

## Dairy and beef sales highlight N.J. spring

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — Early spring is a significant time for livestock owners. The Hunterdon County Extension service reminds farmers that spring marks the beginning of the pasture season, which finds cows out on lush, green grass and clover. The Extension also reminds dairy and livestock producers of two upcoming, important sales. The New Jersey State Holstein Calf and Bred Heifer Sale and the Feeder Calf and Commercial Beef Sale.

Dairy producers and 4H'ers look to the Holstein Association-sponsored sale as a source of top quality registered Holstein cattle, from baby calves to yearling heifers bred for their first calves. This sale is set for Friday, April 30, at the Warren County Fairgrounds, Harmony, a few miles north of Phillipsburg.

The rap of the auctioneer's gavel will commence the sale at 7 p.m., reports Williams Teets, Lebanon, a co-chairman with Frank Gibbs of Allamuchy.

Teets reports 70 animals in the consignment sale. They are by

popular Holstein sires, many are from dams who are classified Very Good and with more than 20,000 pounds of milk.

Headliners from Hunterdon and neighboring counties include a couple of outstanding young calves from Howard Sutton's Windy Crest Holsteins. They boast strong pedigrees, top production. One is a January 1982-born calf by plus-proven Jemini and out of an Elevation daughter with more than 23,000 pounds milk and 934 pounds fat as a 2 year-old.

Other local consignments are from Four Oaks Farm, North Branch; Hunterdon Hills Holsteins, Rosemont; Bill Teets' Backacres Farm, Lebanon; Floyd and Marie Schwab's Top of the Ridge, Ringoes; Abram VanDoren, Flemington; John Everett's Ever Lea Farm, Somerville; Charles Rogers, Richard Gulick, both Ringoes; Bill and Gilbert Emmons, Stockton; Jim and Art Sutton's Riveaire Farm, North Branch.

The feeder calf sale is a source of young steers and heifers ranging in

size from 350 pounds or so to over 700 pounds. The purpose of this sale is to provide livestock operators with calves that are ready to go out on pasture. They are probably 6 months to a year of age, have been raised with their mothers for their first 5 or 6 months.

The animals are assembled into pen-lots and sold as pen-lots. When

ceptance of a bid, the person with that bid has the choice of one or two or all in the lot.

These animals are consigned by beef herd owners who maintain beef cows for breeding, raising the young to feeder calf stage, ready for sale to someone who wishes to grow them out for market.

Cattle consigned have been vaccinated and tested and ready to

go out into a feedlot or pasture. Buyers should confine their newly purchased animals for five days or a week to allow them to settle down. It's important that they acclimate to the new surroundings before letting them out on pasture.

The beef sale is Saturday, May 8, 1 p.m., at the Hackettstown Auction Market, Stager St., just off the main street, rt. 46, in Hackettstown.

## Angus Assn. hires new p.r. assistant

ST. JOSEPH — Marcia Chamberlain a native of Lyndon, Illinois, has been named public relations assistant for the American Angus Association, reports Dick Spader, association executive vice president.

A 1980 graduate of the University of Illinois, Chamberlain has been serving as assistant editor and purebred news coordinator for the Drovers Journal in Shawnee Mission, Kansas. She replaces Marilyn Barr on the Angus Association public relations staff.

Marcia Chamberlain earned her B.S. degree in ag communications

from the University of Illinois. While attending the University she served on the staff of the Agricultural Engineering Public Relations Committee and was a staff member of the 1979 Farm Progress Show in Indiana and a summer intern with the Indiana Prairie Farmer.

She was a member of the University of Illinois meat judging team, a member of the Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow club and the National Honor Society. She also was a reporter and copy editor of the

College-Illini Agri News, and editor of the Hoof n' Horn year-book.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Chamberlain of Lyndon, Illinois and grew up helping with the family farming and Angus Cattle operation.

As public relations assistant for the Association she will handle news releases on shows, field days and other Angus events, coordinate farm show exhibits and assist in all areas of the Association's nationwide communications and public relations program.

## Pork All-American

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popular in Montgomery County, he said.

The Williams store and air-cool all of their own 20 percent moisture corn for about 3 cents a bushel. Howard mixes all his feeds since that guarantees freshness and blending, he explains. His young pigs are fed a continuous worming feed for 4-5 weeks which Howard says is extremely beneficial.

Active in several agricultural and community projects, Howard serves on the Board of Directors of the Maryland Pork Association and is on the Promotional Committee. The Williams operation was listed last year on the statewide farm tour and they had 300-400 urban neighbors in for a

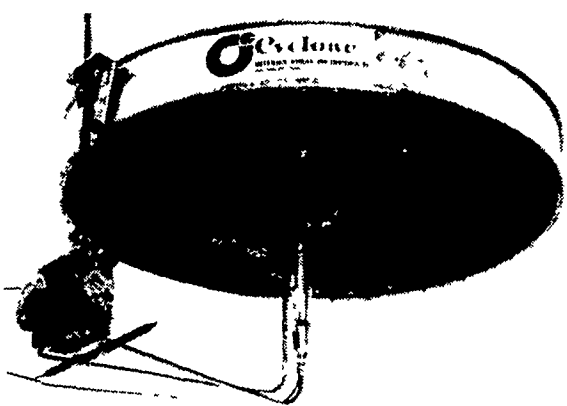
visit.

On the issue of the animal welfare Howard states, "We're not going to say who's right, but we are working to show the consumer our story. We've got to cut down on the sensationalism."

Howard blushes slightly at the mention of his All-American Title but points out that his winning the award proves that you don't have to be fancy or big to do a good job.

"The important thing is to make your system work for you. You shouldn't have to be constantly moving animals around. Keep your operations efficient and as low-cost as possible without sacrificing quality production," he stresses.

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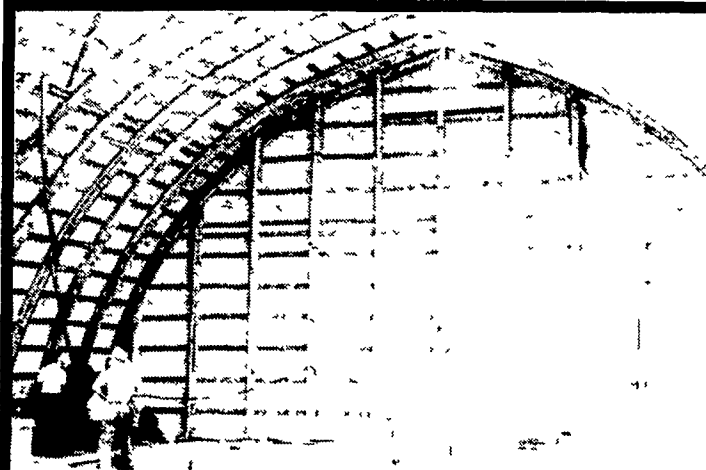
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