

Chianina Field Day gives chance to learn breed

WRIGHTSVILLE - The first Chianina Field Day to be held in the Northeastern Region, sponsored by the regional section of the American Chianina Association, will be held at Dutchman Cattle Breeding Systems, Lauxmont Farms, on Saturday, August 21. Lauxmont Farms are located in York County, approximately two miles south of Wrightsville on Route 624.

The highlights of the day will be the exhibition and showing of project steers and heifers by junior club members. There will be cash prizes for the steers and heifer classes. Club members are invited to bring their steers and heifers to Lauxmont Farms on the preceding Friday, in preparation for showing. There will be a beef barbecue, featuring Chianina beef, on Saturday, with tours of the farm operations. In addition to the 200-cow Chianina herd, Dutchman has a 400-cow Hereford herd and over 300 acres of corn.

There will be an exhibition of Chianina cattle to be sold at the November 5th sale at Lauxmont Farms in conjunction with the Eastern National Livestock Exhibition. Sale cattle will be selected from cattle brought to Lauxmont Farms for the August 21st Field Day.

The Dutchman Cattle Breeding System Program is based primarily on a herd of 200 one-half-blood Chianina females. Visitors will be able to see Chianina recorded cattle which have been upgraded from several different base breeds. Most of the heifers have three-fourths Chianina calves by side and visitors will be able to appraise the growth and quality of this breed.

On the sire's side, the Dutchman program is keyed to using Lombard, their purebred imported Lombard is three years of age, and weighs 2850 pounds. He is the only purebred Chianina bull in the Northeastern or New England states.

According to Ron Kohr, President of Dutchman Cattle Breeding Systems, they are looking forward to the Field Day, because there are still many cattle producers and farmers who are not familiar with the Chianina breed. "We have really been impressed with the growth rate, structural soundness, and maternal ability of the Chianina in our program," stated Kohr.

Additional information concerning the Field Day can be obtained from Mr. Jim Glass, 230 Harrison Avenue, Glenside, Pa. 19038, the president of the NE Regional Chianina Association.



Shown with Lombard, Dutchman Farms' purebred Chianina bull, are Ernie Martinez, Dutch-

man manager, and Dr. L. L. Wilson, professor of animal science at Penn State University.

253 million eggs laid

HARRISBURG - Pennsylvania layers produced 253 million eggs during June, according to the Crop Reporting Service. This figure is down five per cent from both the previous month and a year earlier.

The June average of 12.6 million layers was approximately the same as the previous month, but down four per cent from a year ago.

Egg production per 100 layers during June totaled

2,011 eggs, down four per cent from the previous month and two per cent below a year earlier.

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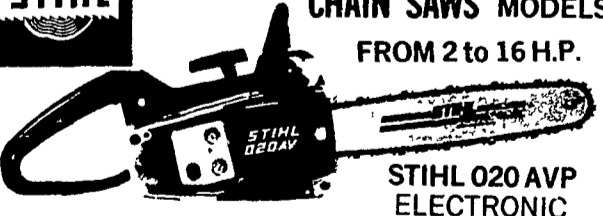


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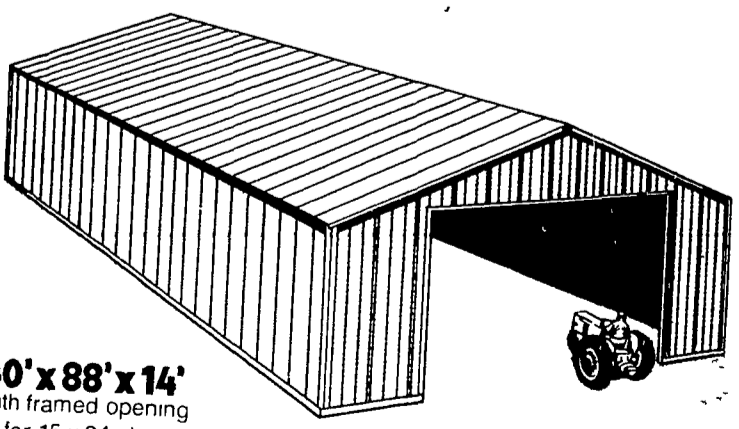
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