

Want a Horse? See Abe.

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Both horses and buyers come from all over to participate in the New Holland auction. Last Monday, there were buyers from throughout the East and as far west as Illinois and Indiana.

Horses had been trucked in from Kansas, Iowa, Illinois and Ohio. "On an average day," Diffenbach says, "we'll sell anywhere from 300 to 400 horses. Some will be used for draft animals, some for pulling buggies or sulkies. We sell a lot of horses for pleasure riding. We also get some donkeys, ponies and mules, and there are some every week that go into dog food."

Diffenbach is a partner in the company, and in addition to being the sales manager, he occasionally calls a sale. He had, in fact, been an auctioneer in Lancaster County since 1946. He keeps his vocal chords limber by calling farm sales every now and then.

And every Tuesday, when things are kind of slow in New Holland, Diffenbach travels to New York and auctions off cars at a big auto auction. From horses on Monday to horsepower on Tuesday, back to New Holland for cows on Wednesday and steers on Thursday. Auctions keep Abe Diffenbach busy, and he says that's the way he likes it.



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