

Hereford Assoc. names bull leaders

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The American Hereford Association has announced a total of 28 bulls have qualified as genetic trait leaders in the first Hereford sire evaluation summary resulting from the analysis of the AHA's Total Performance Records field data.

This first field data summary follows the Association's sire analysis obtained from a designed program that has been going on since 1974.

The listing contains a total of 516 sires evaluated for their comparative performance in the four traits of birth weight, weaning weight, yearling weight and maternal breeding value.

The 28 trait leaders became eligible for such designation by excelling in one or more of the traits based on certain criteria. A trait leader is a sire that stands in the top 5 percent of all bulls evaluated for a specific trait and has had sufficient progeny records in at least five herds to assure a high degree of accuracy in the analysis.

Among the trait leaders, one bull was recognized in three categories and five other bulls qualified in two different traits.

The complete sire evaluation summary is available from the American Hereford Association, P.O. Box 4059, Kansas City, Missouri 64101, for \$10 each.

Some of the leaders by traits follows:

YEARLING WEIGHT

1. Grand Slam, breeder, Glenkirk Farms, Maysville, Mo., owners Grant Hills Hereford Ranch, Llano, Tx.; Wiese & Sons, Manning, Ia.; Glenkirk Farms; 2. L1 Domino 72269, breeder, US

Range Lvstk. Exp. Sta., Miles City, Mt., Owners Clarence L. Gross, Colquitt, Ga.; Charlie Cox, Pasco, Wa.; Pruett-Wray Cattle Co., Sasabe, Az.; 3. BB Domino 427, breeder, W.T. Bennett, Connell, Wa., owners W.T. Bennett; Twin V Ranch, Inc., Gooding, Id.; 4. LHR L1 Domino 337, breeder Lund Hereford Ranch, Reserve, Mt., owners Pruett-Wray Cattle Co.; Baker Hereford Farms, Ada, Mn.; United Livestock Brokers, Ft. Collins, Co.; Hot Springs Ranch, Salmon, Id.; 5. 4M Hummer, breeder, Hoffman Hereford Ranch, Morrinstown, S.D., owners Meyer Hereford Ranch, Morrinstown, S.D.; JAR, Inc., Porcupine, S.D.

WEANING WEIGHT

1. BB Domino 427, breeder W.T. Bennett, owner W.T. Bennett; Twin V Ranch, Inc.; 2. CL 1 Domino 270 breeder Jack L. Cooper, owner Tamarac Ranches, Inc., Miami Beach, Fl.; 3. SH Advancer 521 breeder C. Scott Holden, owner Lacey Hereford Ranch; Berg Brothers; 4. LHR L1 Domino 337 breeder Lund Hereford Ranch, owners Pruett-Wray Cattle Co.; Baker Hereford Farms; United Livestock Brokers; Hot Springs Ranch; 5. L1 Domino 72269, breeder US Range Lvstk. Exp. Sta., owner Clarence L. Cross; Charlie Cox; Pruett-Wray Cattle Co.

BIRTH WEIGHT

1. Mark I breeder Stone Hereford Ranch, owner Wilson Hereford, Thermopolis, Wy.; McBride Ranches, Inc., Granger, Wa.; 2. CH Domino 621 breeder Jack L. Cooper, owner Debter Hereford Farm, Horton, Al.; Lynch Hereford Ranch, Winchester, Tn.; 3. CL 1 Domino 721 breeder Mark

W. Cooper, Willow Creek, Mt. owner Indian Mound Farm, New Harmony, In.; Steen Hereford Ranch, Marfa, Tx.; 4. RH Big Northern 2054 breeder Glenkirk Farms, owners Radakovich Herefords, Earlham, Ia.; Campbell Bros., Providence, Ut.; Jensen Bros., Logan, Ut.; 5. SR Mark I J215, breeder Stone Hereford Ranch, owner Oxley Hereford Ranch, Mahanomen, Mn.

MATERNAL BREEDING VALUE

1. Titan 23D breeder L.H. Henuset, Pipestone, Man., Can.; owners Spickler Ranch, Grace City, N.D.; James L. Sutton, Onida, S.D.; Duncan Ranch Co., Joplin, Mt.; 2. L1 Domino 72549, breeder US Range Lvstk. Exp. Sta., owners Warren Gibson, Wallace, Nb.; Larry Gibson, Wallace, Nb.; 3. M&M Major Misch 125 breeder Morris

Neiderworder, Hermosa, S.D., owners Donald H. Ehlers, Midland, S.D.; Ernest Nemeec, Midland, S.D.; 4. B&K Wabash Britisher, breeder Blume Ranches, Ltd., Castor, Alta., Can.; owners Madison River Cattle Co., Three Forks, Mt.; Brooks Ranch, Burlington, N.D.; 5. Sir Arthur, breeder Stone Hereford Ranch, owners River Oaks Farm; Paul Ogren & Sons; Volunteer Hereford Farms.

Disaster crop acreage to be covered by crop insurance

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Expansion plans for federal crop insurance were accelerated recently by Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block to include all acreage planted to crops formerly covered under USDA's disaster payments program.

Block said these crops will be eligible for insurance in 1982, beginning with wheat and barley planted this fall. Other crops covered are corn, cotton, grain sorghum and rice.

About 95 percent of the U.S. soybean acreage will be covered, with the remainder becoming eligible after USDA collects yield data, he said.

"By making this insurance available nationwide on disaster crops, we can provide greater protection for farmers and still meet our goal of reducing dependence on the federal government," Block said.

He said the Reagan administration can now avoid extending the disaster payments

program under the omnibus farm bill currently before Congress. That program expires later this year.

Previous federal crop insurance expansion plans would have added 250 counties per year to the program, making the insurance available on 97 percent of the disaster crop acreage in 1982.

Block also announced that USDA's Federal Crop Insurance Corporation is preparing an individual yield guarantee program for all disaster crops and soybeans. Farmers able to prove their yields over a given period of years can have the coverage tailored to their own production

history. This will be effective with 1982 spring-planted crops, Block said.

However, he said, since individual farm yield data may be limited or unavailable in some areas, FCIS may develop identical rates and coverages involving several counties for the crops to be planted this fall. These coverages would be converted to the individual yield basis the following year, he said.

Under the new insurance program, coverage is readily available in each county since many private agents and companies are writing and delivering the federal insurance, Block said.



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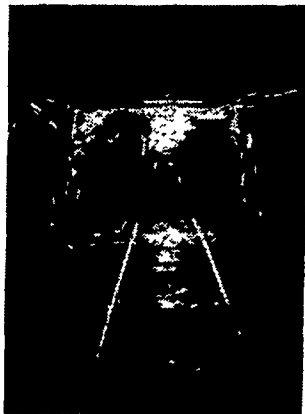
Pioneer Tunnel Coal Mine

Who would ever dream that he would have an opportunity to visit an actual coal mine? By now you can, conveniently and in complete safety, at Ashland, Pa., in the heart of Pennsylvania's famed anthracite region. Here thanks to the efforts of a group of civic minded citizens who formed a nonprofit organization for the purpose, a real honest-to-goodness coal mine managed by real coal miners has been restored as a tourist attraction.

Pioneer Tunnel is what is known as a horizontal drift mine. It runs for 1200 feet straight into the side of Mahanoy Mountain. You make the trip in comfort, riding in open cars pulled by a battery operated mine motor. When you alight, deep inside Mahanoy Mountain, miner-guides tell and show you the fascinating story of anthracite coal.

The mine temperature averages 55°, so please bring your sweater or jacket. At times water drips from the top of the mine and the floor plankmg is damp. Also, guests ride in open cars behind the lokie, which is a coal burning engine. Visitors are advised to dress accordingly.

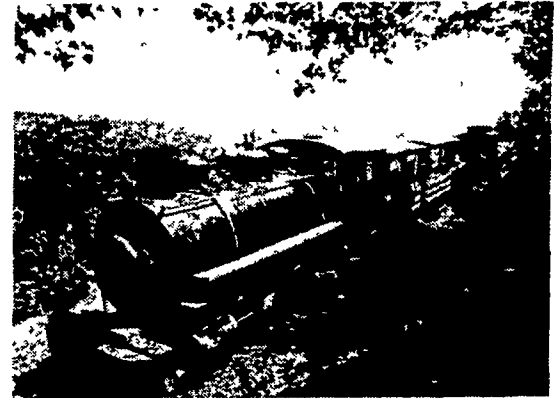
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Picnic and playground facilities are available in a park adjoining Pioneer Tunnel. Also nearby is a state operated museum devoted to mining technology and geology.

Moving on to the picturesque town of Ashland, another attraction awaits you, a bronze replica of Whistler's famous "Mother" painting, erected as a memorial to the mothers of Ashland.

Geology buffs will enjoy searching for fossils near a gigantic exposed fault. The fossil site is located about 1½ miles from Pioneer Tunnel, and guided tours can be arranged at the Tunnel Office.



Steam Lokie

A big "added attraction" on your visit to Pioneer Tunnel is an opportunity to ride an old-fashioned, narrow-gauge, steam locomotive (lokie), the Henry Clay. The Henry Clay, with its string of brightly colored mine cars and of course a red caboose, takes you on a three quarter mile ride around the side of Mahanoy Mountain to show you another kind of mining known as strip mining. The Steam Lokie will take you to Mammoth Stripping, an area where an unusually thick seam of anthracite known as Mammoth Vein bent up to the surface of the earth. Here, in days gone by, monstrous steam shovels of the Panama Canal type ripped out millions of tons of coal from the exposed seam and left a 150-foot high man-carved wall of solid rock extending as far westward as the eye can see. You can look down into the gaping trenches man has left and almost hear the crashing, clanking, rumbling coal mining operations of yesteryear.

Nearby is a relic "bootleg" coal hole. This and others in the area were dug by men who were willing to defy trespass laws, brave caverns and company guards to obtain a few bags of coal to sell or heat their homes.

Pioneer tunnel was selected as one of the top ten tourist attractions in PA in 1979, by PA Travel Advisory Council.

Group rates available on request.

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