

N.J. state Holstein sale averages \$1219

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PHILLIPSBURG, N.J. — Sale average at the New Jersey State Holstein Calf Sale last Friday was lower

than in past years, in part reflecting a continuing reluctance by farmers to commit big money on any purchases.

The sale average of 86 Holstein calves and bred heifers was \$1219

Top selling animal was Makarevich Willow Kitty, consigned by the Makarevich Brothers, Columbia, N.J. She sold for \$7600 to Charles Augur of Maine.

Kitty, born December 3, 1978, was sired by Willow

Farm Rockman Ivanhoe, a high PD sire

Her dam is a Bootmaker daughter who classifies as Excellent-92. The dam's two year old record was 20,390 pounds milk and 705 pounds butterfat in 330 days

This year she is milking at over 100 pounds per day. She is contracted to a major stud and has a full brother in stud.

After Kitty, prices dropped off sharply during the sale which was held at the Warren County Fairgrounds near Harmony. The Fairgrounds is just north of Phillipsburg, and just across the river from Pennsylvania.

Top selling cow from Pennsylvania was Harlene Job Gumdrop, who was consigned by Harold Fabian, Bethlehem.

Gumdrop sold for \$1550. Among other price leaders was Tranquility Transmitter Irma, who sold for \$2600. She was consigned by Freeborn Brothers, Allamuchy, N.J.

Edwin Thompson, Jr. and David Walton, Newtown, Pa. consigned Tower-vue Gay Babe to the sale. When the bidding stopped she brought \$1700.

Highly touted FMS Top of the Ridge Linda sold for \$1400. From Floyd and Marie Schwab's Top of the Ridge Farm, Ringoes, N.J., the calf was out of a cow with over 20,000 pounds milk

Linda's dam is FMS Leadsman Elevation Laurie, with a record of 20,720 pounds milk as a two year old

Her dam, in turn, was still churning out records of 18,142 pounds milk as a 10 year old

The Linda calf was by Edeal Pmonia Matt Tippy, another high PD bull

Keystone Job Paula, consigned by Don Seipt, Easton, and Keystone Farm, brought \$1350

The sale, which was sponsored by the New Jersey

State Holstein Association, regularly attracts bidders from all over the United States and from as far north as Ontario, Canada.

Most observers credited the hesitant bidding to the general economic climate and not to the quality of the animals in the sale, which in fact was up to its normal standards.

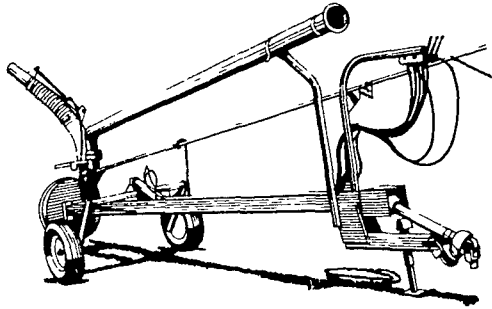
Lower cow prices have been reflected at sales in Pennsylvania and New York in recent weeks, as well as at the New Jersey show.

The price drop has surprised some observers who say the dairy industry is the only segment of agriculture which is not extremely depressed by the current economic situation

Co-chairmen for the New Jersey Holstein sale were William Teets, Lebanon, N.J., and Frank Gibbs, Allamuchy, N.J.

The sale managers were Charles and Horace Backus, Mexico, New York

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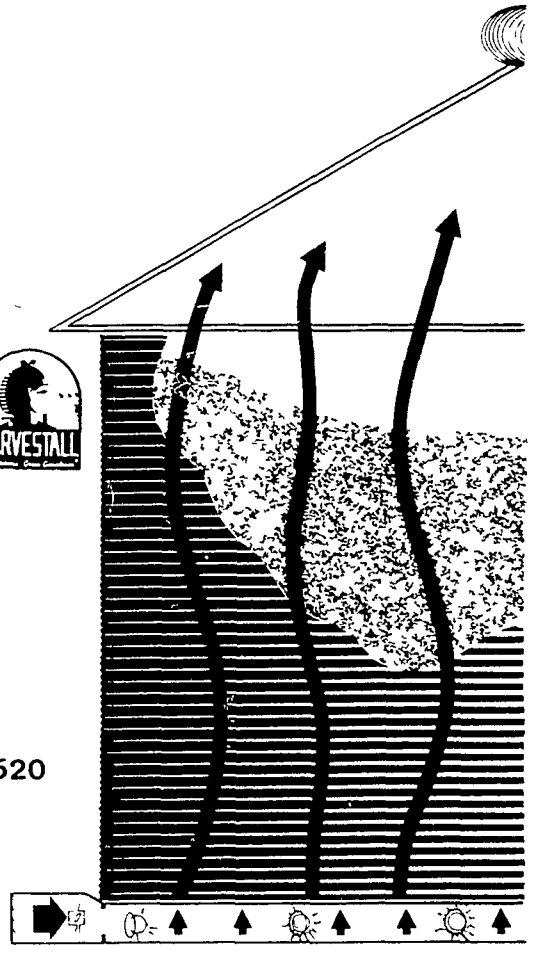
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