

## Blue Ribbon names sale personnel

ITHACA, N.Y. — Polled Hereford and Hereford breeders from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Maryland and New York have consignments in the Blue Ribbon Sale and Show March 31.

The sale and show which are jointly sponsored by the New York Hereford Association and the New York Polled Hereford Association will be at the livestock pavilion on the Cornell University campus, Ithaca.

Doug Stape of Falklands Farm, Schellsburg, Pa. will judge the show at 10 a.m. Champion and reserve champion bulls and females will be named.

Donald Dean of Naples, chairman of the show and sale committee said, "the show has been added to the sale program to increase interest in the breeding stock which will be offered in the

sale." Auctioneer Bill Sheridan of Mason, Mich. will start the sale at 12:30 p.m. Consignors include Double M-B Ranch of Westfield, Mass., Four Corners Farm of Wilton, N.H., West Wind Farm of Lincoln, R.I., JDH Polled Herefords of Dover, Pa., and Huckleberry Hall Farm of Smithville, Md.

New York consignors are Cynthia Gilchrist of Shushan, Overlook Farm of Little Falls, Si-Jo Farm of Pulaski, Marshall Farms of Port Byron, Pine Ridge Farm of Spring Glen, Tim Dennis of Penn Yan, Elaine Swiler of Cameron, Stone Ridge Farm of Livingston Manor, Gary Emerson of Port Byron, Slior Hill Farm of Naples, Rob-Lyn Farm of Canandaigua and Don Doty of Shortsville.

Dean said all of the females and bulls will have been on-farm in-

spected before the consignments are accepted. "We are emphasizing the quality of the cattle being offered in this Blue Ribbon Sale," Dean said.

He noted some of the top pedigrees represented include Graystone Granite, JC Beau Victor 1 30, Citation, Enforcer, Enticer, Awesome, Joggers Legend and others. "The select group of bulls and the females consigned to this sale meet our sale goal of herd improvement and our quality guidelines to help breeders upgrade their herds," he said.

Working with Dean on the show and sale committee are Ted Kriese of Cato, Robert Generaux of Canandaigua, and Jim Conway of Little Falls.

Catalogs and sale information may be obtained from Donald Dean, P.O. Box 417, Naples, N.Y. 14512 or from Robert Generaux, Rt. 9, 3372 County Rd. 18, Canandaigua, N.Y. 14424.

## Bulls make television debut

ITHACA, N.Y. — Going before a television camera can be an exciting and even a nerve-wracking experience, but the 103 registered beef bulls on the current New York Bull Test took the event "in their stride."

Videotapes of the bulls were made at the Cornell University Livestock Teaching and Research Center at Harford as each of the bulls had been weighed at the conclusion of the third 28-day weight period. Each bull was "on camera" for at least 30 seconds.

The television crew, all members of the Cornell animal science staff included Sam Sabin behind the camera and Terry Dockerty on audio. Director of the production was William Greene who moved each bull out in front of the camera. Dockerty identified each bull by number and breed, while Sabin did the videotaping.

The bulls appeared "in the rough" with no makeup or grooming for the occasion. Most went through the process unaware of why they were being given the extra attention but a few took advantage to pose and to ham it up for the camera.

The videotapes have been edited with basic information about each bull, his sire and maternal sire

included. Other information about the New York Bull Test and the May 4 Bull Test Sale has been added.

The videotapes are being made available on request to owners of the bulls, breed associations, beef organizations and Cooperative Extension units to promote the performance testing program and the May 4 sale. Such requests are to be made to William Greene, Morrison Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. 14853.

Greene said interested persons who are unable to attend the May 4 sale may wish to view the videotapes and send a bid for a particular bull along with a certified check to his office.

The television approach is one more facet of the public information program conducted by the Bull Test sponsors to promote the use of performance tested bulls in the Northeast. These sponsors include the New York Beef Cattlemen's Association, Cornell University, Cooperative Extension and the State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

Weight results for the third period have been announced with the average daily gain for all 103 bulls at 3.33 pounds and the cumulative daily gain since the 140

day test began of 3.42 pounds. Greene said, "these gains indicate the quality of the bulls on the 1984 test."

The one Hereford bull on test led the breed ratings for the "Class of '84" for this third marking period with an average daily gain of 3.86 pounds. The 14 Simmental bulls were second with an average daily gain of 3.70 pounds for the period and the seven Charolais were a close third in breed ranking with 3.69 pounds. Tied for fourth place with an average daily gain of 3.56 pounds were the 32 Polled Herefords and the five Red Angus bulls.

Others in the order of average daily gain for this third period were the three Shorthorns, 3.50 pounds; the one Salers, 3.43 pounds; the 37 Angus, 2.94 pounds; the one Welsh Black, 2.54 pounds and the two Beefalo, 2.16 pounds.

The top gaining individual bulls for the third weight period and their average daily gain listed in order were: a Simme Valley Ranch of Auburn Simmental bull, 5.18 pounds; an Elm Farm of Richmondville Polled Hereford bull, 5.04 pounds; a Charolais bull owned by Steven Guernsey of Cobleskill, 4.93 pounds; and a Sidehill Farm of Angelica Simmental bull, 4.79 pounds.

## Simmental juniors plan Eastern Expo

WESTON, W.Va. — The Eastern Junior Simmental Expo, co-hosted by Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia, will be held at Jackson's Mill State 4-H Camp in West Virginia May 31 to June 3.

The Expo, which is patterned after the AJSA Summer Classic,

will offer judging competition, sire summary and herdsman quiz, public speaking, sales talk, heifer competition, showmanship and the popular Beef Bowl. Also are educational seminars and a youth leadership workshop.

Jackson's Mill is centrally located in the Eastern Region, and

this will enable a number of juniors to participate who might not be able to go to the Midwest Region. Awards will be given in both senior and junior divisions in all categories except the heifer competition.

An overall winner will be chosen according to the point system and will be awarded an 8-inch Simmental bell. The event is open to all AJSA members in the Eastern Region.

Packets with rules and regulations, entry forms and other show information will be sent to each AJSA member in the Eastern Region later this month. Deadline for entries is April 25.

For additional information contact Ernie Moore, Route 4, Box 260-A, Fairmont, WV. 26554, 304-366-2292, or Mary Ann Wrightson, 14340 Green Road, Baldwin, MD. 21013, 301-592-6064.

## Southeast Poultry Association to Meet

QUAKERTOWN — The Southeast Pa. Poultry Association will meet March 27 for its annual meeting to be held at Meyers Restaurant, Quakertown, beginning at 6:30 p.m. A turkey and ham dinner will be served, and reservations are due March 20. For reservations, contact Jim Elias, Moyer and Sons, at 215-723-6001.

## Charolais Assoc. elects officers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Roy Prescott, Jerome, Idaho, was recently elected president of the American International Charolais Association at the annual meeting in Denver, Colo. Elected as vice president was James D. Shannon of Jeffersonville, Ga. Tim Reich of Belle Fourche, S.S., was named secretary, and Willard Walker of Springdale, Ark., was elected treasurer.

Those serving on the board of directors include Ray Franz, Sidney, Mont., Don Barton, Manti, Utah, Greg Hubert, Oakley, Kan., Raymond Hicks, Bandera, Texas, Harlin Hecht, Paynesville, Minn., John Warner, Big Creek, Miss., Don Phillips, Hartville, Ohio, Ralph McDonalds, Madison, Va., Paul Downey, Adin, Calif., W.N. Woody, Azle, Texas, Don Schill, Houston, Texas, Dr. James McFadden, Lafayette, Ind., and James Doverspike, Ringgold, Pa.

## Rabbit conference

### March 17

DENTON, Md. — In response to the tremendous interest in rabbit production for meat, a "Tri-State Rabbit Conference and Trade Show" will be held in Maryland March 17.

Aimed to appeal to existing domestic rabbit producers and those thinking of entering the business, the conference will feature workshops on such topics as behavior as a management tool, economics of rabbit production and housing and environmental requirements.

A trade show featuring the latest equipment, feeds, financing and electronic record-keeping for the business will be held throughout the day. There will also be a special demonstration on the evaluation of live rabbits and dressed carcasses.

The meeting is open to all interested persons from Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia and neighboring states.


Registration will begin at 9 A.M. with a \$3 fee set to cover expenses

incurred from a special luncheon that will be composed of various rabbit dishes. All payments are to be made at the door.

Those wishing to register in advance or in need of further information should contact either Jack Frey of the Maryland Department of Agriculture, 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, Maryland 21401, 301-841-5770 or Wayne Porter, Route 1, Box 274, Federalsburg, Maryland 21632, 301-754-9520. Pre-registration is required.

The rabbit conference and trade show will be held on the grounds of the Caroline County (MD) 4-H Park, which is east of Denton off Route 404 at Route 16 and Detour Road.

Joining together to put on the conference and trade show are representatives from the Maryland Department of Agriculture, Marketing Services, Caroline County Extension Office and Delmarva Rabbit Growers Association.



### Livestock Ledger

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Records must be kept for income taxes, property ownership, registered livestock, and licensed equipment such as cars and trucks. These are required by law. However, it is the optional records such as performance records of beef cattle and crops which can make the most money for you. These optional records provide benchmarks so you can determine where you were and how far you are toward your goals. These optional records give you facts to use in making future decision. No one can remember every detail of past history. Records are necessary if you are to be a successful cattle breeder.

Perhaps you are looking for a new herd sire and have questions as to what information is important and how much you can afford to pay for a bull. One method is to study the information on a performance pedigree and sire summaries. With this method you must learn to understand the meaning of EBV (estimated breeding value) and EPD (expected progeny difference) and how to use these values. They can give you guidelines for continued improvement in your breeding program.

Another method used in evaluating a bull for purchase is to

study bull test station results. The important values here are adjusted yearling weight, average daily gain on test, weight per day of age, frame score, fat thickness, loin eye area and scrotal circumference. By studying the ratios associated with these traits you can compare each bull with his test mates.

Bull selection is the single fastest and easiest way to improve productivity in a cow herd. The lowest price paid for a bull is most often not the cheapest bull in the long run. Performance of superior cattle will give you sound information to help you select the right bull to work improvement into your herd. Performance test records are of no value if you don't use them. They are of little value if you don't use them properly. But performance records, when properly evaluated, make your job much easier and the progress that can be achieved is a source of much satisfaction as well as the increased profits.

Looking for a performance tested Bull Sale to attend? Drive up to Penn State University on Friday, March 30 and take part in the bidding of 61 performance tested bulls at 12 noon in Pennsylvania's 11th Performance Tested Bull Sale.

