

# Vegetable growers pass research referendum

HARRISBURG — A Pennsylvania Vegetable Research Program which may generate \$56,000 a year for research was approved during a referendum held July 22 through Aug. 5, according to State Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell.

The new program takes effect for this marketing season, with assessments due Oct. 31. The program runs for a period of five years, at which time a review referendum will be held. The assessment rate will be \$1.50 per

acre for all producers who grow ten or more acres of vegetables sold for human use.

"I am pleased that the majority of you indicated your support for this program. It can provide a significant boost to Pennsylvania's vegetable industry," Hallowell said in a letter to affected growers.

"It also is reassuring that our state's vegetable processors share your desire to improve our vegetable-growing practices. In the past few days, we've received offers from Furman, Canning

Company, Charles G. Summers, Jr. Company and W.E. Bitterer Company to match the contributions of their growers. In addition, Hanover Brands, Inc. has offered to contribute to the program. Additional firms may be added to this list. With this combined support, we may exceed \$56,000 per year in contributions for vegetable research," Hallowell added.

Fifty-five producers voting (50.5 percent) favored the referendum, and represented 3,158.5 acres of

production of those voting (58.7 percent). Producers voting against the referendum (54) represented 49.5 percent of the votes and 41.3 percent of the acreage (2,220). A simple majority was required for approval in both cases.

The Vegetable Research Program was approved under provisions of the Pennsylvania Agricultural Commodities Marketing Act of 1968. This is the fourth marketing or research program in effect under the Act. Other programs include the

Pennsylvania Apple Marketing Board, the Pennsylvania Red Cherry Marketing Board and the Pennsylvania Potato Research Advisory Board.

## Jersey sale

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was Vantage Pride Aster, consigned by Don and Angie Koontz of Fredonia, which was purchased for \$1,525 by James Clark of Enon Valley. In discussing his purchase Jim said, "I know that is a lot to pay for a calf, but I have her maternal sister at home." This maternal sister is projected at 14,292 pounds milk as a 2 year old and was purchased at the Pot of Gold sale two years ago. "Aster" will go home to join Jim's herd of 15 Jerseys.

The six heifers offered in the Pot of Gold sale averaged \$879 while the forty-one cows offered for sale averaged \$1,335.

Another highlight of the annual sale was the purchase of a bull, Smokey Hill Saint Jeff, by a syndicate of Pennsylvania Jersey Breeders for \$3,600. All proceeds of this sale go toward the 1985 Annual American Jersey Cattle Club meeting and sale to be held in Pennsylvania. Roy Watson of Columbia Cross Roads donated the outstanding son of Favorite Saint who is out of an excellent Quicksilver dam.

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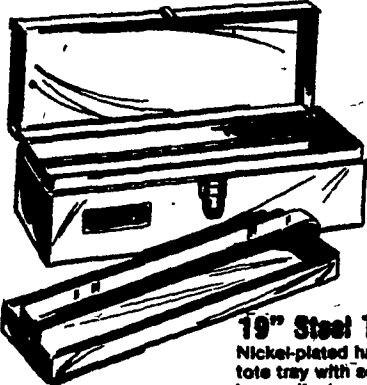
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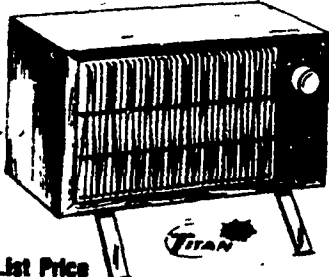


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