

\$13.17/lb. for a feeder pig?

LANCASTER — A 48-pound feeder pig brought a "record" price of \$13.17 a pound at the Lancaster Stockyards on Tuesday.

No, hog prices haven't suddenly gone through the roof. The occasion for the whopping figure was the consignment of the 300,000th head at the Stockyard's weekly feeder pig auction.

Bulk of the price for the Berk-Hamp cross is attributed to the \$500 savings bond that was awarded by the Stockyards to the consignor of the 300,000th feeder.

Winner of the bond was Milton F. Lewis, Bethel

Road, Willards, Md., who has been consigning in Lancaster for about the past three years. The winning pig was among a load of 70 he consigned on Tuesday.

Lewis may have had a premonition about the award earlier Tuesday.

On the way to the Stockyards, about five miles outside of Lancaster, Lewis remarked to his wife:

"They gave that \$500 bond away already, haven't they?"

"No," she replied, "according to Lancaster Farming it should be given away today."

"Wouldn't it be something,

if we won it," Lewis remarked.

The 300,000th celebrity led off the feeder pig sale and brought a respectable \$2.75 a pound. It was purchased by Lancaster Stockyards at the final rap of the gavel by auctioneer Merle Eberly.

The Stockyards opened the first graded feeder pig auction in this area in June, 1974. It started as a monthly auction, increased to twice a month and finally weekly when consignments reached as high as 3600 head.

The value of the 300,000 feeders auctioned off during the past six or so years totals approximately \$16 million.—DA

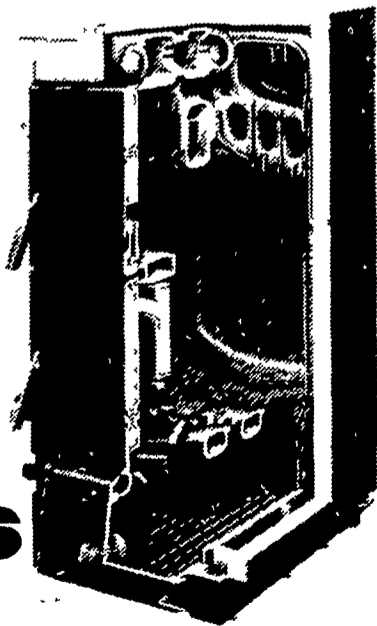


Participating in ceremonies to honor consignment of 300,000th feeder pig at Lancaster Stockyards are, from the left, Burnell Seigrist, hog division manager for J.M. Hooper, Inc.; Lloyd Hoover, manager of hog division for Walter M. Dunlap and Sons; Milton Lewis, of Willards, Md., winner of \$500 savings bond; Bill McCoy, Stockyards president; and Ed Prosser, manager for McCoy Cattle Co.

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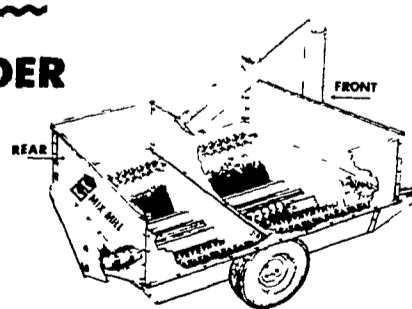
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