

Douglasville steer brings top dollar in New York

ITHACA — Two Pennsylvania steers were the top two animals consigned in the steer division at the New York Hereford Association's 14th Annual Fall Calf Sale, held November 24th at Ithaca.

Douglasville consigned the highest selling steer calf. The calf, sired by Vindicator, was purchased by Wind and Willows Farm, Ovie, New York, for \$1.12 a pound.

Spring Bottom Farms of Fairfield had the second

highest selling steer calf. This calf was also bought by Wind and Willows Farm for \$1.07 a pound.

These two calves, along with 10 others that were consigned grossed \$5,632.20, with a sale average of 95 cents per pound.

Forty-three registered heifer calves were sold for \$26,262.20, for an average of

\$480. This price was \$100 higher than the 1978 sale and \$212 higher than the 1977 sale average, according to sale chairman Theodore Kriese.

A 1978 September calf, out of OR VIC ANX K74 E95 and HHF Layd K74 E95, topped the sale at \$850. Dave Collins of Livingston Manor purchased the calf consigned by

Homestead Hereford Farms of Whitney Point.

Warnerville, New York.

The second highest selling heifer, was a 1978 October calf, out of RWJ Victor J3 7110 and Stone Broke 7110-871. She was purchased by Marshall Farms of Port Byron, New York for \$825. The calf was consigned by Stone Broke Farms of

Stonen Farm, Arkport, New York, donated one-half of the price tag of a consigned heifer calf to the New York Junior Hereford Association. The Victorious granddaughter ASB Dom Vicki 2109 was sold to Joel Getman of La Fargeville, New York.

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Jersey produce firm cited for PACA violations

PATTERSON, N.J. — S. Alexander & Co., Inc., a Paterson, N.J., produce firm, has been barred from operating in the produce industry because of violations of the Perishable Agricultural Commodity Act.

Administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, PACA establishes a code of good business conduct for the produce industry.

Officials of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service explained that the firm may not conduct business under PACA until Oct. 26, 1981, and then only if a PACA license is obtained.

The firm's officers, directors, and major

stockholders — Edward Simkin, Joseph Rasa Sr., and Bernard Devuyt — may not be employed by any PACA licensee until Oct. 26, 1980, and then only if the employer posts a surety bond and USDA approves.

The firm was charged by AMS with failing to pay promptly for 140 lots of fruits and vegetables worth \$106,408, purchased from April through December 1977.

Officials said the firm failed to answer the charges, and USDA ruled that based on the evidence the firm had committed willful, flagrant and repeated violations of the Act.

Under PACA, all in-

terstate traders in fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables must be licensed by USDA.

USDA is authorized to suspend or revoke a trader's license for violating the Act.

Adjustment made in wheat testing machines

NEW YORK, N.Y. — An adjustment has been made on all near infrared reflectance instruments used in the official testing of protein in hard red winter and hard red spring wheats, a U.S. Department of Agriculture official said.

LeLand E. Bartelt, administrator of USDA's Federal Grain Inspection Service, said an adjustment of minus 0.2 percent was made on master and standard NIR instruments Nov. 28.

"In our continuing efforts to evaluate the accuracy of our equipment and procedures, we compared

protein test results obtained by FGIS Kjeldahl units at three locations with the master and standard NIR units at the Board of Appeals and Review," Bartelt said.

"Based on this and all other available information, we determined that a more accurate result would be obtained by adjusting the master and standard NIR testing units by -0.2," he said.

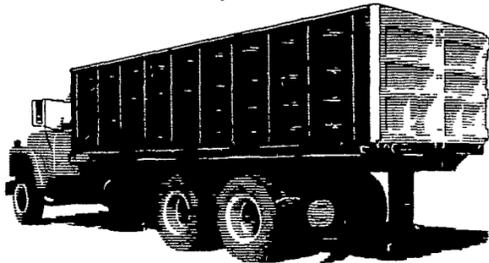
Bartelt said additional procedures are being developed by FGIS to identify the causes of the current situation and to prevent similar circumstances from recurring.

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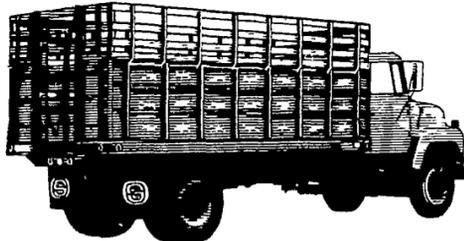
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Hunterdon sheep club has Christmas party

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — The December meeting of

County 4-H Sheep Club, was the guest.

The two demonstrations given were "Prolapse of the Uterus of Sheep" by Carlotta Yontz, and the "4-H Year" by Elizabeth Panacek and Melissa Yontz. Reported by Perry, Whitehouse Station, club founder of the Hunterdon

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