

Local Beef

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judgement on each animal's desirability for breeding. Grades from six to 17 were given, with a score of 13 or above considered good enough for the animal to go back into the purebred herd for breeding purposes.

In addition, Twin Oaks used the occasion to give any needed medicine, including worm medicine, which is considered important in maintaining healthy animals and efficient gains. But the medical program is not directly related to the performance testing.

The testing is usually done at two phases in the development of the animal.

The first testing comes at the six to seven month old stage, which was the stage of the Twin Oaks animals. Burdette explained that the weight and performance of the calf at this stage is based largely on the milk producing ability of the cow. Therefore, the first test is considered primarily a measure of the milk producing ability of the cow.

The second weight or test is taken when the animal is about one year old. This test primarily measures the ability of the animal to convert feed to meat.

Burdette emphasized that the results of the tests are not the exclusive means of evaluating animals. He termed it "another management tool which gives the beef producer more information to use in his breeding program."

He said the program is particularly good in helping to cull the low-production cows. He said the breeder should keep the high producing and even the average cows, but it is important to "cut the low end."

Twin Oaks also is planning to send six or seven steers by one sire to Penn State for a complete performance and evaluation which will include daily gain, feed conversion, type score and complete carcass evaluation, including USDA grade and taste tests.

Poultry Waste

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Dr. Tony Stemberger, Penn State University agricultural economics professor, will speak on "Economics of Manure Handling" at 11:20 a.m.

Lunch will be catered at 12 noon. The afternoon program chairman is George Knott, manager of the West Penn Farms of Agway at Shelochta, Pa.

At 1:15 p.m., Dr. Floyd Hicks, Penn State University poultry science professor, will speak on "Modify your Cage House for Manure Drying."

At 1:50 p.m., Dr. Ted Long, Penn State University associate animal nutrition professor, will discuss "The Economics of Recycling Converted Poultry Wastes Through Cattle."

Dr. Owen Keene, Penn State University assistant poultry science specialist, will talk on "New Ideas for Use of Converted Waste Products" at 2:30 p.m.

Jordon will speak on "Rendering Off-grade Eggs for Feed" at 3:10 p.m.

At 3:30 p.m., Jay Irwin, associate Lancaster County agent, will head a panel of producers telling how they successfully convert and use poultry manure in large quantities. The panelists have managed several million birds.

Persons desiring lunch at the Farm and Home Center are requested to make advance registration by November 5 by contacting and sending the registration fee of \$7, which includes the lunch, to Jay Irwin, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, Pa. 17601.



Sam Wylie helps protesting calf open his mouth to get squirt of worm medicine Thursday during performance testing at Twin Oaks Farm. The pressurized medical system is reported the latest technique in the business.

The animals were among those tested Thursday at Twin Oaks Farm.

Most of the animals tested Thursday were in the 400 to 550

pound range.

The steers to go to Penn State are from Collasal's Image, the Twin Oaks bull which has won many of the top national shows.

Fix-It Tip

Life will be easier if you can arrange to keep as much surplus storage items off your garage floor as possible. If the garage has a

gable roof, there's usable space overhead. A floor, or even a partial floor, will hold more than you expect. Use 2x6s or 2x8s set 16 inches apart for joists.

Make as many shelves as you can on both side walls. On the back wall, you can put up shelves above the height of the car's hood.

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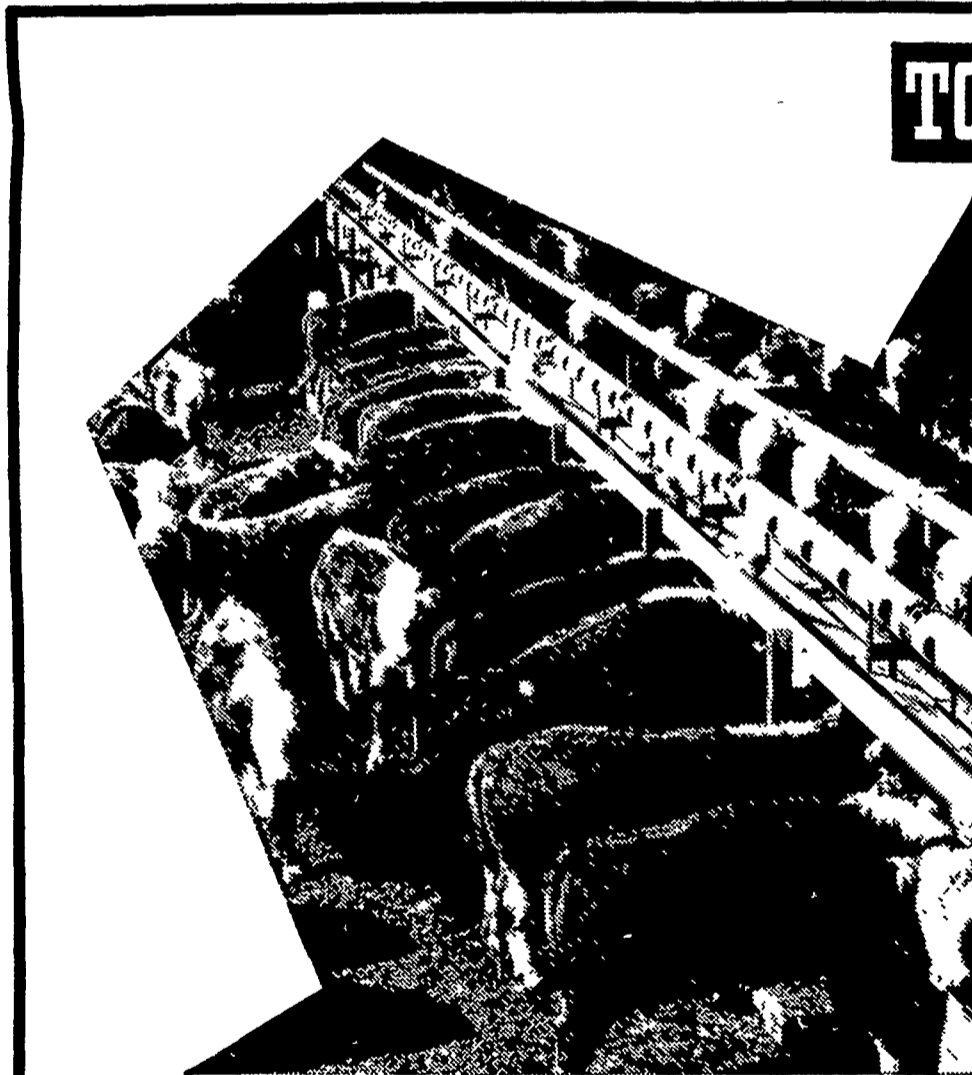
Farmers! If you need milk plan to attend this sale as every cow must be sold.

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