

## More than 2500 Angus measure up to Pathfinder yardstick

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — A record 651 registered Angus breeders have qualified 2,526 cows and 78 bulls to be listed in the 1981 Angus Pathfinder Report, according to Dick Spader, executive vice president of the American Angus Association.

The Association's Pathfinder Report will be published in this month's Angus Journal.

The Pathfinder program was initiated in 1978 as a research for superior producing registered Angus cows that are enrolled on the Angus Herd Improvement Record program.

Pathfinder bulls must sire at least 5 daughters that qualified as Pathfinder cows. This year 78 bulls qualified.

The top bull is Rito 707 of Ideal 533 70, with 47 Pathfinder daughters. He is owned by Jorgensen Ranches, Ideal, South Dakota, and American Breeders Service Inc., DeForest, Wisconsin. Four other bulls have sired 25 or

more daughters listed in the report. They are: Schearbrook Shoshone, 29; Ankonian Dynamo, 27; Rito 707 of Ideal 836 71, 27; and Blacklock McHenry 13 Y, 25.

The herd with the most Pathfinder cows (59) is Nichols Farms, Bridgewater, Iowa. In second place with 45 cows on the list is Summitcrest Farms, Summitville, Ohio. Third place honors, and the only other herd with 30 or more Pathfinder cows, was Bon View Farms, Canova, South Dakota, with 32 on the list.

Specifically, for a cow to qualify for the Pathfinder program, she must calve the first time within 30 days of the average for first calving in the herd that produced her. She must then maintain a regular calving interval of every 12 months, with a few minor exceptions.

The cow must produce at least three consecutive calves to qualify for the first listing and each of

these calves must have a weaning weight ratio of 105, or 5 percent above the average of contemporaries. The calves must be weighed with at least 10 contemporaries.

To continue to qualify for the program, a cow must calve regularly and wean calves that maintain the average weaning ratio of 105 or better.

Complete information on the program is available from John Crouch, director of breed improvement for the American Angus Association.

## Md. strawberry season opens

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Good news comes from the strawberry fields of Maryland's Lower Eastern Shore: it's strawberry time again and the Princess Anne auction block just began selling the tasty berries, but good volume should begin on Monday.

Russell Bozman, manager of the Eastern Shore Vegetable Growers Co-op, Inc., which operates the Princess Anne's auction block, says berry supplies will be light for the first couple of days and then pick up bountifully for about two weeks and then close-out production gradually the third week.

The block will operate Monday through Saturday, weather permitting, and swing into action as soon as the berries begin arriving in the mid morning.

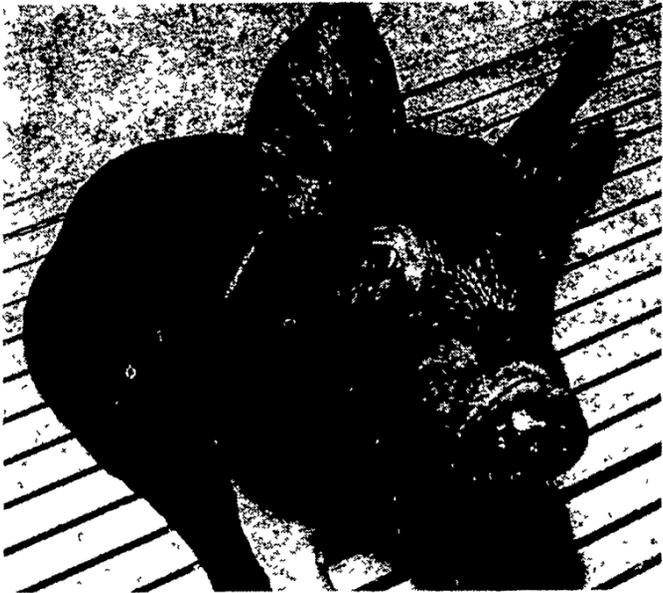
Weather is the key factor in strawberry production, both as to quality and quantity, particularly so with the Maryland grown berries which are unequal in flavor and texture. Maryland berries, precious as they are, do not ship and store as well as the "big competition" from the West, but as anyone knows, they can't be beat for canning and freezing.

Rules for the auction are simple

as it is open to anyone buying on a cash basis. The berries are sold in sixteen quart crate units and the transactions are simple and direct. In the past, many church groups, buying co-ops, and roadside markets have bought right along with commercial brokers. All a buyer has to do is register with Mr. Bozman's office prior to bidding. Those with further questions about buying are invited to contact Mr. Bozman during business hours at 301-651-2153, and in the evening, at 301-651-1265.

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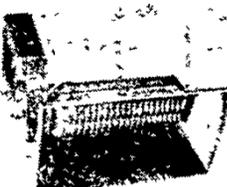
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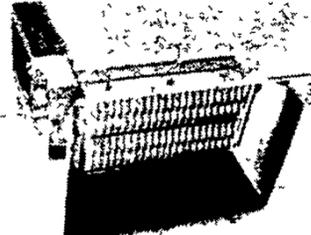
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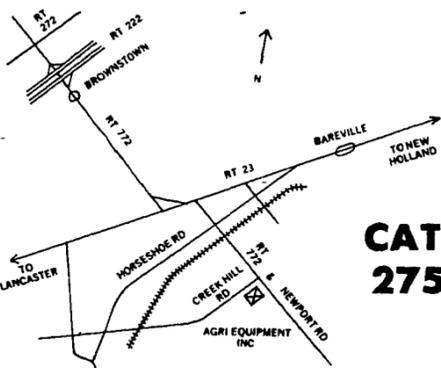


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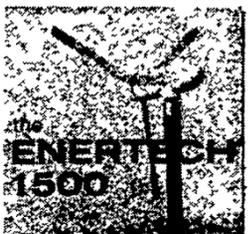
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