

State's Holstein dispersal sale totals \$255,925

CARNEGIE — The dispersal sale of 196 animals in the Woodville State Hospital and Mayview State Hospital Holstein herds, held recently at Carnegie, Allegheny County, grossed \$255,925.

A total of 121 registered Holsteins averaged \$1,601.03, for a total of \$193,725 while 64 grade animals averaged \$876.56, totaling \$56,100

Eleven calves averaged \$468.18 for a total of \$6,100

Purchasing the top registered Holstein was Stephen E. Hughes of Loudonville, OH. Hughes paid \$4,300 for Mayview Mookown Ideal, daughter of Harrisburg Gay Ideal. The top cow has a six year and one month record of 28,335 pounds of milk and 854 pounds of butterfat in 361

milking days. She is classified Excellent-91

Two cows both brought \$3,500. Timothy Lee Cotterell of Columbia, W Va paid \$3,500 for Mayview Ideal Rag Apple Bea daughter of Harrisburg Gay Ideal. Bea is classified Very Good as a three-year-old. At three years and two months she produced 17,841 pounds of milk and 582 pounds of

butterfat in 293 milking days

Joseph M and Louis D Fava of Scenery Hill, Washington County, purchased Mayview Transformer Ann, daughter of Fultonway Transformer, for \$3,500. Ann is classified as Good Plus as a two-year-old and has a record at two years of 15,049 pounds of milk and 650 pounds of

butterfat in 309 milking days

"This was a very successful sale" State Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell said, "with many fine registered and grade Holsteins offered. The sale was held in accordance with Gov Dick Thornburgh's Executive Order to move the state out

of the farming business by the end of this fiscal year."

Hallowell noted the key objective of the Agriculture Department is to provide a smooth transition of state farming operations to the private sector. "We are staggering the sale of dairy cattle throughout the year's grace period so the livestock market will not be disrupted. Dairy herd dispersals of the Norristown, Allentown, Selinsgrove, Danville and Pork Holstein herds will be held early in 1981. During the grace period, the farms are being maintained and improved in preparation to be leased to Pennsylvania farmers."

"Family farmers who carry on the farming tradition on these lands will be a credit to both themselves and the Commonwealth," the Agriculture Secretary said. "We are particularly encouraging young individuals who want to start a career in agriculture to apply for these leases."

For more information on sales and leases contact the Bureau of Rural Affairs, Division of Farm Operations, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, 2301 N. Cameron St., Harrisburg, PA 17110, phone (717) 783-8462.

Penn Manor

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MILLERSVILLE — Using the commodities futures market to hedge farm production will be highlighted at the upcoming meeting of the Penn Manor Young Farmers Association.

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Penn Manor High School.

Featured speaker will be Richard Buss, commodities specialist for Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith.

Among the questions to be answered are: Does commodity futures trading help stabilize farm income?

Will hedging free up working capital?

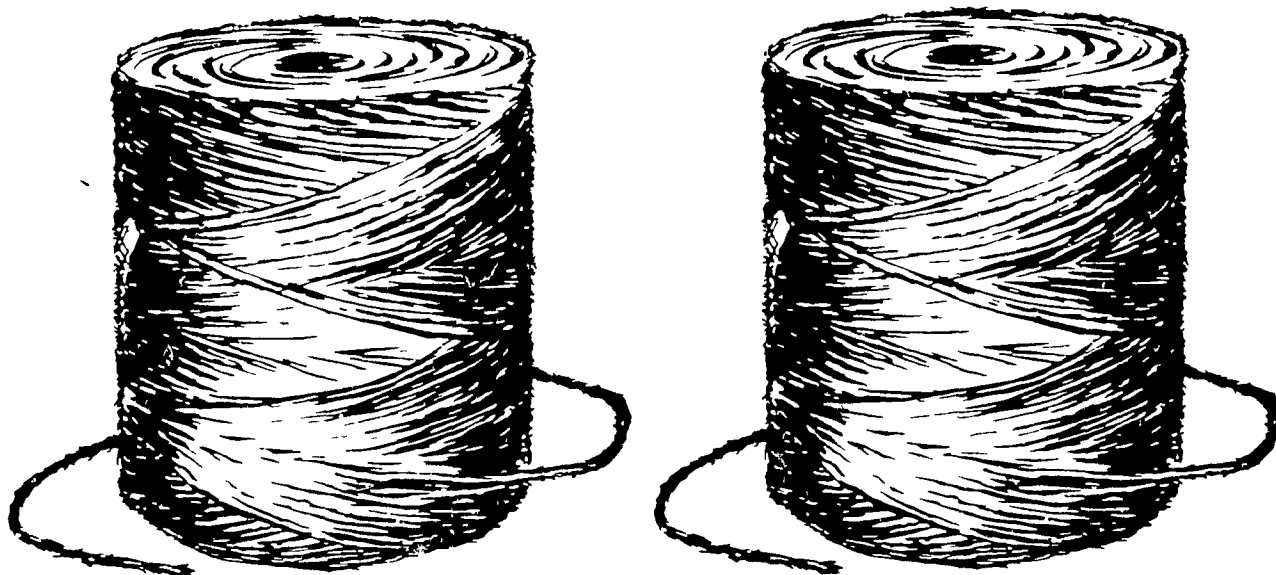
Can the futures market expand a farmer's bank borrowing ability?

Anyone looking for answers to those questions or who needs a review of hedging as a marketing tool is invited to the meeting.

For further information contact Jeff Hart, Penn Manor Young Farmers Advisor, at 717/872-5431.

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