Superior Angus tops NY Bull Sale

ITHACA, N.Y. - A record crowd of cattle producers was on hand for the Third Annual New York Bull Test Sale, here.

34 registered performance tested bulls in the sale averaged \$1,203. An Angus bull. Foremost Chaps, the only bull in the sale to be

Some dairy producers were

concerned the plant shutdown

would soften slaughter cow prices

at the weekly Perkiomenville auction sales, where the Mainland

firm has been a top buyer. Bob

Landis, spokesman for

Perkiomenville Livestock & Sales,

Inc., auction operator, agrees

there might be some difference in

each Monday," he said, "and we hope to be able to line up a replacement for the Mainland

operation." Cow prices this week

were \$1 to \$2 below last week, but

that reflected a general market

"We have several major bidders

prices, but not very much.

weakness, he said.

T.M. Landis, Inc. shuts down

for "boxed beef."

BY DON CUNNION

LANCASTER - Eastern Pennsylvania dairy farmers lost a major buyer of their cull cows this week with the shutdown of T.M. Landis, Inc., Mainland, Montgomery County, meat packers.

But the closing may only be temporary, according to spokesman Arthur Landis.

"We have stopped accepting livestock in order to liquidate as much of our inventory as possible and use the cash to help straighten out some financial problems," he told Lancaster Farming. "We are hopeful things will look brighter in a few days.'

The firm recently added a boning department in order to get involved in the growing demand

The sale grossed \$40,905 and the certified superior topped the sale

at \$2,600. Richard Hamilton of Millbrook was the consignor and Bob Butler of Corning was the successful bidder. The bull had a frame score of 5, came off the 140 day test period at 1,205 pounds and had an average daily gain on test of 4.29 pounds.

The second highest selling bull was a Polled Hereford, SF Vindicator M30 consigned by Stonen Farm of Arkport. The bull was purchased by Jane Randall of Victor for \$2,300. The bull had a frame score of 4, came off the test weighing 1,058 pounds and had an average daily gain on test of 3.92 pounds.

The 17 Angus bulls in the sale averaged \$1,040; the six Simmental bulls averaged \$1,307; the four Polled Hereford balls averaged \$1,610 and the three Charolais bulls averaged \$1,408. There were also one Beefalo bull, one Shorthorn bull and one Limousin bull, and one Red Angus. The Bull Test Sale was the culmination of the 1980-81 Bull Test program jointly sponsored by the New York Beef Cattlemen's Association, the State Department of Agriculture and Markets, Cooperative Extension, and the animal science department at Cornell University.

Forty-three breeders entered 71 bulls on the 140 day test program which enables a producer to have his bull evaluated within the breed for those economically important heritable traits such as rate of gain. All of the bulls on the test were given the same care and the same feed ration for a uniform evaluation.

Standards including frame score, weight of gain ratio, andbreeding and structural soundness were established for a bull to be entered in the sale at the close of the test. Several breeders whose bulls met these standards elected

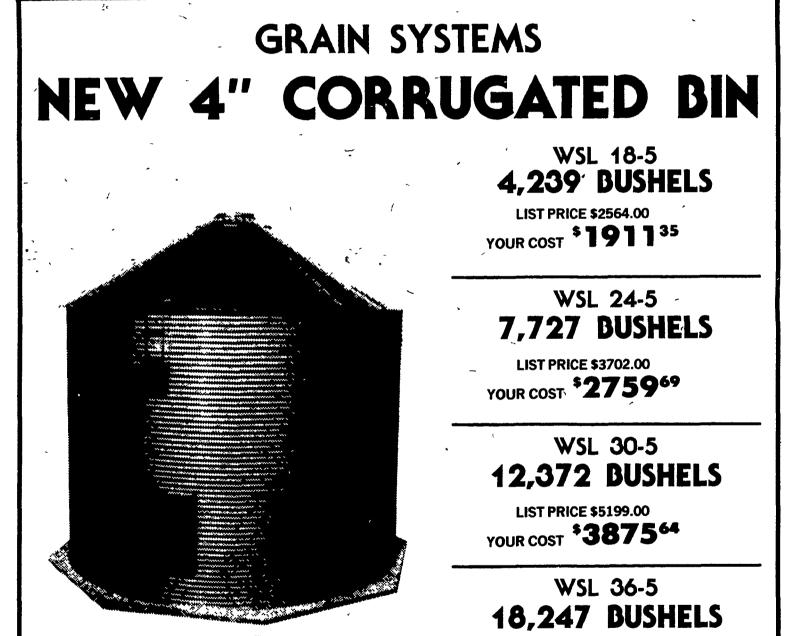
to take them home instead of selling them.

All participating producers gained valuable performance data on the bulls they had on test. This information will enable them to make decisions about breeding programs as they work to achieve genetic improvement within their herd.

The largest number of bulls in the three year program were on this year's test. The first year only 11 buils were offered in the sale and last year 33 bulls were offered. The average daily gain on test this year for all of the bulls in the sale was 3.2 pounds or higher, an increase over last year's sale minimum average daily gain of three pounds.

Rutter joins Jersey staff

Rutter, a June, 1981 graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and



COLUMBUS, Ohio - Cindy Rae State University of Blacksburg, will join the staff of the Jersey Journal on July 1. Rutter earned a Bachelor of Science degree in dairy science and supplemented her studies with courses in human relations and

communications. She was selected this spring as the Outstanding Senior in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at VPI. Rutter is a member of the student affiliate division of the American Dairy Science Association. She was elected first

vice president of ADSA in 1979 and is currently serving as president of the group. She will preside over the upcoming ADSA Student Affiliate meeting in Baton Rouge, La., in June.

A member of the VPI Dairy Judging Team that won the 1979 National Intercollegiate Judging Contest in Madison, Wis., Cindy was the high individual in Ayrshires and placed fourteenth in reasons as the 1979 Eastern States Exposition Judging Contest. The VPI team also won the Eastern States contest, and placed second at the Pennsylvania All-American Intercollegiate Judging Contest.

Raised on her family's Guernsey farm in York, Cindy has taken responsibility for writing farm advertisements in recent years. She developed a new record keeping system for the herd and is in charge of the calf raising program.

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