

NCA survey shows decrease in retail beef prices

DENVER, Colo. — Retail beef prices in early October were down from a month earlier, the National Cattlemen's Assn. reports.

The Association's 19-city survey of 'super markets showed the national average price of five beef cuts on Oct. 8 was \$2.44 per pound, compared to \$2.49 on Sept. 10.

Cattle and wholesale beef prices have decreased recently, NCA noted, and this decrease is now being reflected in lower average retail beef prices.

Production of beef and other meats has been very ample this

fall, the association explained. As a result, meat prices have been favorable for consumers. In spite of rising costs of processing and distributing meat, NCA's five-cut average price for October was slightly less than it was a year ago.

The five-cut average for October was down from September in 13 cities, up in five and unchanged in one. The 19-city average prices of ground beef, sirloin steak and T-bone steak decreased, while the average prices of round steak and chuck roast increased slightly.

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showing and training horses is "a lot of work."

One of her proteges is Elizabeth Schaeffer of Lebanon who placed fifth in the ESHBA Pleasure class. Beth rode her 12-year-old gelding, Preferred Command, in the class.

Beth also owns another American Saddlebred, The Smart Alec, with fellow equestrienne Faith Weber astride in this week's Penn National competition.

Beth, who is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William E. Schaeffer, has been riding horses since she was 9 years old. She is a student at Gettysburg College.

"There's always something to do

— buckets to fill, stalls to clean, tack to take care of," says Phyllis. But all the while she is walking

horses, sponging tack, or wrapping bits to make them more gentle on the bars of the horse's mouth, there's a smile on her face that shows how much she loves her work.



Melanie Lipsensky had to return to college to complete her mid-term exams but left her horse. A Lovely Decision, in the capable hands of mother Ann.

Local dairy goat breeders assemble

HELFESTEIN — Members and friends of the Heart of Penn Dairy Goat Breeders Co-op from at least five counties gathered at the home of David and Linda Miller, Helfenstein, for their October 10th meeting.

Topics discussed during the business part of the meeting included: tentative arrangements for their 3rd Annual management workshop to be held in the Spring of 1982; preliminary discussion of

an open doe show sometime during the Summer of 1982; the possibility of the organization's sponsoring an official one day test next year; prospects for the selling of surplus buck and cull doe kids for Christmas and Easter.

After adjournment of the business meeting, the open discussion covered sire selection and breeding season.

The next meeting of the Heart of Penn group will be held on Nov. 7

at 8 p.m. at Someday Hill Alpines, Dornsife. The Co-op will hear a talk on some health considerations concerning their stock from a licensed veterinarian who has experience with these animals.

For directions to the meeting site or for more information on the group and its activities call secretary Roberta Molaro at 717-758-8359. Dornsife is in Southern Northumberland County.

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