

Berks County 4-H'er eagerly awaits Farm Show

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READING - Among other 4-H'ers showing steers from Berks County at the 1979 Farm Show, are a brother and sister, and thirteen year old girl who has only shown for two years.

Mike and Carol Strause, Hamburg R1, have both shown at the Farm Show before and are looking anxiously toward their return. These avid 4-H'ers have seen the improvements made in the facilities last year and are eager to see what this year will hold. Both agree that the new schedule will make showing at this large event an even greater pleasure than previous years.

Sixteen year old Mike will be making his third ap-

pearance in the show ring with a steer while his 14 year old sister will be showing for the second time. Carol is a little sceptical however, about her animal. "Last year I had a very tame steer," she remarked with a smile, "but this year my steer is much more jumpy and higher strung."

Carol and Mike are both showing Chianina-Angus crosses, which were purchased from the Wrightsville Sale and have reasonably high hopes for them. They have shown their animals at several fairs throughout the County this Summer and feel the extra time between those fairs and the Farm Show has given the steers the extra time they needed to fill out.

Mike is an 11th grade student at Hamburg Area

High School and is a member of the FFA Chapter there. He enjoys the out of doors and especially likes to hunt and trap. When indoors, however, his favorite past time is collecting beer cans.

Carol is in the ninth grade at the same school and enjoys such sports as swimming and hiking. Carol likes working with her livestock and is looking forward to seeing the other animals entered at the Farm Show.

Both of these 4-H'ers share the chores at home which are involved in their family's parttime farming operation. The Strause's raise hogs and steers an also have a smaller number of chickens.

Also exhibiting a steer at the Farm Show this year from Berks County is Beth Reiger. Beth will be showing at this event for the first



Mike and Carol Strause stand with their show steers, Smokey and Spunky, that they will be taking to the Farm Show.

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Livestock market and auction news

Pa. Aucton Summary

January 5, 1979

CATTLE 3901. Compared to 3842 last week and 4792 a year ago. Compared with last week's markets, sl. steers steady to 1.25 higher, slaughter heifers highly uneven. sl. cows strong to 3.00 higher, sl. bullocks 1.00-2.00 higher, sl. bulls 2.00-4.00 higher. High Choice & Prime YG 3-4 lbs. sl. steers 59.35-63.50, Choice YG 2-4 57.00-61.00., Good 53.00-58.00 standard 52.00-56.00, Choice sl. heifers 52.00-59.50, Good 48.00-56.00, Standard 45.00-50.00. Utility & Commercial s. cows 48.00-54.60, cutters 45.00-51.00, canner & sl. cutter 40.50-48.50, shells down, shells down to 38.75. Choice sl. bullocks 58.75-63.00, Good 55.00-60.00. Yield Grade #1, 1000-2200 lbs. 55.00-62.00, Yield Grade #2 900-1500 lbs. 52.00-58.00.

CALVES 2626. Compared to 2686 last week and 3520 a year ago. Vealers 1.00-6.00 higher. Prime vealers 104.00-129.00, Choice 90.00-118.00, Good 78.00-95.00. Standard & Good 90-120 lbs. 71.00-80.00, 70-90 lbs. 65.00-75.00, Utility 50-110 lbs. 50.00-65.00.

FARM CALVES: Hol. Bulls 90-120 lbs. 78.00-110.00, Hol. Heifers 85-140 lbs. 75.00-125.00.

HOGS 3679. Compared 4757 last week and 4191 a year ago. Barrows and gilts 50 to 75 cents higher. US No. 1-2 200-240 lbs. barrows & gilts 53.75-55.50, No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 52.50-54.75, No. 2-3 190-265 lbs. 50.00-52.50, few No. 1-3 140-190 lbs. 45.00-50.00. Sows steady to 50 cents higher. US No. 1-3 300-550 lbs. sows 42.00-46.50, No. 2-3 300-650 lbs. 38.00-42.50. Boars 32.00-40.00.

FEEDER PIGS 929. Compared to 534 last week and 1183 a year ago. 3.00-6.00 lower. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 15.00-28.00 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 26.00-41.00, No. 1-3 50-80 lbs. 40.00-56.50.

GRADED FEEDER PIGS 2755. All sales cwt. Compared with 2850 head last week, and 1759 head a year ago. Feeder pigs strong to mostly 8.00 higher. US No. 1-2 30-40 lbs. 116.00-136.00, 40-50 lbs. 106.00-133.00, 50-60 lbs. 93.00-126. US 60-85 lbs. 79.00-100.00, US 2-3 30-40 lbs. 92.00-122.00, 40-50 lbs. 82.00-111.00, 50-75 lb. 79.00-99.00, Utility 30-50 lbs. 68.00-85.00.

SHEEP 152. Compared to 198 last week and 213 a year ago. Woolled sl. lambs steady to 1.50 higher, Choice 70-110 lbs. 65.00-75.00, Good 70-110 lbs. 60.00-66.00. Slaughter ewes 23.00-37.00, few down to 12.00.

Markey courtesy of PDA.

Hunter's Auction

January 1, 1979
Rising Sun, Md.

BULLS: 500-650 lbs. 61.00-63.00; 680-750 lbs. 42.00-49.75.

COWS: High Choice and Prime 51.75-52.75; Good to Standard 50.75-52.00; Utility 46.75-50.50; Cutters 45.50-48.00; Canners 39.75-44.50.

CALVES: Prime 180-240 lbs. 89.00-97.00; High to Choice 140-180 lbs. 82.00-94.00; Good to Choice 120-140 lbs. 81.00-88.00; Standard to Good 90-110 lbs. 67.00-88.00; Utility 70-85 lbs. 52.00-64.00; Low Utility 65-75 lbs. 42.00-57.00.

FEEDER PIGS: 25-30 lbs. 24 to 28 by hd.; 30-35 lbs. 33 to 37 by hd.

SOWS: 37.00-40.00.
BOARS: 37.00-42.00.

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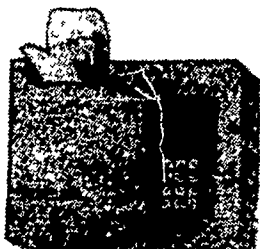
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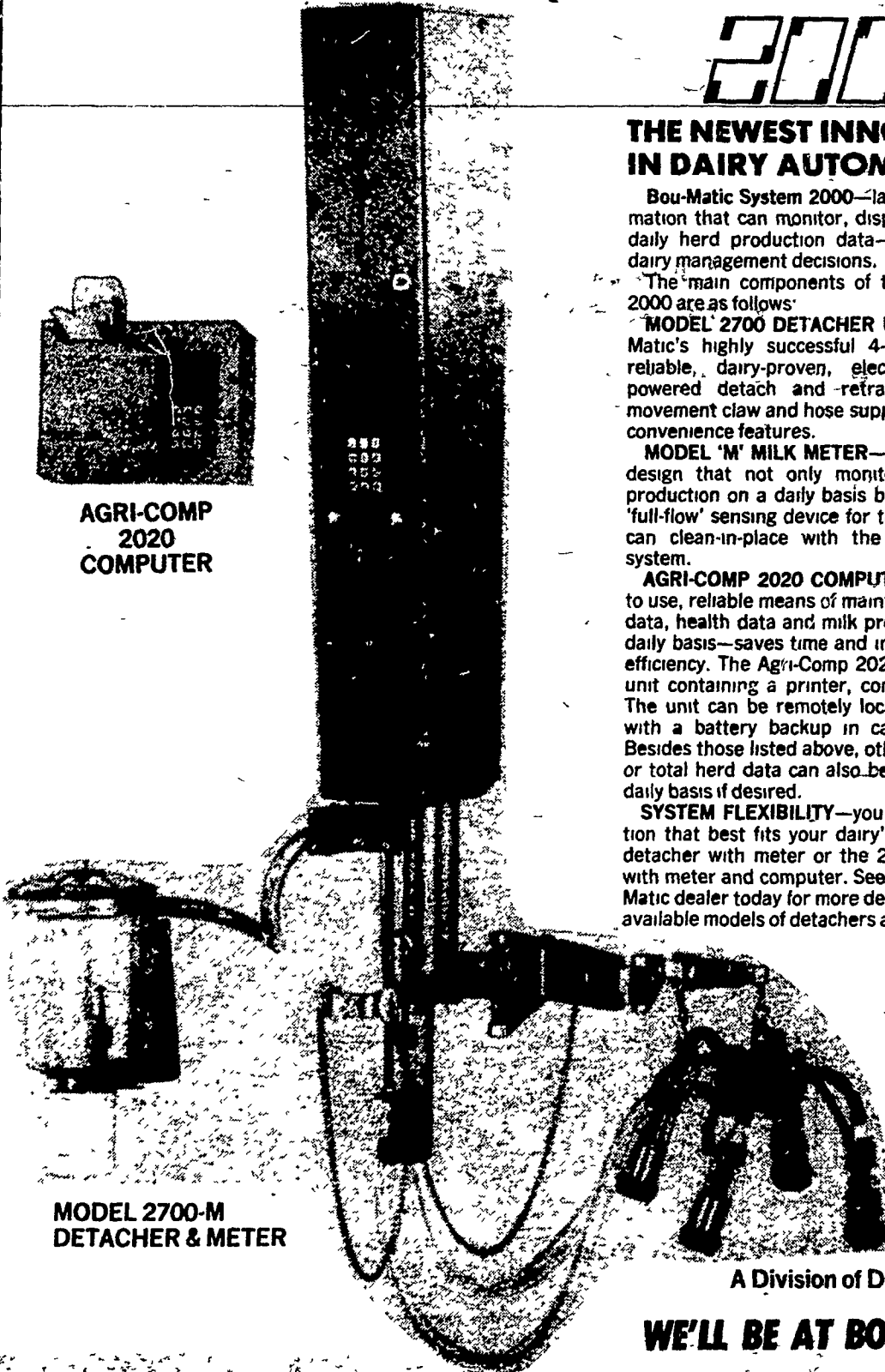
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