

Pork Value Task Force firms quality, leanness recommendations

DES MOINES, Ia. — Members of the Pork Value Task Force put the finishing touches on their recommendations to further improve the leanness and quality of pork marketed to consumers. The Task Force met April 5 at the National Pork Producers Council.

First among the recommendations was the use of a uniform basis for calculating live hog and/or carcass value. The Task Force learned from research results presented by Robert Kauffman of the University of Wisconsin and Marvin Hayenga of Iowa State University that the characteristics most often affecting the price a producer receives for his hogs are weight and backfat thickness. Kauffman and Hayenga also confirmed that weight and backfat were good indicators of the lean meat percentage as the uniform basis for calculating value.

Secondly, the Task Force endorsed the development of a value

matrix for use by the entire industry. This chart would be a simple set of guidelines to express carcass value difference using carcass or live weight.

"What this chart will do for a producer is allow him to use the weight and backfat levels of his hogs to determine the relative value of that hog.

"The chart will not predict the price a producer will receive since the market price of hogs changes daily. However, it will allow the producer to estimate whether a hog at 220 pounds with 1 inch of backfat should be worth so many dollars more than a hog with 2 inches of backfat," said Wayne Walter, vice president of NPPC and chairman of the Task Force.

Walter said different segments of the industry will probably use the matrix in different ways. For instance, one packer's preferred hog may be heavier than another, but by using Matrix and comparing their standards to it,

packers should be able to explain to producers the relative value they place on each hog.

Another recommendation adopted by the Task Force called for the development of a comprehensive educational program with materials for use by the entire industry. A companion piece to the chart could be photos or sketches of the ideal live hog which would

aid producers and live hog buyers in evaluating hogs and placing a value on them. The goal is to involve the whole industry including seedstock, commercial producers, live hog marketers, buyers and packers in the use of the matrix.

Finally, the members agreed they would each communicate these goals back to their respective

segment of the industry and report in August on their segment's success in implementing the recommendations of the Task Force.

The August meeting is in conjunction with NPPC's Profit Symposium. Task Force members also expect the matrix and other materials to be completed by that time.

Penn State vet shares cattle management tips for spring

UNIVERSITY PARK — Dairy producers turning cattle out to pasture should keep the following in mind to avoid health problems, says Lawrence Hutchinson, Penn State Extension veterinarian.

Be sure cattle have had plenty to eat before putting them on pasture. A belly full of new grass may throw them off feed and provide severe stress for high-producing cows.

Gradually accustom cows to green feed. Take at least two weeks to make the changeover from stored feed to pasture.

Accustom cows to living outside after they have been in the warm barn all winter. Exposed to a

sudden cold rain or lying on cold, wet ground can bring on pneumonia or mastitis.

Sunburning of the teats can seriously affect udder health and the routine of milking. A little zinc oxide ointment or cocoa butter applied to the teats can prevent serious painful sunburn.

Hutchinson adds that farmers should be sure to remove all sources of injury from lots and pastures before turning cows out. A piece of broken glass or a discarded beer can can run a valuable animal. Repair fences, clean up the junk, and remove machinery away from the cows.

SAVE \$500*

ON ANY NEW 6200 SERIES SIMPLICITY GARDEN TRACTOR WITH ANTI-SCALP MOWER

Big tractor performance at a practical price.

List..... \$3050.00

SALE PRICE .. \$2550.00

SAVE \$500.00



*Based on Mr. Sug Price

Especially designed to meet the year round needs of the serious suburban gardener 11 16 and 18 hp models Cast iron gear drive transmissions with limited slip differential for mud or slick conditions Twin cylinder engines in 16 and 18 hp units. Available versatile attachments for plowing tilling cultivating hauling grading dozing and snow clearing Compare the value Everything you'd expect in a true garden tractor except the price

SUPER SAVIN DAYS

Hollinger's

FARM MARKET, INC.

TWO CONVENIENT LOCATIONS:

1755 W Main St

Ephrata, PA 17522

Located on Rt 322

Ph. (717) 738-1131

222 E Main St

Campbelltown, PA 17010

Ph (717) 838-6021

When you want dependability, look for...

Simplicity

AN ALLIS-CHALMERS COMPANY

ALLIS-CHALMERS 6060/6080 TRACTORS..



High torque and fuel economy that leaves the others behind.

Here's the best of both worlds in versatile tractor power. By official test, the 83 PTO hp* 6080 has the best fuel economy in its class and the best torque backup at 27%. The 63 PTO hp* 6060 has the best torque backup at 35% with excellent fuel economy, too.

- Both are powered by an Allis-Chalmers 4-cylinder, direct-injection diesel engine. Turbocharged in the 6060, turbocharged and intercooled in the 6080
- Both are available with mechanical

front-wheel-drive for better traction, better fuel economy, less compaction

- Rugged rear mains with large planetary final drives and positive wet disc brakes

- Open-center hydraulics with 11 4-gal remote capacity

- Fully independent PTO

- Optional cab is tops in roominess and comfort

*Manufacturer's estimated maximum observed PTO horsepower at rated engine speed

ALLIS-CHALMERS ANNOUNCES

9.9%

5-YEAR FINANCING

The "Safe Harbor" Lease/Ownership Plan

ALLIS CHALMERS MAY AT ITS OPTION ALTER OR WITHDRAW PROGRAMS AT ANY TIME.

All the advantages of leasing, plus ownership, at a lower total cost. At the end of the lease period chip in \$1 00 (one dollar) more and the machinery is yours.

Offer applies to all new Allis-Chalmers farm equipment—tractors (40+ PTO HP*), Gleaner combines, and implements

Or choose one of the following

- Waiver of finance charge on new tractors (40+ PTO HP*), new Gleaner combines, corn heads, cotton harvesters, and implements purchased with a tractor

- 11 9% 3-year A P R financing

- 13 9% 5-year A P R financing

- Cash-back worth hundreds or thousands of dollars depending on the product

*Manufacturer's estimated PTO Horse power at rated engine speed

Gleaner is an Allis Chalmers trademark

See Your Allis-Chalmers Dealer For Details.

MARSHALL MACHINERY

Honesdale, Pa.
717-729-7117

AGRONOMICS, INC.

Factoryville, Pa.
717-945-3933

B. EQUIPMENT, INC.

Waynesboro, Pa.
717-762-3193

B & R FARM EQ.

Beavertown, PA
717-658-7024

DOTTERER & KOLESAR, INC.

Mill Hall, Pa.
717-726-3471

PETERMAN FARM EQUIP.

Carlisle, Pa.
717-249-5338

NICHOLS FARM EQUIP.

Bloomsburg, Pa.
717-784-7731

MECKLEY'S LIMESTONE PROD.

Herdon, Pa.
717-758-3915

AG-IND. EQ., INC.

Rising Sun, Md
301-398-6132

AIRVILLE EQUIPMENT, INC.

Airville, Pa.
717-862-3358

B.H.M. FARM EQUIP., INC.

Annaville, Pa.
717-867-2211

ROY H. BUCH, INC.

Ephrata, Pa.
717-859-2441

GRUMELLI FARM SERVICE

Quarryville, Pa.
717-786-7318

SHARTLESVILLE FARM SERV.

Hamburg, Pa.
215-488-6574

JOHN W. SAUMS & SONS INC.

Flemington, N.J.
201-782-4242

ART'S REPAIR SHOP

Columbus, N.J.
609-298-3086

C.J. WONSIDLER BROS.

Quakertown, Pa.
215-536-7523

C.J. WONSIDLER BROS.

Oley, Pa.
215-987-6257

L.H. BRUBAKER, INC.

Lancaster, Pa.
717-397-5179

CANYON IMPLEMENTS INC.

Manfield, Pa.
717-724-2731

Better by Design

ALLIS-CHALMERS