

N.Y. cattlemen to run performance tested sale

ITHACA, N.Y. — Forty-five or more performance tested bulls will be offered at the New York State Bull Test Sale at 7 p.m. May 1 at the Livestock Pavilion on the Cornell University campus at Ithaca.

The bulls will have completed a 140 day test under uniform conditions at Cornell's research center at Harford. All of the bulls are registered and will be available for service on a limited basis this summer.

Forty-three breeders have 71 bulls enrolled in the test. Those offered for the May 1 sale will have met certification requirements as to 140 day gain ration and weight per day of age ratio as well as a minimum frame score (three for British breeds and five for Continental breeds).

A committee will have appraised each bull for structural soundness and a Cornell veterinarian will have examined each bull for breeding soundness including rectal and scrotal palpitation and scrotal circumference measurement.

Following the final weigh-in April 20 and 21 all performance information will be catalogued and

made available on request to Bill Greene, Room 110, Morrison Hall, Ithaca, N.Y. 14853 or 607/256-7712.

Bill Greene, livestock extension associate at Cornell, said the sale will offer excellent herd bull prospects for both registered and commercial breeders.

Almost all beef breeds are represented in the Bull Test program which is sponsored by the New York Beef Cattlemen's Association, Cooperative Extension, the animal science department at Cornell University, and the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

There are 29 Angus bulls, 17 Polled Hereford bulls, nine Sumner bulls, four Charolais bulls, four Red Angus bulls, two Shorthorn bulls, two Beefalo bulls, and one Welsh Black bull on the test.

The Bull Test gives the producer an opportunity to have his bull evaluated for economically important and genetic improving traits under uniform conditions.

The Bull Test Sale gives cattle producers of both registered and commercial cattle an opportunity using performance information to select herd sires that will upgrade

their herds.

"Better bulls will mean heavier calves for feeder sales and feedlot as well as better gaining and

genetically improving breeding stock," Greene said.

The 1980 Bull Test Sale was marked by a capacity crowd, good

prices, and the excellent quality of bulls offered. The 1981 Bull Test Sale promises to be even better, he concluded.

Lancaster District to meet

LANCASTER — The Lancaster County Conservation District will hold its cooperators meeting and banquet on Thursday evening, March 19.

The annual gathering will be held at the Harvest Drive Motel and Restaurant, Intercourse. The affair begins at 6:30 p.m.

Guest speaker for the evening will be John R. Sheaffer, president of Sheaffer and Roland of Chicago, Illinois.

The engineering firm works with

farmers and municipalities on environmental problems. His firm designed the methane system at Mason-Dixon Farms in Adams County.

Jack Sheaffer is a native of Lancaster County.

Members of the District can contact Banquet Chairman Kenneth C. Depoe for tickets or can get in touch with the Conservation District Office at the Farm and Home Center, 717/299-5361.

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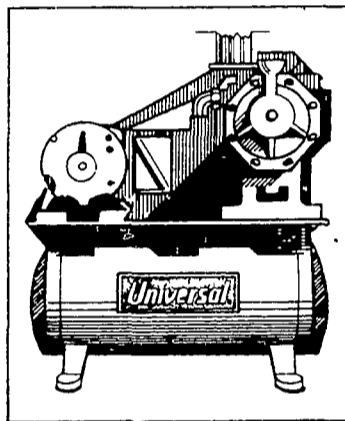
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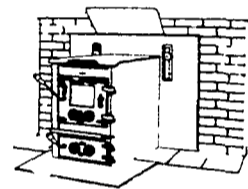
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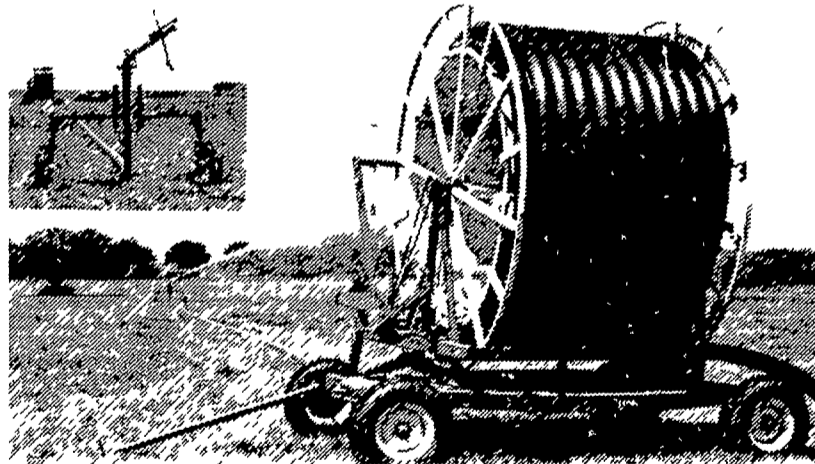
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