

Angus Assn. Reports New Breed Gains

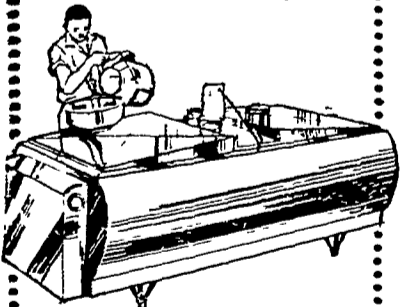
Cattlemen who raise registered Angus beef cattle scored two new records in the past 12 months, according to a recent announcement by Glen Brateher, secretary of the American Angus Association. During the group's fiscal year, which ended September 30, a new high mark of 384,752 purebred calves were recorded, a gain of 3% over 1964. This was the only increase reported by any of the three major beef cattle registry organizations in the nation, he said.

Sales of registered Angus also set new records, as revealed by the 291,319 transfers of ownership processed by the Association in the past year. The new record represents a gain of 65% over last year and is 14,624 head more than the combined transfer total reported for the next two leading beef breed groups.

"Registrations showed a smaller gain this year than last reflecting some of the uncertainty in the commercial cattle market in 1964," Brateher said. "Still, we are the only one of the three largest beef cattle registry organizations to show an increase in calf recordings this year which we credit to a strengthening of demand for quality beef. This trend is usually reflected in demand for breeding stock as indicated by the greater number of Angus sold in the past 12 months."

Cattlemen starting new herds and joining the American Angus Association during the past year as life members numbered 5,878 indicating new registered Angus herds were started at a rate of more than 450 per month. New junior memberships in the Association totaled 2,550 in the 1965 fiscal year. Farm and ranch youngsters in 43 states joined the national organization.

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Child-Parent Farm Partnership Advised

Taking a youngster into partnership on crop or livestock enterprises is a good thing—if done in the right way, says Paul Bebermeyer, University of Missouri extension agricultural economist.

A partnership, Bebermeyer points out, can encourage an interest in farming, and teach him good business methods.

He adds that a partnership can enable a farm youth to save toward a college education or to set himself up in farming or some other business. It can also help to reduce the parents' net income to the extent of the youth's income.

The enterprise relation between parents and child should be on a business basis, Bebermeyer advises. The business arrangement should provide for payment to the par-

Should Farmers Use Limestone?

Most farmers, especially in the humid area, are sold on the use of fertilizer to increase crop yields. This just

isn't true with agricultural limestone. Agronomists in the humid areas agree that liming is the first step in improving acid soils. And yet, farmers will buy fertilizer in preference to liming material. Why? Here are some of the reasons developed from talking with farmers, soil technicians and others reported by the National Limestone Institute:

1. The results with lime are slow, whereas fertilizer, especially nitrogen, gives immediate and spectacular results.

2. Users of superphosphate claim they get enough lime from this product, which contains more calcium than it does phosphorous.

3. The College recommends putting on the lime six months before seeding, but delivery can't be made when the farmer wants it.

4. The lime spreader trucks don't cover all hilly land uniformly, and it's too much

work for the farmer to spread it.

5. My land doesn't need lime. (No lime applied previously and no soil test made.)

6. It's a cheap product and so can't be worth much.

7. The fertilizer salesman said quicker returns would be obtained from investing in fertilizer.

8. The returns are so slow that bankers hesitate to make loans which cannot be repaid the same year.

Lime corrects soil acidity, supplies calcium and magnesium to plants, improves soil structure, increases activity of soil organisms, prevents soil erosion by promoting lush growth of cover crops, boosts the efficiency of manure and fertilizers and increases both the yield and quality of most crops.

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