

Cobb opens quality lab

CONCORD, Mass.—Cobb, Inc., a leader in the poultry industry, recently opened a new Quality Assurance Laboratory near its international headquarters in Concord, Mass.

The new lab is now located within a 40-mile radius of the firm's production flocks. The primary purpose of the lab is to maintain the health of the Cobb's pedigree lines in order to ensure a quality product for its customers. The Cobb lab was previously based in Milton, N. H.

"Moving the lab to a more central location has increased our efficiency, improved communication between management and research personnel, and enhanced our disease surveillance and quality control programs," states Del Meyer, D.V.M., the lab's quality control and technical services manager.

Located in a newly remodeled building, the streamlined lab

contains the latest research equipment and is staffed by Dr. Meyer; Dr. Hernando Botero, Northeast quality control manager; Mildred Bergeron, bacteriologist; and Odette Newsome, microbiologist.

Dr. Meyer directs and coordinates all quality control, technical service functions and lab activities for Cobb on a worldwide basis. Dr. Botero is responsible for poultry health testing procedures at Cobb's Quality Assurance Laboratory, monitors and farm's flock sanitation and vaccination procedures and conducts practical poultry disease-related research.

Lab coordinator Bergeron handles daily lab activities, and performs and analyzes tests designed to maintain the disease-free status of Cobb's production flocks. Lab research assistant Newsome is responsible for much of the virological testing and works closely with Bergeron.

3 Pa. bulls go to ABS

DE FOREST, Wisc.—Three Pennsylvania Holstein bulls have been selected by American Breeders Service to enter their Progeny Testing Program.

The bulls include Junge Glendell Iochief, bred by Junge Farms, New Tripoli; and two bulls from Walebe Farms, Inc., Collegeville—Star-Bright-Vu Valiant Drew-ET and Poverty-Hollow Politician-ET.

Junge Glendell Iochief is the result of a specially planned mating between the highly regarded Glendell Arlinda Chief, +\$247, +2,030M and +61BF and Junge Elevation Ione. His dam has production records to 27,520 lbs. of milk, with a Cow Index of +1,531M. She is classified VG-87 and is sired by Round Oak Rag

Apple Elevation.

Star-Bright-Vu Valiant Drew-ET is the result of a specially planned mating between the highly regarded S-W-D Valiant, +\$222, +1,801M and +56BF and Sully Fobes Bootmaker Dot. His dam has production records to 34,910 lbs. of milk, with a Cow Index of +721M. She is classified EX-97 and is sired by Paclamar Bootmaker.

Poverty-Hollow Politician-ET is the result of a specially planned mating between the highly regarded Sweet-Haven Tradition, +\$282, +2,412M and +66BF and Balls Net Pollyboots. His dam has production records to 29,119 lbs. of milk, with a Cow Index of +2,409M. She is classified EX-90 and is sired by Paclamar Bootmaker.

N.Y. bulls get first "grades"

ITHACA, N.Y. — "Report cards" have been issued for the 80 registered bulls at the conclusion of the first 28-day weigh period of the New York Bull Test. The overall average daily gain for the 80 bulls for the "first marking period" was 3.28 pounds.

The 35 Angus bulls led the test group with an overall average daily gain of 3.55 pounds. Close behind were three Shorthorn bulls with an average daily gain of 3.51 pounds. The eleven Simmental bulls had an average daily gain of 3.10 pounds. The average daily gain for the nine Charolais bulls

and the eighteen Polled Hereford bulls was 3.07 pounds. The average daily gain for the three Red Angus bulls was 2.97 pounds and for the one Salers bull, 1.96 pounds. A Simmental bull enrolled by Linden Farms of LaGrangeville leads the bulls on test with an average daily gain of 5.19 pounds for the first 28-day period.

The 1982-83 Bull Test program is jointly sponsored by the New York Beef Cattlemen's Association, Cooperative Extension, the State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the animal science

department at Cornell University. The 140-day performance testing program is conducted under uniform, unbiased conditions at Cornell's Livestock Teaching and Research Center at Harford.

The performance testing program is designed to measure the genetic merit of potential herd sires and identifies those bulls that are genetically superior in the efficient production of red meat. Those bulls who meet certification standards at the conclusion of the test will be offered at the Bull Test Sale May 6 at Ithaca.

Hay winners use Aroma-Pep

FARM SHOW—The hay competition at the 1983 Farm Show resulted in blue ribbons for two Lycoming County Dairy farms.

Lester and Jan Paulhamus, Cogan Station, and Chris and Mark Metzger, Linden Hills Farm, Linden, won blue ribbons in three classes of hay partially field-cured plus hay preservative. Paulhamus' sample of first cutting alfalfa and Metzger's samples of later cutting alfalfa and mixed hay consisting of more than 50% legumes, were all treated with Aroma-Pep Forage Conditioner and Flavorizer.

Aroma-Pep, a product of BOMA Enterprises, Inc., Williamsport, allowed the hay to be baled and stored at a higher moisture level without mold and spoilage. In addition, a high nutrient value was maintained and increased palatability resulted from the Aroma-Pep applications.

Aroma-Pep is recommended also as a silage and haylage conditioner as well as a flavorizer for grain feeds. As a silage treatment, Aroma-Pep keeps silage from fermentation, assists in holding the natural sweetness, and gives silage flavor appeal.

Scarlett adds

Cimarron alfalfa

BALTIMORE—Scarlett Company, the international seed distribution company headquartered in Baltimore, Md., has recently been awarded the distributorship for Cimarron Alfalfa.

Developed by the Great Plains Research Company, Cimarron is a broad-based synthetic alfalfa variety noted for its early and rapid spring growth, extra leafiness and resistance to disease and insects. It is also characterized by its long-living strands and by reduced weed competition.

In extensive tests against 156 other alfalfa varieties from 26 states, Cimarron produced a 4.5% greater yield, as documented by both universities and agricultural extension agencies. Equally important, it adapts well to the soils and climates of the Southern Great Plains, Upper South, Central, and Eastern regions of the United States.

Cimarron Alfalfa is widely available from Scarlett Company and its dealers throughout the tri-state area.

Carnation Genetics names Shulsky

HUGHSON, Cal.—Albert J. Shulsky III, a five-year veteran of the Carnation Genetics marketing team, has been picked as the company's new director of marketing.

Shulsky, who took office Jan. 1, had been a district sales manager with the company since 1977. He has served a territory that includes southwestern New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Maine and New

Hampshire.

Shulsky grew up on his grandfather's Prospect Hill Dairy, a 1,000 acre Holstein operation in Waterford, N.Y. His father operated the farm's Suncrest Dairy creamery and bottling company.

Presently Shulsky makes his home at his Windwan Farm near Bainbridge, N.Y. where they have raised Holstein dairy replacements, since 1971.



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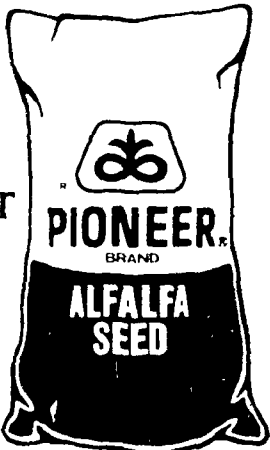
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