

ABS Purchases Zimmerman Bull

Zimmerman Alstar Pilot, bred and proved by L. A. and J. A. Zimmerman of Lehigh-ton, Pa., was purchased recently by American Breeders Service, Inc. and will be available through their network of technicians throughout the world.

He is the Holstein bull with the highest A. I. proof on fat for more than 90 daughters in the latest USDA sire summary. His 95 daughters average 15,959 pounds of milk and 634 pounds of fat, 1,140 pounds of milk above their herdmates while the difference in fat is 62 pounds. Thirty-five classified daughters average just at 80 points.

Although known as "Pilot" at the Zimmerman Dairy Farm, his barn name has been designated as "Alstar" at ABS. They've had too many "Pilots" through the years and wanted to avoid confusion.

The USDA predicts his difference above the breed aver-

age as 1,210 pounds of milk and 65 pounds of fat. ABS uses the same sort of rating scale, which they term "EDS," or Estimated Daughter Superiority.

The Zimmerman herd, prominent in Holstein circles for 25 years, established the highest herd record ever made for fat with 819 pounds on 28 cows. Milk was very near the top, too, with 20,589 pounds.

Merriam Takes Leave From Extension Post To Do Graduate Work

Associate agricultural agent Winthrop Merriam, Jr., has been granted a nine-month leave of absence, effective October 1, to work on a master's degree in extension education at Penn State University.

Announcement was made Tuesday night during a dinner meeting of the Lancaster County Extension Association's executive committee at the Meadow Hills Dining Room, Lancaster R6.

A graduate of the University of Connecticut, where he was a member of the livestock judging team, Merriam joined the local extension service staff in 1958 as an assistant county agricultural agent.

Top Hog States Cut Cholera, But Net Gain Small

The top five hog-producing States cut the number of hog cholera outbreaks in half last year, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, and Missouri — which together market over 60 percent of the nation's hogs — reported only 295 confirmed outbreaks of hog cholera for the fiscal year ending June 30, compared with 564 reported during the previous fiscal year.

Three other States also showed a considerable drop in the number of confirmed outbreaks. Alabama, Florida, and Ohio reported only 68 confirmed hog cholera outbreaks last year, compared with 166 the year before.

However, sizable increases in some other States brought the total number of confirmed outbreaks for the entire country to only slightly below that of a year ago — 1,108 versus

1,118. The largest increases occurred in Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina, where 512 outbreaks were confirmed last year, compared with 180 the previous year.

Fourteen States had no confirmed outbreaks of hog cholera reported last year; 12 States had this record the year before.

USDA officials warn producers — especially in areas of lowered incidence — against the dangers of complacency in the cooperative State-Federal hog cholera eradication effort. "We can't afford to let up until the fight is over and the disease is eradicated," they say.

The officials point out that the need for prompt reporting cannot be over-emphasized in this fight. "If a farmer has sick hogs," they say, "he should call his veterinarian or State or Federal animal disease control officials at once. Steps can then be taken to determine if the problem is hog cholera and, if it is, make sure the disease

ASC Tour

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doesn't spread."

The cooperative, State-Federal program, which got underway 2½ years ago, is divided into four phases, each of which represents a progressive buildup in a State's fight against hog cholera until it has eradicated the disease.

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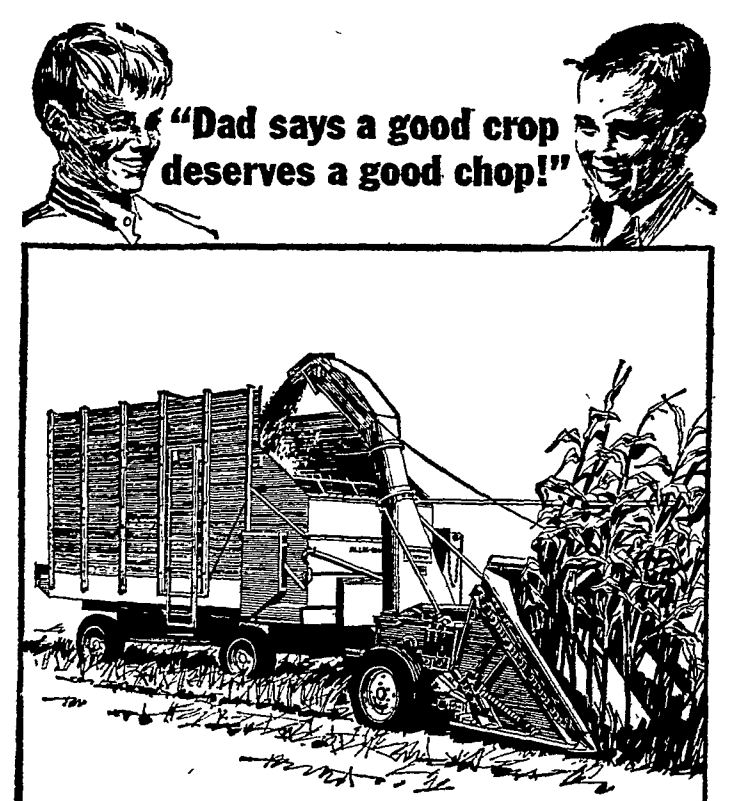
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