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steers sold down to 23 00.
Most good to high choice heifers early 25 50 - 25.75, mostly 26 - 27 75, late with load high choice and prime 1,000 lb. heifers 28 00. Load 950 lb standard heifers 23 50, this shipment carrying some one-calf cows Standard cows scarce but generally bringing 21.00 - 22.50, utility and commercial cows largely 17 50 - 20 50, few high comml 21.00, late bulk canners and cutters 15 50 - 18.50
Few heavy holstein cutters up to 19 00 and few shelly or light canners 14.00 - 15 00. Utility and comml bulls 23.00 - 25 50, cutters 21 00 - 22.75. Good vealers 29 - 32. Utility and commercial bulls 23.00 - 25.50. Cutters 21 - 22.75 Good vealers 29 - 32, utility and standard 19 - 29. 00.

Practical bottom on culls 15.00 but scattered head as low as 10.00. Two loads good and choice 435 lb. stock steers calves \$35, load same brand 530 lb short yearling stock steers \$32, good 350 - 450 lb. steer calves 29.50 - 32.

Good 400 lb stock heifers calves 30 00, low-medium 500 lb. stock heifers 24.00. High good 750 lb. yearling feeding steers 28.00, few good 790 lb weights 26.75, few loads good and choice 850 - 1000 lb. feeding steers 25 50 - 26 85, load medium and good 1165 lb. weights, 24.50.

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State's Top Young Potato Growers To Be Honored

HARRISBURG — Special awards for high yields of potatoes, per acre contained this year by farm boys and girls will be made at the 1951 Pennsylvania Farm Show here next January 12-16.

December 15 is the deadline for entries in the annual competition, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Co-operative Potato Growers, Inc., General Manager Owen L. Barkley, has announced.

Opportunity is provided for attainment of membership in the exclusive Keystone State 400 Bushel Potato Club, the oldest agricultural production organization in the United States, founded in 1918.

Any Future Farmer of America or 4-H Potato Club member who, this season,

produced 400 or more bushels to a measured acre and had not previously attained that goal, will be eligible for the coveted honor in the state's potato industry, Barkley said. Each winner will receive a gold keystone, emblem of 400-Bushel Club Membership

In addition, farm youth may attain still higher honors if they are among the state's top ten highest producers of potatoes this year.

Members of the Schuylkill County 4-H Potato Club dominated youth production awards at last January's Farm Show with four out of five places winners.

Top yield of 723 bushels per acre was attained by Lamar E. Lex, 18, of Ringtown, Pennsylvania

Cold Days Bring Added Fire Hazards to Farm

Farm fire hazards increase tremendously during the fall and winter months, say officials of the National Safety Council. This is due, in part, to the greater number of heating devices used in homes and outbuildings.

Fire extinguishers are a practical means for reducing the threat of fire from such sources. Such fire extinguishers needn't be expensive but they should have a capacity large enough to

control any anticipated fires. In many cases water, dirt, and buckets of sand will prove to be effective fire extinguishers. During cold weather, salt will keep these simple extinguishers from freezing.

Portable commercial extinguishers should be of a type that can be serviced locally or on the farm. They should be checked regularly to make sure they are ready for instant use.

Because many persons are hesitant to use an extinguisher, every member of the family should be shown how to use the device, the National Safety Council points out. It's also wise for farm families to hold fire drills to prepare for emergencies.

No one kind of extinguisher is recommended for every type of fire. Extinguishers should be obtained for various flammable materials.

Remember, the National Safety Council says, water on an oil fire will spread the flames; a conductive material can relay shock from an electrical fire; and smoldering fires take a lot of water to extinguish.

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USDA Says

Yearling Ewe Weights Indicate Lamb Profits

Weight of ewes as yearlings just before first breeding is a fairly accurate indication of the birth and weaning weights of the lambs they will produce, according to a U. S. Department of agriculture study.

Heavier ewes, regardless of breed or wool type, produced heavier, faster-growing lambs than lightweight ewes in trials conducted by Jack L. Ruttle, animal husbandman of USDA's agricultural Research Service at Fort Wingate, N. Mex.

The finding makes possible quicker profits for owners of breeding flocks by the earlier culling of animals not likely to improve lamb output. Flock owners tend to cull their ewes after each animal has produced a lamb.

One reason for selecting large ewes as breeders is that body size has a direct influence on lamb production. To produce a large, heavy lamb, a ewe must be large so she can carry and nourish the lamb. A second reason for selecting large ewes is that the greater skin area provides more surface for growing wool.

That selection of heavy ewes for lamb production can be done earlier than usual is supported by the 4-

year study of 500 ewes at Fort Wingate.

The animals were divided into four groups according to their weight at about 13 months of age — 60-69, 70-79, 80-89, and 90-100 pounds. No consideration was given to breed or wool type in the tests.

Mr. Ruttle found that birth and weaning weights of lambs increase in proportion to size of ewes at yearling age. Weaning weights used in the study were obtained from 446 lambs born when their dams were two years old.

The lightest group of ewes averaged 65.4 pounds as yearlings and the heaviest group 92.7 pounds. This 27.3 pound advantage in body weight for the heavier ewes resulted in lambs averaging 1.29 pounds heavier at weaning.

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