

New York Bull Test Sale scheduled at Cornell

ITHACA, NY — While spring is traditionally the time to buy a new wardrobe, to trade in the old car, to plan home and yard improvements, for the beef cattle producer in the Northeast spring can be the time to change bulls.

That is the advice of William Greene, livestock extension associate at Cornell University and director of the New York Bull Test.

Greene suggests that producers who have used the same bull for the last four years and who have kept his daughters in the herd might consider selling this bull and coming to the New York Bull Test Sale, May 4, at Ithaca to select a replacement.

There will be 55 to 60 "tested models" on display at the Bull Test Sale which will be at 7:30 p.m. May 4, at the Livestock Pavilion on the Cornell University campus.

Greene said, "these young bulls from all of the major beef breeds will bring new genetics into a herd. Many will carry the bloodlines of

the more popular herd sires of their respective breeds. These bulls will be able to produce cattle for today's market and for today's packer and consumer needs. This could be the spring for the cattleman to 'change models', "he continued.

The 55-60 bulls that will be offered in the sale will represent the best of the 102 bulls on the 1984 Bull Test. Each will have to meet stringent certification standards as to rate of gain, weaning weight, yearling weight, frame score and backfat thickness. Each will have been given a thorough examination for breeding and structural soundness. All of the bulls that are certified and thus eligible for the sale and those who qualify for the even more selective "superior" designation will be marked with a brand on the right hip in the shape of New York State.

The bulls in the Bull Test Sale will all have completed a 140 day performance test under uniform,

unbiased conditions. This test program identifies those bulls that are superior in certain heritable traits, such as rate of gain, and then makes these bulls available to both the seedstock producer and the commercial cow/calf man.

Greene said, "the bull represents half of the breeding program and selection of a performance tested bull can add 25-50 pounds to the weaning weight of each calf, thereby enabling the cattleman to produce more red meat at lower costs."

Twin Valley team wins

ELVERSON — On April 5, the Twin Valley FFA Chapter officer team participated in the Berks County FFA parliamentary procedure contest. In this contest an officer team of eight people must run a sample FFA meeting with a 20-minute time limit. During this time a team must demonstrate six parliamentary abilities, such as amending a motion, switching chairpersons, making motions, moving the previous question and debating a motion.

This year's winning Twin Valley Chapter team members were president, Glen Stoltzfus; vice president, Chris Coblentz; secretary, Beth Morgan; treasurer, Joe Nonnemaker; reporter, Mary McMullen; sentinel, Rod Stoltzfus; chaplain, Tim McEwen and Jr. Advisor, Kevin Griest, and alternate member, Gail Raser.

The second-place team was Conrad Weiser FFA, and the third-place team was the Kutztown FFA Chapter.

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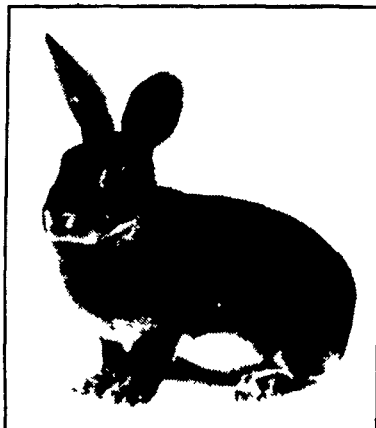
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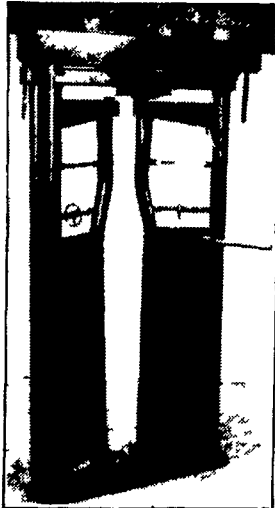
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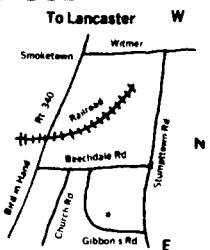
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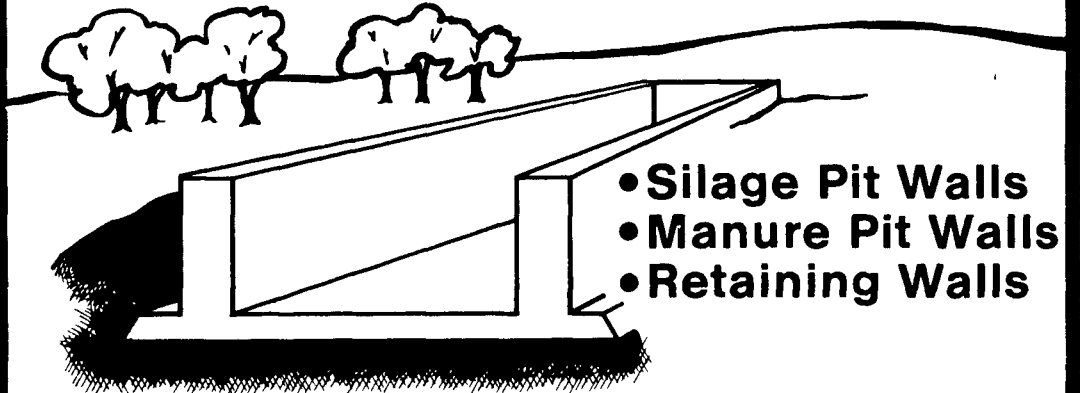
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