg, and J. F. Fisher Son, York, three each, Morrison Cove Livestock Market, Samuel Kalb, Spring city,

Ike's Angus Make First Appearance At Farm Show

Two summer yearling heifers in the Angus show at Harrisburg last week, entered by George E. Allen and B. G. Byars, attracted little attention placing only third and fifth.

But they represented the debut in the showing of one of the most prominent Pennsylvanians who is in the Angus business.

You see, George E. Allen is the farm manager for Pres. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Byars is in partnership with the President in the beef cattle business.

Eisenhower declined to show in the Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition last fall saying that his herd was not ready. Although his two heifers did not place highly, it must be remembered that the two farms he was showing against Millarden and Old Home Manor, are two of the best Angus farms in the business.

Millarden, it might be recalled, had the Grand Champion female at the International in December.

Although no comment was forthcoming from Gettysburg, it can be safely assumed that the Eisenhower entries were kept quiet to keep down curiosity seekers and souvenir hunters who might, in their misguided zeal, seriously harm the expensive cattle.

At any rate, Pennsylvania Angus breeders now can expect to meet a new competitor in the show ring. It is gratifying to see that the competition has started strictly on the merits of the cattle rather than on the merits of the breeders name.

Sam Long Wins Showmanship G. C. Award

Samuel H. Long Jr., 18, R3 Manheim won the grand championship in 4-H Baby Beef showmanship at the Farm Show.

He finished first also in the Angus class showmanship and won a showbox from the Pennsylvania Angus Breeders' Assn.

Top Shorthorn showman, Terry Shaffner, 16, Oak Hall Station, Centre county, won a showbox given by Pennsylvania Shorthorn Breeders' Assn.

First place as Hereford showman was won by Dale Werner, 18, R2, Hanover York county. He was awarded a showbox by the Pennsylvania Hereford Breeders' Association.

Werner and Shaffner were second and third, respectively, in the showmanship class for all breeds.

In the breed showmanship classes the winners were Angus, 1. Long, 2. Carol Ann Reichard, R1 Nazareth, Northampton county; 3. Jay Fought, R2 Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County, Hereford, 1. Werner, 2. Lee Sweigard, R2, Halifax, Dauphin county; 3. Merrill Dominick, R1 Greensburg Westmoreland county; Shorthorn, 1. Shaffner, 2. Mary L. Miller, R2 Manheim; 3. James Crawford, Jr., Tyrone, RD1, Blair County.

Samuel Hoppy, Lancaster and Saulsburg Abattoir, Shillington, two each, and Economy Meat Market, York, one.

Here are the sales of the Lancaster County entries:

David Lapp, Southdowns, 294, (Continued on page 16)

Now Is The Time . . .

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TO USE CARE IN STORING CHEMICALS — One pound of 2,4-D can kill the germination on several thousand bushels of grain, spray materials are dangerous in the feed rooms or in the grainery. The milk house is also a poor place for chemicals because milk will pick up odors from the chemicals. A dry machine shop or shed safely away from all feeds and grains and out of reach of children and animals is the best place to store chemicals.

TO PREPARE CATTLE GRUB TREATMENT — Many local and imported cattle, both dairy and beef, will soon be developing small bumps over the backs which are signs of the presence of cattle grubs. This parasite develops under the skin

and reduces both milk and beef production. Treatment in this area should be administered during the month of February and a 4 percent rotenone dust or paste should be rubbed into the back of the animal. A thorough brushing or combing prior to the treatment is needed in order to remove the "seal" protecting the grub under the skin. This treatment is especially recommended for top production and for show animals.

TO FARM BY TEST — NOT GUESS — A complete test on a number of fields or strips on each farm year is strongly recommended, this method of determining crop needs should save money by making better use of lime and fertilizer. We suggest that samples be taken early in order to avoid the spring rush. Soil test envelopes are available at any County Extension Office.

TO SECURE YOUR "AGRONOMY GUIDE" — This is one of the most valuable publications of the year furnished by our Extension Service; every Lancaster County farmer should have one and be guided by the recommendations. All phases of crop production are covered.