

Breeders co-op reports best year ever

LANCASTER — Through the cooperation and leadership of employees, directors, and members, 1980 was the most successful year in history for Atlantic Breeders Cooperative, according to David Yoder, General Manager.

Members' requests for service resulted in a total of 303,410 inseminations performed. An all-time high of 13,768 cows were evaluated for the "mate-rite" cow analysis and sire recommendation program. Semen collection resulted in the production of 1,062,497 units and semen sales totaled nearly \$2.5 million.

Atlantic's total revenue was \$5.5 million, representing a 15 percent increase from 1979, Yoder says. Total net savings from member business was \$326,269, all of which will be returned to member patrons. Net savings of \$299,122, after taxes, from non-member business will be retained for Atlantic's permanent reserves.

Last year, 1016 new members joined the Cooperative, bringing

total membership to 12,091.

Atlantic's sire program produced 15 bulls proven to excel for both production and body conformation through progeny test in member's herds.

On the average, each progeny of these 15 bulls outproduced other cows by 1084 pounds of milk per year and brought members \$114 in additional profit above feed cost. Thirty-seven young sires entered Atlantic's sampling program and will remain at Lancaster for four years to await evaluation of their progeny. New bulls were also added in the Angus, Polled Hereford, and Chianina beef breeds.

Completion of new marketing facilities provides more space for storing semen and supplies, filling orders, and maintaining records, Yoder points out.

Product sales to direct-herd breeders increased by 51 percent and the scope of domestic and international contacts and sales also grew. Headquarters facilities were remodeled and programming

of a new computer system completed.

Printed pedigrees, brochures, bull books, an expanded membership newsletter, and a new quarterly publication for beef breeders keep members informed and help select bulls, Yoder adds.

Attendance at Atlantic's recent membership meetings held throughout the service area totaled 3650 persons. One new director was elected and four directors were re-elected.

Forty-eight Resource/Promoti-

on committeemen were elected to one-year terms. They will serve to improve membership participation in the Cooperative, relate attitudes of members to the board and management, and help the organization to better serve its members.

Feeder pig sale set for April 4

FELTON, Del — A feeder pig show and sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 4, at Carrolls Sale Barn in Felton, Del. The show and sale are sponsored by the Delaware Pork Producers Association and the Delaware Extension Service.

The show is open to producers who are consigning pigs to feeder pig sales in Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania. Pigs must be

tagged with Delaware or Maryland tags, however. These are available from the State Veterinarian's office in Dover or from the Sussex county extension office in Georgetown, Del.

The event starts with check-in and weighing of pigs from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Judging starts at 10. There are two weight divisions — 41 to 50 and 51 to 60 pounds. Prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10 will be awarded

to the top three pens in each division.

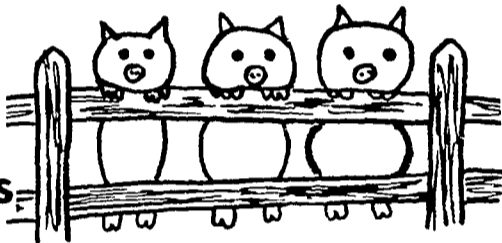
The sale takes place at 2 p.m.

For more information and entry forms, contact Richard Fowler, extension livestock specialist at the University of Delaware, in the department of animal science 302/738-2523.

Entries must be in by March 27.

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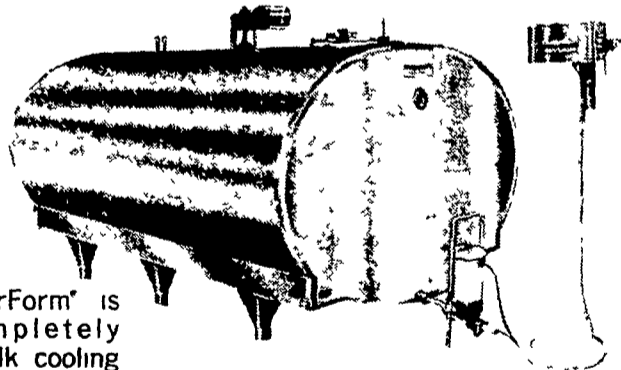
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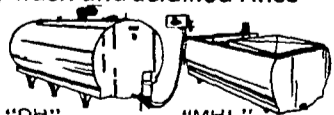
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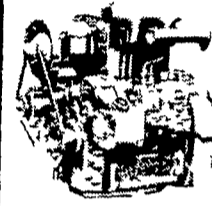
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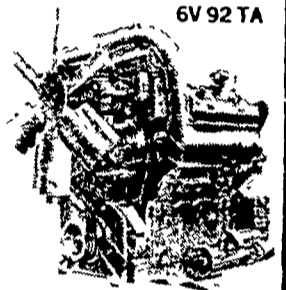
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