

Beechdale Farm sells top-priced Simmental

FREDERICK, Md. — Beechdale Farms, Bird-In-Hand, had the top selling purebred Simmental cow at the Sixth Annual Free State Invitational Simmental Sale, held here last Saturday.

The only Pennsylvania consignor at the sale, Beechdale Farms' Becky brought a higher bid than the other 57 head of purebred and part-blood bulls, cows and calves, and heifers from Maryland producers and one purebred cow from Virginia.

The Lancaster bred cow will be returning to the county. She was purchased for \$2100 by Russ Raush of Conestoga.

Beechdale Farms also consigned a 15/16 Simmental bull to the Maryland sale. Beechdale Vic, calved last December, brought \$800. This bull calf was the top yearling weight bull in the

Maryland bull test out of all the breeds entered.

Beechdale Farms also entered a bull in the West Virginia bull test. This animal was the highest selling bull at the tested bull sale in that state.

According to Beechdale Farms owner, Dr. Thomas Conrad, they had high hopes for their bull that was entered at the Penn State bull test station.

"He was gaining over 4 pounds per day," said Conrad, "the highest gaining bull at the test station. Two weeks before the sale, he died rather mysteriously. The University said it was death by unknown causes."

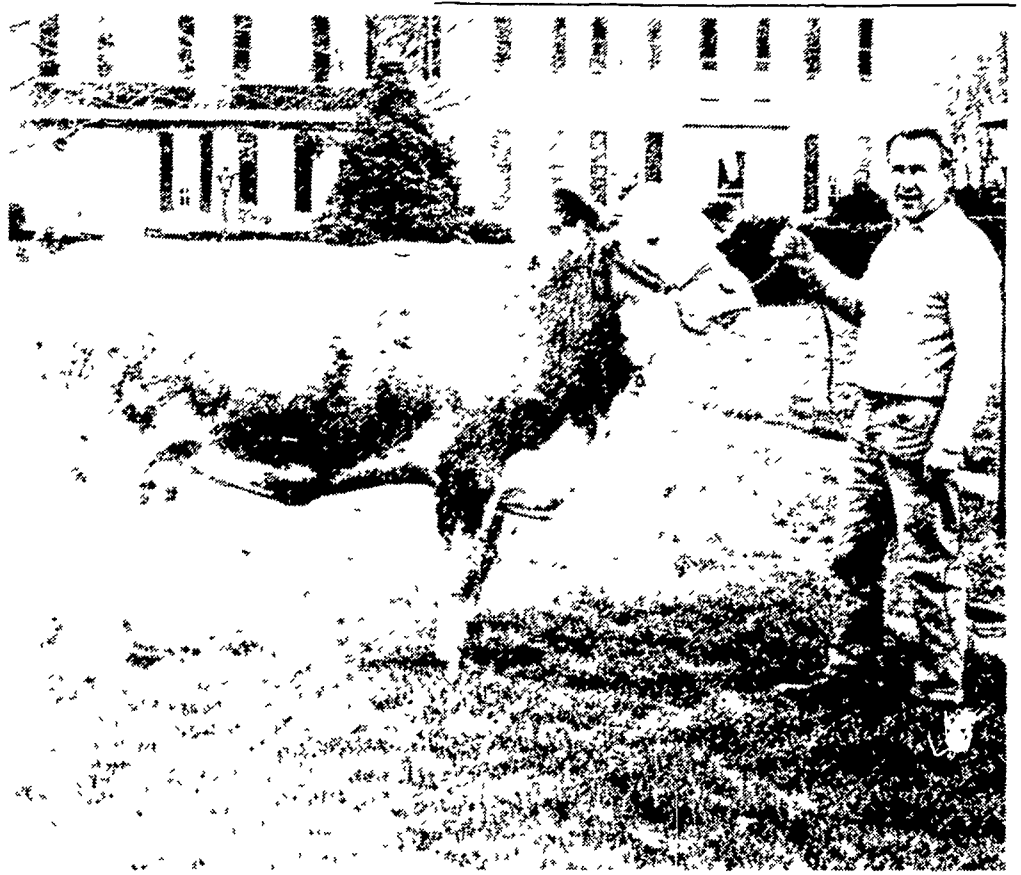
Conrad's disappointment was eased slightly, he said, when the two top selling Simmental bulls at the Penn State sale were animals bred by Beechdale Farms.

The high selling three-quarter Simmental cow was consigned by Ravenwood Farm, Mt. Airy, Md. Baron Donna sold to Scott Williams, Finksburg, Md. for \$1900.

The half-blood cow that brought the highest dollar bid was consigned by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Matthews, Jr. The cow sold for \$900 and will be traveling to the state of Maine.

Little Acorn Farm, Princess Anne, Md. had the top-priced purebred bull at the sale. Bill Miller of Sherwood, Md. bought Langdon's Elvis, calved September 28, 1977, for \$350.

The sale average for the 59 head of cows, calves and bulls consigned was \$959.SM



Dr. Thomas Conrad shows off his top-selling Simmental cow, Beechdale Becky.

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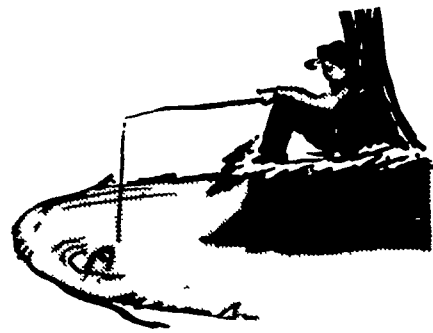
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