

State Holstein Show to run this week

HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania State Holstein Show & Sale will be held April 1 and 2 at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

Twenty-three Pennsylvania bred heifers which were entered two years in advance will compete in the First Annual Keystone Holstein Futurity Show. The futurity judging will begin April 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the small arena.

Pennsylvania dairy farmers should be commended for their support of this show. About 100 families have entered 490 animals in the competition. The state show begins April 2 at 4 p.m. in the large arena of the Farm Show Complex.

"Pennsylvania dairy farms are always growing better," State Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell said.

Eight individual winners from last year's state spring show went on to be named All-Pennsylvania winners. Six of these eight were nominated for All-American honors. 'Nothcroft Ella Elevation,' grand champion female at last

year's show, was named All-American aged cow. She is owned by Paul H. Knight of Woodbine Holsteins, Airville, York County."

"Winners at the state show competed for banners and trophies. Even more important," Hallowell said, "is the evaluation of the individual worth of each cow or calf when compared with animals across the state."

A total of 360 animals will cross

the auction block April 1 and 2.

A calf sale with 230 head consigned begins at 10:30 April 1 in the small arena.

Another 130 bred heifers will be sold at auction on Thursday, April 2, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Sale calves must have been born in 1980; dams must be classified good plus or better and sires must be plus-proven for milk production. Bred heifers must be two to eight months bred at the time of

sale and bred to freshen before three years of age.

Dam and sire requirements for bred heifers are the same as for calves.

Hallowell noted that at least one-half of the sale calves and one-third of the bred heifers come from dams with a Very Good or Excellent pedigree.

All sale entries will sell and all sale animals are eligible for show April 2. Sale cattle will be

available for inspection beginning Tuesday evening, March 31. Sale catalogs are available at the sale or through the Pennsylvania Holstein Association, 839 Benner Pike, State College, PA 16802.

The Pennsylvania Holstein Show & Sale is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Holstein Association in cooperation with the Pennsylvania State Farm Products Show Commission.

More tests for PCB contamination planned

HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources today announced that additional tissue samples will be taken from the livestock on the Chester County farm found to be contaminated with PCBs in late February.

According to DER, previous samples of beef and pork taken March 6 from the Wyebrook Farm in West Nantmeal Township and tested by the state Department of Agriculture contained between one

and two parts per million (ppm) of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recommends that people do not consume meat containing more than three ppm of PCBs.

Additional samples are being taken for testing by the state Department of Agriculture to

confirm the previous test results.

Earlier this month DER reported that five drums of oil contaminated with PCBs were discovered on the farm on Feb. 20.

Concentration of PCBs also were detected in the soil and sand in an area about 75-by-120 feet on the property and in a chicken egg produced on the farm.

Tests revealed that the 20 chickens on the farm contain high levels of PCBs and were killed. The chickens and the eggs they produced were consumed only by the occupants of the farm.

Tests also revealed that the soil contamination is 'localized' and does not appear to present a major health hazard.

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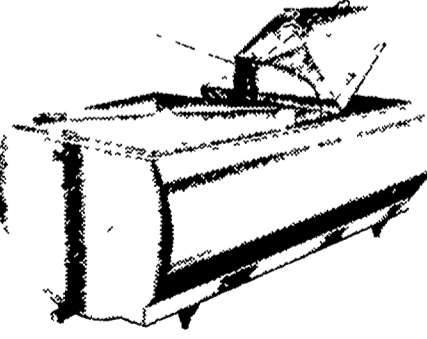
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