

# Enforcer twins calved at Spring Bottom Farm

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FAIRFIELD — When a Polled Hereford breeder arranges to have his champion cow bred by one of the top bulls in the nation, he spends the next nine months hoping and praying for a strong healthy calf. But, in the case of Frank and Becky Darcey, Jr.'s top cow, VH Westy Hilger 07, the match with national champion Enforcer 107H produced twice what they bargained for — twin bull calves.

"I didn't know she was carrying twins," remarked Frank, who has been premier exhibitor at the Pennsylvania Farm Show for the past two years. "She went and had them unassisted at 2 a.m. — one weighed 65 pounds and the other was about 75 pounds. The normal weight of a single calf is between 65 and 100 pounds."

While the twins' weights may

have been normal, everything else was not starting with their pedigree. Darcey's cow, Westy, was six months old in September of 1978 when she was purchased in Montana and brought East. She went to the 1979 Pennsylvania Farm Show and was selected reserve grand champion. She returned the next year as a cow and won the grand champion banner.

This remarkable female's other wins include grand champion at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition, reserve grand champion at the Eastern National Livestock Exposition; reserve grand champion at Maryland State Fair; grand champion at York Fair; reserve junior champion at Virginia State Fair; grand champion at the Delaware State Fair and grand champion at the Cumberland County Fair.

Her first calf, S.B.F. Royal Rancher, had a weaning weight of 640 pounds, giving Westy an inbred ratio of 117, or about 17 points above normal. Rancher was sold to Larry Henry of Jolly Jill Farms, Hanover.

The twins' sire was the breed's first million dollar bull and is a certified "Gold Standard Sire", which means his offspring have done well at shows and have passed performance tests at evaluation centers for good meat quality.

Enforcer is owned by a group of herd breeders including Falkands Farms, Shellsburg; Pudding River Polled Herefords, Salem, Oregon; R.W.J. Polled Herefords Ranch, Georgia; and Wolfe Polled Herefords, Walla, Washington.

Meanwhile, the twins, which Becky calls Moe and Joe, are still on the farm and growing bigger.



Spring Bottom Farm's top female, VH Westy Hilger 07 surprised the Adams County Polled Hereford breeder, Frank Darcey, Jr. by producing two bull calves by national champion bull Enforcer 107H.

## Speakers to highlight sheep workshop

WESTMINSTER, Md. — Speakers from all across the nation will be on hand to spread their knowledge about the sheep industry to any interested sheep producer at the Eastern Sheep Production Workshop. The workshop is to be held on October 17 at the Carroll County Agricultural Center, here beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The program is designed to include information on the basics of sheep production and management for beginning sheepmen. Along with the basics, the program is designed to provide information for more experienced

sheepmen also with programs on economics, profits and increasing reproductive efficiency.

The novice sheepmen will get hands-on experience with some basic management techniques during the morning session. Techniques such as foot trimming, castration, docking, and vaccinations will be demonstrated by Emory Leffel, Professor of Animal Science, University of Maryland and Rick Lund, professional shepherd from Great Britain.

The vast opportunities available in the sheep industry will be highlighted by George Ahlschweide, ASPC National Coordinator

of the Blueprint for Expansion stage 11, Texas A&M University.

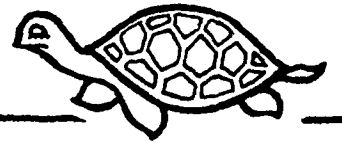
Doug Hogue, Animal Science Department, Cornell University, will discuss production schedules designed to maximize reproductive efficiency for sheep producers. Other scheduled speakers include: Tom Wicksham, extension sheep specialist Iowa State University, discussing the economics of raising sheep; Fred Straph, president of Henry W. Straph, Inc., a Baltimore lamb packing plant, who will discuss ideal lamb qualities for the packer.

The field day will be followed by a dinner meeting to be held at the

Brethren Center, New Windsor. The cost of the workshop is \$7 per person, \$11 per family, dinner will be \$6.50. Additional information and reservations may be obtained

from: George Pasley, P.O. Box 95, New Windsor, Md., 21776, Phone 301/635-2821, or Charlotte Gardner, 7507 Morgan Rd., Woodbine, MD, 21797, Phone: 301/781-7291.

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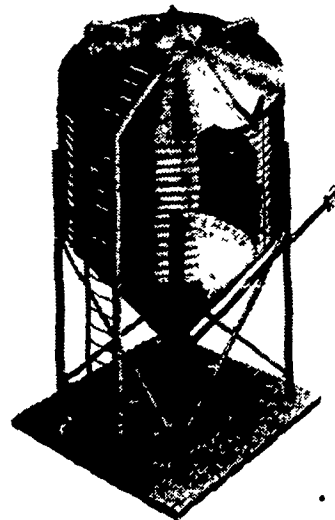
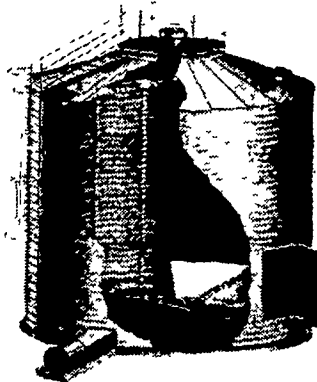
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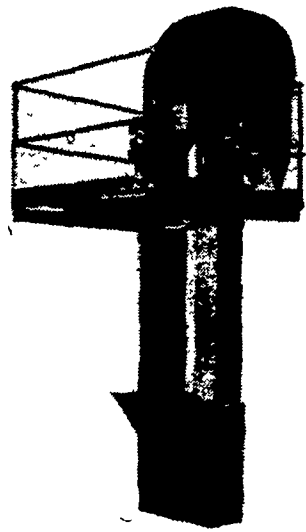
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