

Simmental Assoc. registers 900,000th animal

A horned purebred Simmental heifer owned and raised by the U.S. Meat Animal Research Center (MARC), Clay Center, Nebr., has been issued registration certificate number 900,000 by the American Simmental Association (ASA).

The registration certificate, issued on March 16, 1984, represents a significant milestone for the American Simmental Association since the breed's introduction to North America in 1967. In 1975 and 1979 the association registered its 250,000th and 500,000th animals.

Earl Peterson, executive vice

president of ASA, expects continued growth of Simmental. "At our current rate of growth, we expect to issue the certificate numbered 1,000,000 about mid-May of next year."

The heifer, named Marc Teresa, was born April 3, 1983 and sired by Marc Titan, a son of Signal. Signal is known throughout the beef industry as a genetic trait leader in calving ease, weaning weight, yearling weight, and carcass value.

According to Gordon Hayes, acting cattle operations manager for MARC, she is one of approximately 1,150 purebred

Simmental females that comprise a control group for the center's germ plasm evaluation program.

This program evaluates the amount of heterosis effect which can be retained over three generations. Simmental is one of

four breeds being used in this phase of the program, which began in 1978.

Simmental genetic traits such as frame size, fast growth, milking ability, heavy weaning weights, and high yielding carcasses have

made the breed popular among cattlemen for crossbreeding.

The American Simmental Association, headquartered in Bozeman, MT maintains the herdbook for both Simmental and Simbrah cattle.

Devereux Soleil Farms hosts tours

GLENMOORE — The Devereux Foundation, owners of Devereux Soleil Farms, recently hosted two tours of their five Chester County Angus farms.

On April 25, farm manager, Conrad Grove, explained the

farm's operation to students from Delaware Valley Agricultural College, demonstrating Devereux's pinpoint feed program and touring the farm's feedlot and butcher shop. Cows and calves were on display, and the farm's breeding program was explained.

On April 30, Devereux again hosted a tour, this time for extension agents from eight surrounding counties.

Producing Angus cattle for over 40 years, Devereux Soleil Farms combines its five Chester County

farms into one working operation. Residents of Devereux's Brandywine campus, located near the farm, participate in a vocational farm program in conjunction with the clinical and educational components of their treatment program.

The Devereux Foundation, headquartered in Devon, was founded in 1912 by Miss Helena T. Devereux. The Foundation is located in nine other states as well as operating 18 geographically separate campuses in Pennsylvania.

Northwestern PPHA holds spring show

MERCER — Two animals tied for top selling honors at the Northwestern Pa. Polled Hereford Association's 31st Annual Spring Show and Sale held on April 27, at the Mercer County 4-H Park.

Selling for \$1,100 were GPF Miss Tradition 314, the show's grand champion female, and RRH Sundance 5682, named reserve grand champion bull.

A March 1983 daughter of Nupar Tradition 113N, Miss Tradition was consigned by Green Pastures Farm, Berlin Center, Okla., and purchased by Meadowland Farm, of Andover, Ohio.

Consigned by Roy Hunt, of Portersville, RRH Sundance was purchased by Schiffer Purity, of Oil City. The two-year-old was sired by Wildcat Sundance 7K.

The show's reserve champion female was owned by D. Dale Hartzell of Butler. DDH Victor Lynn 016, a January, 1979 daughter of RWJ Victor J3 168, was sold to William L. Dunn of Cochranton, for \$750. A Junior Association member, Dunn also bought the most animals, purchasing three

head. Also selling for \$750 was Frase Mark 35, the grand champion bull owned by Circle W Hereford Farm, Salem, Ohio. Sired by WBF Ellens Editn AEH, the yearling was purchased by Robert J. Henry, of New Castle.

The sale's eight bulls averaged \$683.75, with the 24 females averaging \$487.92. The total sale average for the 32 head consigned was \$536.87, with most animals going to Pa. and Ohio.

Three members of the sale committee responsible for this year's event were Roy Hunt of Portersville, and Jack Bestwick and Thomas McCullough, both of Mercer.

The sale was clerked by Ernie Smith, area 12 coordinator for the American Polled Hereford Association, with Penn State graduate student, Ken Winebark, acting as show judge.

John "Red" Shaw, from Mt. Vernon, Ohio, was the sale's auctioneer, with Don and Lloyd Braham, of Grove City, acting as ringmen. - B.R.

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