

North American Charolais meeting set

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - An estimated 500 producers of Charolais beef cattle will converge upon Louisville Mar. 23-26, representing all parts of the U. S. and Canada, Mexico and Costa Rica.

The event will be the 20th annual meeting of the membership of American-International Charolais Assn., headquartered in Houston, Tex. The association is the fourth largest beef breed in the country, according to

records of the National Society of Livestock Records Associations.

Featured speaker during the four-day program will be Dr. Thomas Haggai, High Point, N. Car., one of the nation's most respected and sought-after after-dinner speakers. He will appear through courtesy of General Motors Corp., and will speak at the membership banquet the evening of March 24.

Business schedule of the activities begin with arrival and registration on March

23, when all registrants will be given "Made in Kentucky" packets. Thursday and Friday will be devoted to

business sessions, involving meetings of 14 different committees which will develop the association's

program of work for 1977 for consideration by the board of directors March 25. The membership meeting, at which officers and directors will be elected to serve during the year, will be the afternoon of March 25.

The Kentucky Association will conduct its annual Kentucky National Charolais Show and Sale Saturday, March 26, at the State Fairgrounds.

One of the most elaborate programs ever planned for Charolais ladies who attend the annual meeting has been developed by the Kentucky Association for this event. One of the features will be a day-long bus tour, covering the Lexington area horse farms and Saddle Horse Museum, with lunch at the historic Spindle Top.

Then Friday morning, ladies will have the option of

attending the regular L. of Charolais meeting at hotel, or making a second tour that will cover a Louisville distillery, tobacco factory, and museum.

Friday evening, following the membership meeting, the Kentucky Association will host a complimentary party from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, music and door prizes will be the feature here - and you must be present to win the door prizes.

The Kentucky group also will raffle a purebred bull and heifer at noon on Friday prior to the afternoon sale. Winners may designate whether or not the animals are to be sold during the auction. Tickets will be available throughout the four-day period. The animals have been donated by Scroggins and Lewis.

Tobacco growers shun quotas

LANCASTER, Pa. - Pennsylvania farmers who produce Pennsylvania cigar-filler (type 41) tobacco have determined that acreage quotas and price supports will not be in effect for 1977 through 1979 according to the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

Producers voted by mail on the quota proposal on February 22-25. Of the 798 farmers who voted, 694 cast negative votes. Since growers disapproved the USDA quota system, there will be unlimited production and no USDA price support for the three crops years 1977-79. Pennsylvania growers have never approved a quota system.

Producers of Maryland (type 32) cigar-filler tobacco also rejected the quota system. Producers of this tobacco are primarily located in Maryland. However, there are producers in Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

Burley tobacco growers overwhelmingly approved marketing quotas and a price support program for the 1977-79 crops. Since 1944, growers of Burley tobacco have approved the quota system with a 93 to 99 per cent yes vote. Producers of Virginia sun-cured tobacco also approved the quota system by a yes vote of 95.8 per cent.

Big Blue by Steiger


TROY, Mich. - Ford Tractor Operations has announced plans to enter the large four-wheel-drive farm tractor market in mid-year 1977.

Ford, through its North American dealers, will market a new line of four models initially, and later a total of five models ranging from 210 to 450 horsepower. The new tractors will be produced for Ford by Steiger Tractor, Inc., under a supply agreement.


Ford, marking its 60th year in the tractor business, currently builds and markets 24 models of two-wheel-drive farm tractors

and 17 light industrial tractors, as well as four-wheel-drive loaders for the construction market.

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