

# Nat'l Polled Hereford sale averages \$29,133

DENVER, Colo — MSU Rocky Banner, a son of Gold Standard Sire WSF PRL Justa Banner, was the top lot to sell at the 58th National Polled Hereford Sale of National Sires here on January 17.

A capacity crowd watched as interests in 10 head unit an average of \$29,133, bettering last year's average by \$1738.

The reserve calf champion, MSU Rocky Banner, received a \$40,000 price tag for one-fourth interest from Sherwood Farms, Charlottesville, Va. The March 1980 calf was jointly consigned by Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich., and Rockyknoll Cattle Co., Whiting, Vt.

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figure bracket was a February 1980 bull calf, BT CL Domino 445M consigned by Beartooth Ranch, Columbus, Mont., went home to Circle S Ranch, Rocky Ford, Alta., with an offer of \$26,000 for one-fourth interest.

Many eyes were attracted to DJM Ms Covergirl 79, the champion female at both the 1980 National Junior Polled Hereford Show and the 1980 North American SOP Show and the reserve champion at the National Polled Hereford Show. Mark Beasley of ... Texas, matched the ... to the sale ring to bring \$20,000 for one-half interest from Split Butte Ranch, Rupert, Idaho.

A \$10,500 bid for one-fourth interest in Sierra Atlas 55M came from Cal Kinney, Reno, Nev. The class winner was consigned by Sierra Polled Herefords, Grass Valley, Calif. and S-Y Ranch Polled Herefords, McArthur, Calif.

YG Phenomenal 016 hit a \$7000 bid for one-fourth interest for Yordy Farms, Morton, Ill., and Tjardes Farms, Gibson City, Ill. Ed Pruitt, Oklahoma City, Okla., was the purchaser.

The C.E. Frenzen firm, Fullerton, Neb., nodded in approval to the \$11,500 call on JR Advantage OR K28. Three-fourths interest was sold by John E. Rice and Sons, Inc., Sheridan, Wyo.

Keithley Hereford Farms, Mo., received \$5750 for one-half interest on KHF Dynasty 096 from Murfin and Clarkson, Winfield, Kan., and John Oswald, Hutchinson, Kan.

Keithly also consigned KHF Heritage 089. The April 1980 bull calf brought \$5100 for one-half interest from Dr. Kasten, Clayton, Mo.

T&S Lady Banner T815, traveled home with Trace Majorino, Firebaugh, Calif. G. Tufts and Sons, Hillsboro, Texas, received the \$9500 offer for the first place

January 1980 heifer. Tufts also ran T&S Lady Jogger T777 through the sale

ring to get a \$7600 bid from Gladstone Farms, Nashville, Ind.

## York-Adam Forage Day 30 Hay Analysis

YORK — "Up until now, there has never been any quick way to determine the market value of hay, other than by the crop's smell and appearance," says York extension agent Jim Haldeman, Jr., "but with the infrared Spectro Computer, a two-minute scan can analyze the actual food value in a forage sample. Protein, fiber, and some trace elements like calcium and magnesium are analyzed from the samples."

The Infrared Spectro Computer is a brand new forage analysis technique, developed at Penn State in conjunction with the regional Pasture Research Lab of the U.S. Department of Agriculture at State College.

Researchers have installed the forage scanning computer in a mobile van and will bring it to York County on Tuesday, February 3, for the county's Forage Crop Day at the 4-H center.

Farmers attending the forage clinic are asked to bring one sample of a forage or grain product they would like analyzed.

Hay and corn silage,

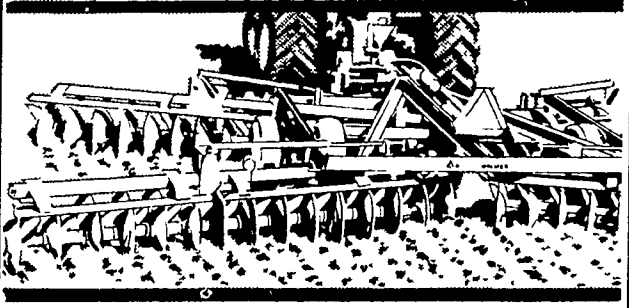
grains and high moisture corn need no other special treatment, but dried hay to be scanned by the computer must be chopped fine by hand. No more than two quarts of material is needed for sampling.

Forage samples should be brought for sampling during the half-hour registration beginning at 9:30 a.m. Analysis results will be the wrap-up of the program at 2 p.m.

A variety of topics to be covered during the program include alfalfa insect control, preservatives and no-till on forage crops, forage production economics, and a "What We've Learned" session headed by extension agronomist John Baylor.

Over a dozen agri-business representatives will be on hand at the commercial exhibit area, open for visitors during registration and luncheon break.

Lunch will be served by reservations, available from the county extension office or participating agri-businesses. Reservations are due by Friday, January 30.

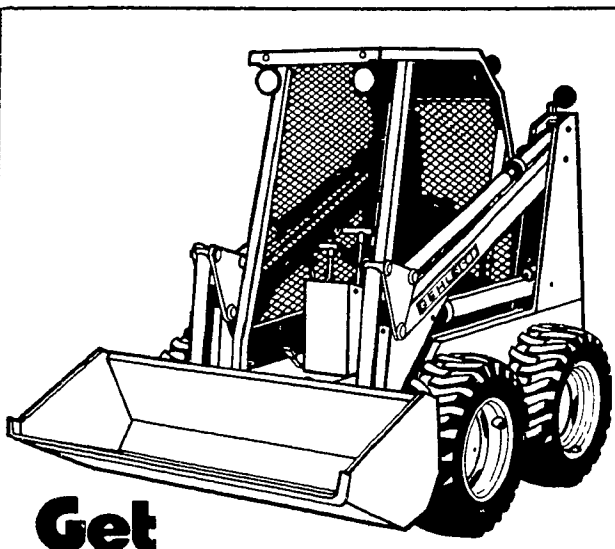


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