Bull Sale Held At Penn State

53 potential herd sires sold for a total of \$64,740, March 29, 1974, at the Meat Animal Evaluation Center, University Park, Pa.

The beef cattle were the top-scoring 75 percent of a group of young bulls that began a 140 day test early last fall at the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's facility at Pennsylvania State University.

The sale averaged \$1,223.40 per head with the top price

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The first performance-tested bull sale in Pennsylvania saw brought by "SHF Sir Royal Sam 13th", consigned by Stone Hollow Farm, Davidsville. "Sam" is a full brother to another bull from his Somerset County farm that earlier this year was named national grand champion of the Charolais breed.

With only six head represented in the sale, another exotic beef breed - Simmental - had the highest breed average, \$1,442. The 20 Charolais averaged \$1,372 per head while 18 Angus produced an average price of \$1,154. Other breeds represented in the sale included Chianina, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Red Angus and Shorthorn.

Performance testing of beef bulls is a departure from the previous method used at the center, progeny testing. In the latter, a bull was evaluated by checking the finished carcass of his steer offspring. Working on the theory that given the same type of production ration, a bull will have the same weight gaining characteristics and body conformation as his sons, a potential herd sire can be evaluated at least two years sooner with the performance-testing scheme.

The Meat Animal Evaluation Center is operated by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture at PSU working in close co-ordination with the College of Agriculture, Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association, state breed associations and other facets of the Commonwealth's livestock industry.

Farm Women Exec. Board

Members of Farm Women sylvania State University to Society of Lancaster County attended an executive board meeting Tuesday, April 2, at the home of Mrs. E. Robert Nolt, 3650 Meadow Spring Rd. Co-hostesses for the day were Mrs. Samuel Goss and Mrs. Glenn Shultz.

A letter of appreciation from Conestoga View for entertainment provided during the year by various societies was read.

Mrs. Robert Gregory, first vice president, was chosen as a delegate to the Penn-

vote for trustees to the college and Mrs. Carl Diller, second vice president, was appointed to represent the Farm Women on the Antique Committee at the Farm & Home Center.

The Jaycees Camp for Retarded Children was the final decision for the Farm Women County Project for 1974. Mrs. Carl Johnson, president, requested that each society vote on the amount they wish to contribute and forward it to the county treasurer as soon as possible.

The County Picnic will be held at Lampeter Park in August. All members of Farm Women and their families are invited.

Next Executive board meeting will be held Monday, June 3, at the home of Mrs. Paul Kurtz, RD4, Lititz.



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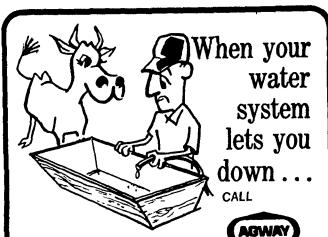


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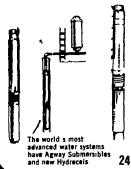


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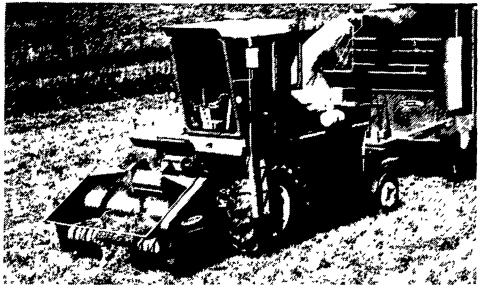
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