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Sire Power Sale averages \$3340

KUTZTOWN -- The Steinhauers Elevation Dee, a Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation daughter, topped the 1978 Sire Power Sale August 2 when she sold for \$15,000. Sylvia Mueller from St. Charles, Ill., outbid top contender William Pettit and family from Huff 'n Puff Farm, Juliustown, N.J. for the right to take "Dee" home.

"Dee" is classified VG (87) and has a 3 year old production record of over 30,000 pounds of milk in 346 days. She was consigned by John G. Gilliland from Gillbrook Farms, Warriors Mark.

Held at Kutztown, the 1978 Sire Power Sale averaged \$3339.44 on 71 cows and heifers – the highest ever in the eight year history of the

The sale. Forty-one head were bee, sold by auctioneers A. Doty Remsburg and J. Austin Backus for \$3,000 or more and averaged \$4177. Buyers from coast to coast, attended the sale.

> Ameilo Curti, Curtmaid Farms, Waukena, Calif., bought the second high selling Holstein, a bred heifer, "Tri-Day Foxy Lady", from Tri-Day Farm, Damascus, Md., for \$8200. "Lady" is sired by Arlinda Jet Stream and is due in September. Five Jet Stream daughters were sold for an average of \$3430.

Another Elevation daughter, "Y-Brookside Elevation Nelly", was third high selling animal. Carl Yoder, Elverson, and Henry Stoltzfus, Morgantown, bought her from Mark S. Yoder, Belleville, Pa., for \$6500. "Nelly" is classified Excellent and projected at over 20,000 pounds of milk in her third lactation. The 53 Elevation daughters in the Sale averaged \$3457.

Sire Power Sale '78 was sponsored by Sire Power, Inc. and its member cooperatives: Northeastern Breeders Association, Maryland Artificial Breeding Cooperative, and West Virginia Artificial Breeders Cooperative.

Consignors were all cooperative members who use technician or direct herd service. All consignments had to meet high type and production standards and be sired by Sire Power bulls. Other Sire Power bulls represented at the sale included Job, Fury Ivan, Transmitter, and Charmcross.

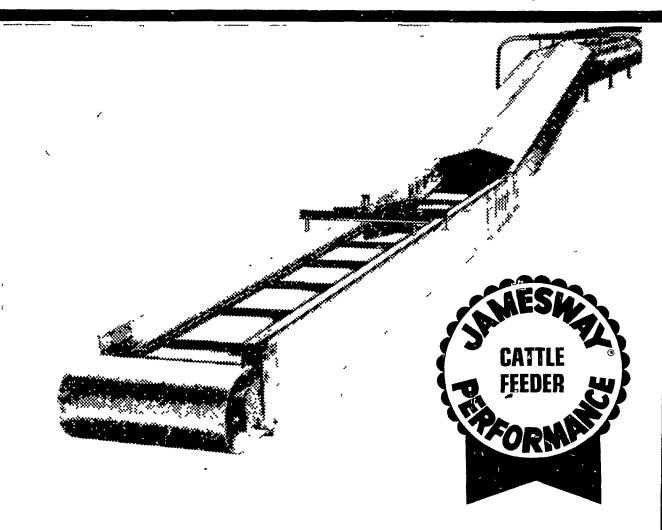
Grain storage capacity noted

WASHINGTON, D.C. – There are facilities to store more than 16.9 billion bushels of grain in the United States, according to a preliminary report of a survey conducted by two agencies of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The total grain storage capacity as of April 1, 1978 includes 9.9 billion bushels on-farm and almost 7 billion bushels off-farm commercial storage. On-farm storage includes 8.1 billion bushels of space to store shelled corn, other grain and oil seeds, 1.1 billion bushels for permanent ear corn storage and 0.7 billion bushels for wet storage of high moisture grain.

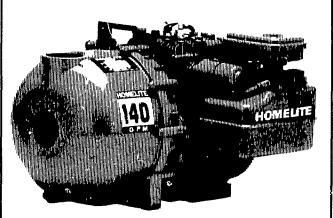
The on-farm total includes the 665 million bushels of storage built by farmers since the beginning of 1977 under the farm storage facility loan program operated by USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

On-farm storage data were gathered by ASCS. Commercial facilities were surveyed jointly by ASCS and USDA's Economics, Statistics and Cooperative Service.



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