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Spring Bottom Farms of Adams County hosted a Beef Field Day last Saturday, with more than 250 people registering for the activities. None of that bothered these Polled Herefords, though, which grazed leisurely despite the presence of the visitors. A story about the field day appears on page 32. Lancaster Farming photo by Dieter Krieg

Confidence surfaced at family farm conference

By DIETER KRIEG

HARRISBURG — The Northeast Regional Farm Conference held last week in Cortland, N.Y. was definitely worthwhile, according to Bill Ringler, legislative director for the Pennsylvania State Grange. "I was very much inspired by the reactions of government officials," the Somerset County farmer said emphatically, adding that the entire two-day conference was "a humbling experience."

The Northeast Regional Family Farm Conference was called and sponsored by the New York State Grange for the purpose of defining needs of the region. Eleven states participated in the forum. It is hoped that the outcome of the conference, and possible future sessions, will be taken into consideration when new federal farm legislation is hammered out in Washington.

Numerous areas of concern were brought up at the conference, said Ringler. They were:

1. Energy and transportation.
2. Technology, research, environment.
3. Credit, inflation, and government regulations.
4. Land use.
5. Federal tax structures.
6. Commodities, price supports, marketing and public relations.

"Plenty of problems, but not too many answers," commented Ringler as he recited the topics.

According to Morris Halladay, Master of the New York (Turn to Page 39)

Charolais heifer show, sale termed a success

By KENDACE BORRY

CLEARSPRING, Md. — Breeders, buyers, and fanciers of Charolais cattle gathered last Friday and Saturday for the first annual Colonial Charolais Heifer Show and Sale. The event was held at the Myers Charolais Farm, near Hagerstown, Md.

Forty-one lots of cattle, including two bulls and 39 heifers went under the auctioneer's gavel July 13. It was the breed's first sale where the female consignment consisted of only Charolais heifers, both bred and open.

Sponsored by the Colonial Charolais Association, the event sponsored field day activities, including a queen contest, the sale, and the Colonial Junior show.

Top selling heifer at the sale was Riverwood Erita 57P, consigned by Riverwood Farms, Powell, Ohio. Born in September 1977, the heifer was sold bred to Riverwood Genesis 396 M 190227, the 1979 national grand champion bull. She brought \$3200, and was purchased by Kenwood Farms, Seagrove, North Carolina.

Top selling bull at the sale was RCC Royal Avignon 2495, consigned by the Royal Charolais Company, Youngwood, Pa.

Born in March of 1978, the bull brought \$2300 and sold to J.H. Blount, Jr., Greenville, North Carolina.

According to Corey (Buzz) Garey, of Garey Cattle Sales, Morrisville, who managed the sale, 69 per cent of

all the female heifers were young open cattle, 11 to 16 months old, and he thought the price for them was strong.

"We had 26 buyers for 41 lots," he commented. "And three different buyers were there to purchase five or six females. More people were buying a number of cattle, and the tempo of the sale was good. Thirty-nine heifers were sold, 27 of them being young open heifers."

The first Colonial heifer show was held Saturday afternoon.

A first time showman, Deedie House, Penn Yan, N.Y. showed the grand champion of the show. The 17 year old young lady exhibited a May heifer, DFH Miss Spirit 1978, that she raised herself. The heifer had first been named the senior champion of the show.

Janice Kaylor, Elizabethtown, Pa., showing her junior heifer, was named the reserve champion of the show.

Janice showed a Fall heifer, 10 months old, known as Spring Meadows Ranch Miss Kandace.

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