

Letters to the Editor

Editor:

In today's issue of your paper, on the front page, in the article entitled "Lancaster Co. Youth Wins Steer Reserve" you report that "The winning animal was a coal black Chianina-Angus crossbred." Your information is not correct in that the Champion was a Limousin-Angus steer.

It might be interesting for you to recall that the Champion (and Reserve) steer at the Keystone Int'l last Nov. was Limousin sired steer as well as the Champion Steer in the Carcass contest (which

actually has more meaning from a meat production standpoint).

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Sonic Boom

A sonic boom is that thunder-like noise you hear when an aircraft passes overhead traveling at or above the speed of sound. Such sounds are caused by shock waves from airborne objects resulting in sharp pressure disturbances.

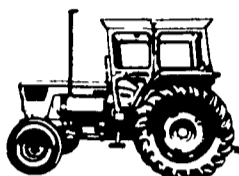
Woodbine Farm Receives Awards



Woodbine Farm, owned by George Knight, Jr. and family, RD2 Airville received both the Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor award from the Holstein Dairy Show at the Farm Show. They qualified for the award by their Holsteins exhibited

placing higher on a point basis than any other Holsteins exhibitors. The awards are received by George's son, Paul from David Norman, York County Assistant Agricultural Agent.

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PSU Study Compares Dairy, Beef Growth

Apparent differences in growth and carcass characters exist between beef and dairy breeds. Specific differences and similarities will be the topic of a research summary prepared by researchers at The Pennsylvania State University and presented at the 1975 Livestock Day to be held on March 4.

According to Jose Luis Garcia de Siles, a graduate student working with Drs. John H. Ziegler and Lowell L. Wilson, Holstein cattle gained weight more rapidly and efficiently thereby reaching slaughter weight at younger ages. With respect to carcass characters, Holstein carcasses had heavier trimmed and untrimmed rounds but also more weight and percent of chuck. Hereford carcasses, on the other hand, had greater rib weight, heavier untrimmed loins, higher dressing percents, and more desirable flavor.

There were few important differences in the distribution of muscle within the carcass. Beef cattle have been selected for greater muscle distribution in the high-priced hind-quarter

cuts. However, dairy steers have as much, and in some cases more, of their total lean contained in the hind quarter compared to conventional beef breeds.

From these results it appears that crossbreeding beef and dairy cattle may aid in improving growth and

efficiency. But using dairy crosses will not contribute, and perhaps even hinder improvement in certain carcass characters and palatability traits.

More detailed results of this research will be available at the forthcoming Penn State Livestock Day to be held on March 4.

Receives Award

Cindy Reggi, the first female rider to claim a riding title at Charles Town, will be presented a trophy by Sports Illustrated on Saturday, January 25 during the racing program at the Charles Town Turf Club.

Reggi edged Clifton Detiege 43-41 to capture the honors during the 1974 Fall

Meeting at Charles Town and was honored by Sports Illustrated in the December 23 issue in the Faces in The Crowd section of the magazine.

Marty Zad, Washington representative of Sports Illustrated will present the award to the 18-year-old rider from Harpers Ferry.

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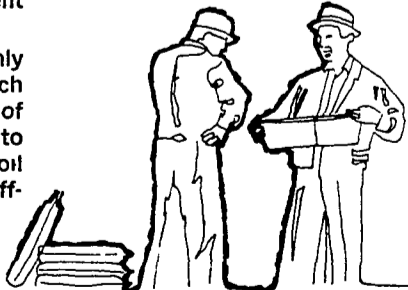
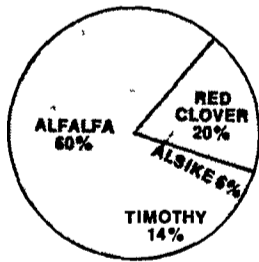
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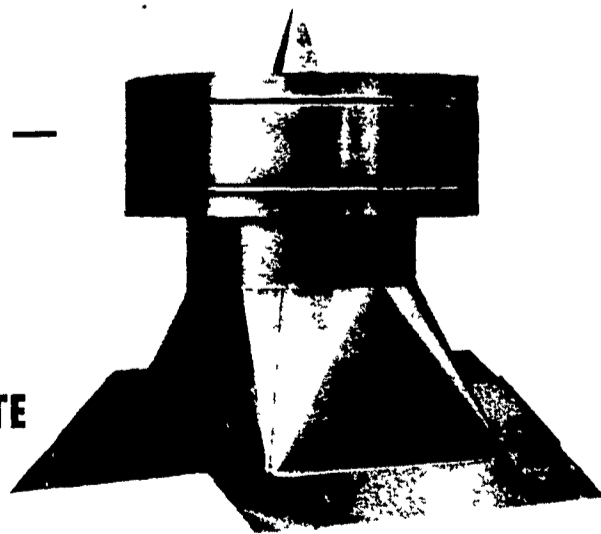
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