

Pa. cow is No. 3 million in ABS program

DE FOREST, Wisc. — American Breeders Service recently processed its three millionth mating sire recommendation.

Kishville Supreme Arla, bred and owned by Irvin H. Fleming and sons, John and Fred, of Belleville, has the distinction of being the three millionth cow evaluated under the ABS Genetic Mating Service (GMS) Program.

Arla was evaluated for GMS by Paul Bauder. His scoring indicated

that she has a long, well attached fore udder, strong center support, a wide rump, and above average stature. This information, along with Bauder's scoring for other traits, such as angularity and rear udder width, which need improvement, was fed into the computer back at ABS headquarters. The computer stores facts as to the breeding patterns of former and current ABS bulls. First choice for Arla's

mating sire is 29 H3815 Milk-master, with 29 H4000 Columbus, second choice.

Arla, a result of GMS mating herself, is officially classified Very Good by the Holstein Association.

She is sired by 29 H2465 Grand Supreme and has a production record of 22,134 lbs. of milk, testing 3.4% butterfat as a five-year-old. Arla has also produced a daughter for the Fleming herd. She too, is the result of a GMS mating and is

sired by 29 H2669 Standout Star. Alys made 20,530M and 647BF when freshening at 3 years and 2 months of age. GMS recommendations will mate her to 29 H2960 Sexation, with 29 H3195 VIC as a second choice.

ABS' Genetic Mating Service has expanded rapidly since its start in 1968. To the point where over 1/2 million matings are made each

year.

Says Irvin Fleming, "We think a breeding program like GMS helps us correct for weaknesses and helps the herd overall. We can tell by looking at our cattle... and financially, that they have improved over their dams". Currently, the Flemings have 107 cows on test - the majority of which are Registered.

Farm Credit gives 1982 annual report

BALTIMORE, Md. — The Farm Credit Banks of Baltimore released its 1982 annual report today, showing modest growth over the past year and a low level of delinquencies and foreclosures.

Comprised of the Federal Land Bank (FLB), the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank (FICB), and the Bank for Cooperatives (BC), the Baltimore Banks had over \$3 billion in outstanding loan value in 1982. The Banks provide credit services to farmers and agricultural cooperatives in the states of Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia, and in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Over 76,000 loans were serviced by the Banks in 1982.

At the end of 1982, the FLB had \$2.2 billion in outstanding loans, an

8 percent increase over 1981. The FICB, with \$751 million in loan volume, experienced only 1.1 percent growth over 1981, and the BC, with a loan volume of \$152.1 million in 1982, had a substantial paydown in loans.

While low commodity prices, high interest rates, and rising production costs combined to create a year of adversity for farmers served by the Baltimore Banks, the rate of delinquencies and foreclosure sales remained low.

Agriculture in the Baltimore District is highly diversified and intense, specializing in commodities that generate higher cash receipts than U.S. agriculture as a whole. That fact, coupled with the Banks' policy of working with credit-worthy borrowers, has

helped to hold delinquencies and foreclosures to their low level.

At the end, the FLB's affiliated Federal Land Bank Associations (FLBAs) delinquency rate was 5.5 percent of the total number of loans outstanding, compared to 4.9 percent in 1981.

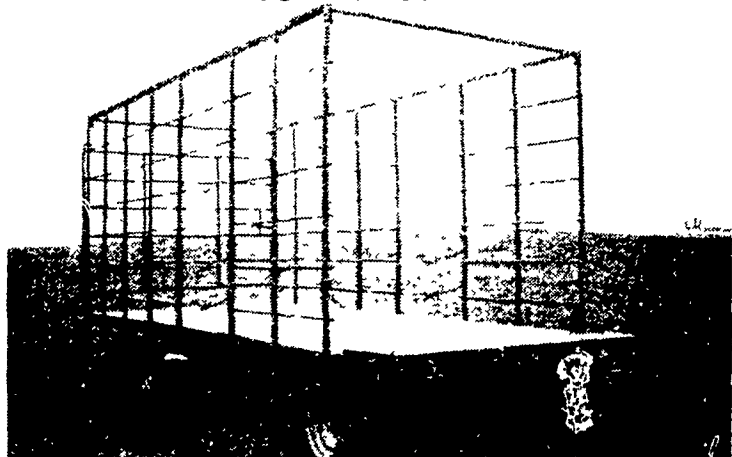
The FICB's affiliated Production Credit Associations (PCAs) showed a decline in delinquencies during the last quarter of 1982 from the same period in 1981, from 4.9 percent of total loan numbers to 4.7 percent. Foreclosure sales for 1982 involved 52 FLB loans and 33 PCA loans. The FLB and FLBAs experienced \$83,000 in losses in 1982, while the PCAs experienced \$1,600,000 in loan losses.



With Arla, the three millionth cow under the GMS program of ABS, are from the left, Bill Flick, ABS district sales manager; Glenn Barr, ABS representative; Irving Fleming, of Belleville; and GMS evaluator Paul Bauder.

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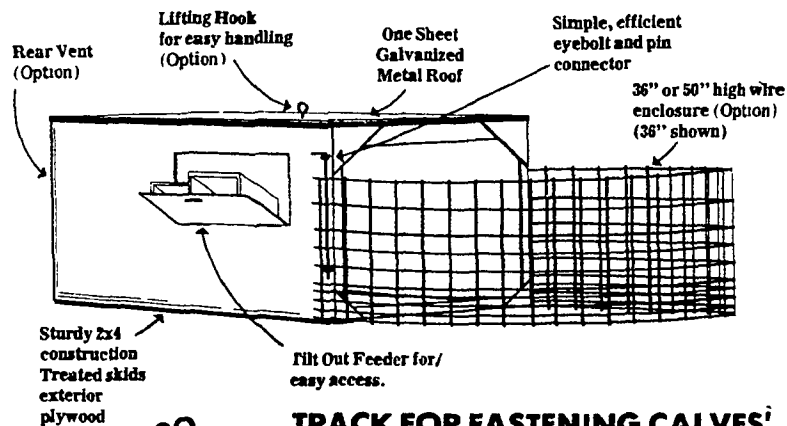
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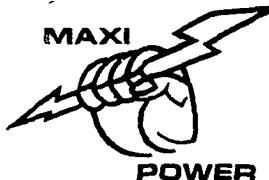
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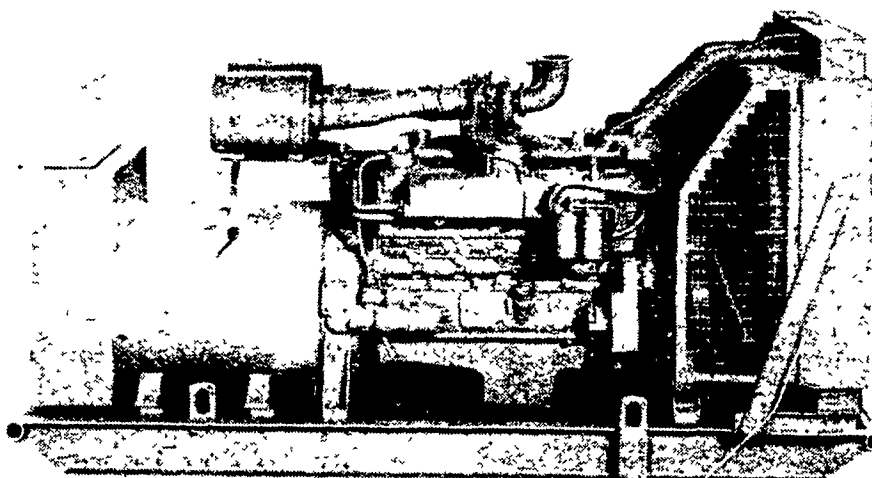


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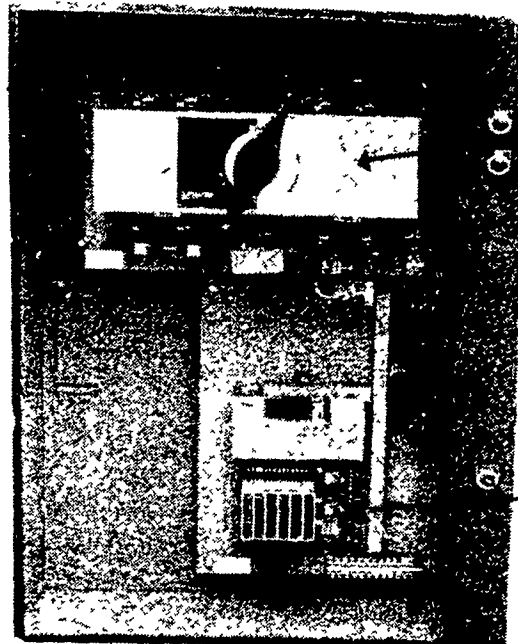
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