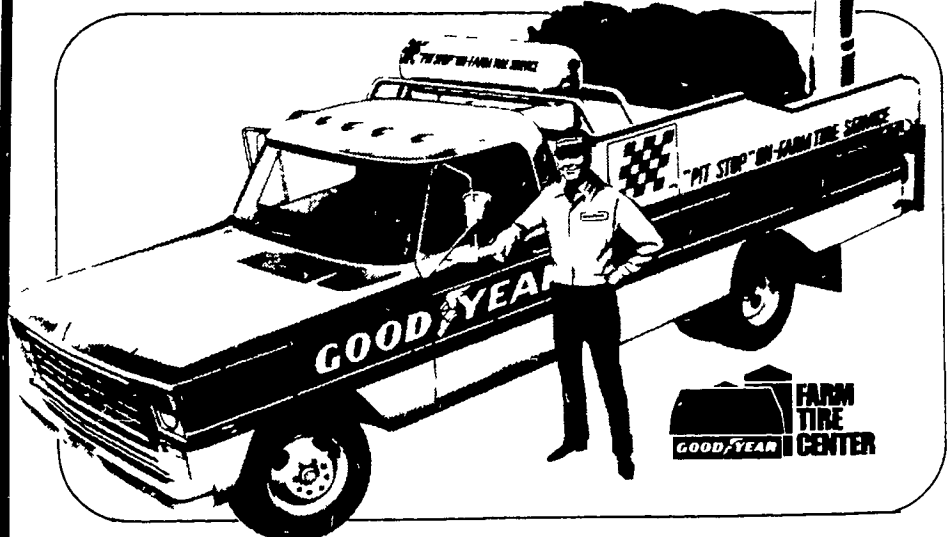


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Suffolk ram brings record price

WHITNEYVILLE — A record price for a Pennsylvania performance tested ram was paid June 7 at the Fourth Performance Tested Ram Sale, held at the Whitneyville Fairgrounds in Tioga County.

The top selling Suffolk ram, boasting a height of 35 inches, a loin eye area of 4.59 square inches and final weight of 354 pounds, brought \$1450 for owner Paul H. Leader of York. The ram, Leader G1054, sold to Linda Adler of Bloomsburg, Columbia County.

A total of 37 yearling rams crossed the auction block, averaging \$362.57 for a grand total of \$13,415.

Five Dorset rams averaged \$372; 16 Suffolk rams averaged \$538; three Corriedale rams averaged \$126; six Hampshire rams averaged \$253; six Shropshire rams averaged \$154; and one Southdown ram brought \$110.

The top selling Dorset ram, Carolair D-80, was owned by Carolair Farm of Knoxville, Tioga County. The ram, which claimed the largest loin eye among the Dorset rams on test, sold for

\$520. C & J Farms of Columbia Crossroads, Bradford County, was the buyer.

Charles McCrae of Mohnton, Berks County, sold the top Corriedale ram, C.R.M. 94. The ram which weighed 248 pounds and had a 4.75 square inch loin eye, went to Donald VanVliet of Wellsboro, Tioga County, for \$170.

The high Hampshire ram, recording a 1.04 pound average daily gain, was owned by Shober Farm of Berlin, Somerset County. The ram sold to C & J Farms for \$300.

Kelly McConnell of Frederickstown, Washington County, was the successful bidder on the top selling Shropshire yearling ram. The ram, which had a final weight of 244 pounds and a loin eye area of 3.89 square inches, was owned by Warn G. Manhennett of Cochranville, Chester County. The ram sold for \$230.

C & J Farms, the top buyer of the sale with 10 rams, was again the successful bidder on the Southdown yearling ram. The ram, which sold for \$110, had a 4.25 square loin eye and was owned by W. L. Henning of State College, Centre County.

"This was quite a successful sale," said a PDA spokesman. "There were several exceptionally tall rams which also carried length and good confirmation throughout. These are excellent indications that Pennsylvania sheep producers are striving for a

complete package, rather than show ring fads."

There will be a Performance Tested Ram Lamb Sale, September 6 at the Department's Meat Animal Evaluation Center in State College, Centre County. Along with the ram lamb sale will be an invitational ewe sale.

Nominations are now being accepted for next year's Fifth Performance Tested Yearling Ram Sale. Entries close August 31, 1980.

For further information write to Robert Kimble, Director of the Meat Animal Evaluation Center, 651 Fox Hollow Road, State College, PA 16801.

This year's sale was sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the Pennsylvania State University, the Pennsylvania Sheep and Wool Growers Association, and the Tioga County Sheep and Wool Growers Association.



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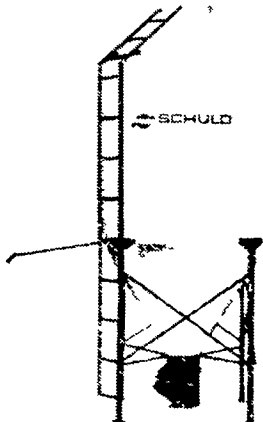
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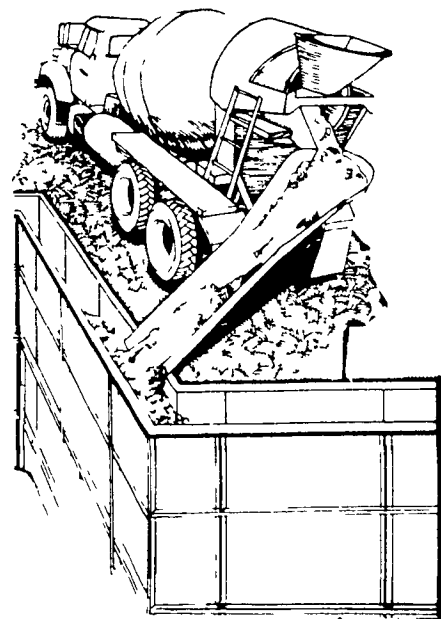
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