Nominations being accepted for Pa. Bull Test

HARRISBURG — Nominations for Pennsylvania's 1983-84 Bull Test are being accepted between June 15 and August 15.

The performance test is conducted by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture at the Meat Animal Evaluation Center, 651 Fox Hollow Road, State College, in cooperation with Penn State and the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association.

Bulls in the test must be born between January 1, 1983 and April 15, 1983 to be eligible. They also must have a type score of 12 or

higher, an adjusted 205-day weight of 475 pounds for British breeds and 525 pounds for Continental breeds, and a 205-day weight ratio of 100 or more. If the ratio is not available, the respective 205-day weight requirement is 50 pounds heavier.

Pennsylvania breeders are given first choice for participation in the testing program. If space remains, out-of-state nominations will be accepted until pens are full.

The testing program is designed to provide information to aid genetic improvement in the

Pennsylvania beef industry. Both large and small producers may participate and have their bulls compared under similar conditions

The deadline for nominations is

August 15, 1983. Any person wanting more information on the test or the Bull Testing Rules should contact their county agent or write to the Pennsylvania

Department of Agriculture, Meat Animal Evaluation Center, 651 Fox Hollow Road, State College, PA 16801, or contact Robert Kimble at (814)-238-2527.

Good drainage important on farms

UNIVERSITY PARK — It has been a wet spring and much farmland is still holding water on the surface, indicating that you may have a dramage problem. If you are trying to decide what you can

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Jersey Breeders

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Catalogs can be requested from Susan Dietrich, R.D. 1, Box 229, Newburg, Pa. 17240, and absentee bids will be accepted by Florence Robinson at 717-762-3380.

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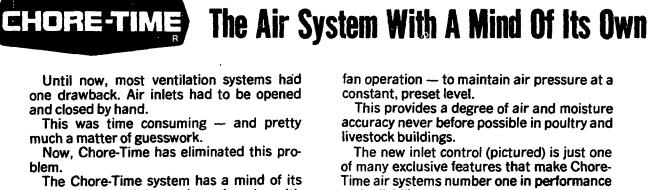
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