

Winter Bull Test Slated at PSU

Nominations are now being accepted for this winter's test. The deadline for nominations is August 15, 1975.

This program is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, and The Pennsylvania State University, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association and the State Breed Associations.

You are probably aware that first choice is given to Purebred bulls from Pennsylvania and 2nd choice is for percentage bulls from Pennsylvania. Then if all pen space is not utilized by August 15, 1975, we will accept bulls from other states. Each year we have had a considerable number of nominations from out-of-state breeders.

Some people have indicated that last year's sale was not exceptional. If you only compare sale average to 1974 this is probably true. However, we should first of

all not evaluate the program on sale price alone. And, secondly if you look at several sales for last year, you find Pennsylvania wasn't much different than any other state. For Example:

Tested Sale, Kentucky, 1974 Average, \$1000, 1975 Average, \$536; Kentucky, \$1100, \$716; Nebraska, \$1050, \$583; Pennsylvania, \$1222, \$605; Virginia, \$1350, \$794 and West Virginia, \$1200, \$713.

Also a more logical way to look at the sales would be as follows:

All Bulls Sold In Pennsylvania
Average Daily Gain, 2.9 lb. or less, Avg. Price 1975, \$813, Avg. Price 1974, \$425; 3.0 lb. to 3.3 lb., \$1020, \$531; 3.4 lb. to 3.7 lb. \$1252, \$587; 3.8 lb. or more, \$1800, \$836.

This sure indicates that regardless of the overall economy the average buyer still paid about two times as much for the top performers. Real merit is necessary to

keep a product in demand. To successfully meet competition the breeder must produce a superior product. The breeding of cattle of truly superior genetic merit is a great challenge. Testing does not make superior animals but it sure does find them for us.

Progress in beef cattle breeding is relatively slow at best. So why not help speed up this progress by putting a couple of good bulls on test.

Don't forget August 15, 1975, is the deadline for nominations. For information or a copy of the testing rules, contact the Pennsylvania Meat Animal Evaluation Center, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa. 16802, or phone 814-238-2527.

TRY A CLASSIFIED

Cowtown Begins 21st Rodeo Season

Cowtown Rodeo opened for its 21st consecutive season Saturday night, with its bucking Brahmas and elusive calves giving all the Cowtown Cowboys a hard time; but a few were able to temporarily match the animal's speed and agility.

Out of 133 contestants entered the first place winners in each of the six events were; In the Bare Back Bronc Riding, Jack Meli of Spring Valley, N.Y. winning \$182.00 with a mark of 68.

Saddle Bronc Riding was won by Grant Harris for \$88.00 he also had a mark of 68.

Smokey Smith of Townsend, Delaware roped his calf in 14.4 seconds, winning \$196.00.

Steer Wrestling event was taken by Fred Davies of Farmingdale, N.J. in a quick 4.8 seconds and for \$300.00.

Diane Sleeter from Sicklerville, N.J. finished first in the Girls Barrel Race in 18.21 seconds for \$190.00.

The most money won in a single event for the evening was won by Andy Harris of Cowtown, in the Bull Riding Competition with a mark of 72 and cash of \$315.00. Andy also placed second in Steer Wrestling winning a total of \$539.91.

Bare Back Bronc Riding:

1st - Jack Meli, Spring Valley, N.Y. 2nd - Kaye Kirby, Cowtown, N.J.; 3rd - Lou Christman, Plainfield, N.J.; 4th - Marty Stein, Washington, Pa.

Saddle Bronc Riding
1st - Grant Harris,

Cowtown, N.J.; 2nd - Kaye Kirby, Cowtown, N.J.; 3rd - Willie E. Walker; 4th - Ron Jones & Mike Dolan.

Steer Wrestling:

1st - Fred Davis, Farmingdale, N.J.; 2nd - Andy Harris, Cowtown, N.J.; 3rd - Lou Christman, Plainfield, N.J.; 4th - Chris Gerhardt.

Barrel Racing:

1st - Diane Sleeter, Sicklerville, N.J.; 2nd - Dale Bibbo, Spring Valley, N.Y.; 3rd - Judy Clement, Thorofare, N.J.; 4th - Lee Natale, West Patterson, N.J.

Bull Riding:

1st - Andy Harris, Cowtown, N.J.; 2nd - Kaye Kirby, Cowtown, N.J.; 3rd - Marty Stein, Washington, Pa.; 4th - Stanley Thomas, Cowtown, N.J.; Keith Groves, Huntersville, N.C.

Calf Roping:

1st - Smokey Smith, Townsend, Del; 2nd - Quinn

D'Imperio, Cherry Hill, N.J.; 3rd - Robert Bauman, Freehold, N.J.; 4th - Bud Bramwell, Norwalk, Conn.



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