

Pa. Ayrshire holds sale

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BEDFORD — The third Pa. Ayrshire Spring Calf and Bred Heifer Sale, held April 21 at the Bedford County Fairgrounds, had the highest dollar value calf sold since the sale was established by the state association.

The top selling heifer, C. Jack Roselette, sired by Toll Gate Choice Jack, was bought by David Paul, a former FFA member from Garrett, for \$700. The September 1983 senior calf was consigned by Ardrossan Farms, Villanova.

Second high selling calf, consigned by Charles Gable, Elver-

son, was purchased for \$660 by Joel Rudderow, Mount Laurel, N.J. Also a senior calf, Conebella SM Star is sired by Oak Ridge Star Man.

Third high selling honors went to a senior yearling consigned by Douglas Long, Thurmont, Md. Janice Schultheis, Chicora, bought the calf for \$450.

The highest dollar volume buyer was Allen Farms, Conneaut Lake, which bought seven animals. Herdsman Leshe Allen did the bidding.

Managing the sale was auctioneer Sherman Allen of Nicolls and Allen, Meadville. National Eastern Ayrshire Field representative Barb Weas read the pedigrees and also auctioned off items donated in the junior member's first "Anything Goes Auction." Funds raised will go towards youth activities when the Keystone Club hosts the 1986 National Ayrshire Convention.

The Pa. Ayrshire sale, initiated by association secretary-treasurer Milton Brubaker, Lititz, has proved to be an outlet in providing and promoting the breed among 4-H and FFA members. These youngsters buy the Ayrshire calves as club projects.

All-breed calf sale

averages \$442

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MEADVILLE — All six dairy breeds were represented at the Crawford County All-Breed Calf Sale held April 28 at the Crawford County fairgrounds in Meadville. The sale boasted the largest number of calves ever, with 39 head being led into the auction ring.

The 15 Holsteins, eight Jerseys, six Guernseys, six Brown Swiss, three Ayrshires, and one Milking Shorthorn sold before a crowd of two hundred.

The calves averaged \$442 with the highest selling breed being Holsteins at \$553. The Brown Swiss were also in demand at an average of \$510. The Jerseys brought an average of \$366 with the other three breeds near \$300.

Two high volume buyers each purchased four animals. Gay-Mar Farm, owned by Gaylord and Martha Wagner of R1 Tionesta, took home Holsteins at a total cost of \$2,210. Don and Lisa Graff of R1 Centerville, spent \$1,800 on two Jerseys and two Holsteins.

Others purchasing more than one animal were Bob Dickson of Cocranton with three; Richard Warnshuis of Edinboro, Marshall Livingston of Jamestown, and Mr.

Alsdorf of the Cochran area each taking two calves home.

The top selling animal of the sale was Spring Terrace Mars Irene, an October 1983 Holstein sired by Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation. She was consigned by Maria Mitchell of Saegertown and purchased by Debbie Warnshuis of Edinboro for \$1,400.

Top selling animals of the colored breeds are as follows.

A December 1983 heifer, Allen Farms Chad Sandra, the top Ayrshire was consigned by Allen Farms, Sherman and Leslie E. Allen of Conneaut Lake and sold for \$400 to Jerry Wilson of R2 Portersville.

In the Brown Swiss breed, Matthew Laura Florence, a September 1983 calf consigned by Arthur Gerber of Volant, sold for \$825 to Richard Chesney of Roaring Springs for an FFA project.

A March calf topped the Guernseys. Sandy View Star, consigned by Merle A. Helbig of Conneaut Lake, went for \$425 to Miles Livingston of Jamestown for a 4-H project.

Ladybug Firechief Carol, a September 1983 heifer consigned by Jesse R. Moore of Volant sold for \$525 to Ned Kerr of Renfrew, taking the honors of high selling Jersey.

The only Milking Shorthorn at the sale went for \$300 to Jodi Lukas. Maple Ridge Dixie, a December 1983 calf was consigned by Robert G. and Leora Cunningham of Cambridge Springs.

At the conclusion of the sale a drawing was held with the winner receiving \$100 in cash. The raffle was sponsored by the Northwest Pa. Colored Breed Association. Crawford Co. Dairy Princess Kathy Worley drew the winning ticket. The lucky winner was Wendall Sherrd of R1 Venango, who said the winnings would probably go toward the calf he had just purchased.

The sale was conducted by auctioneers Earl and David Nicolls of Conneautville and C. Sherman Allen of Conneaut Lake. Pedigrees were read by Jerr Raney of Saegertown. The successful event was sponsored by area dairy cattle breeders and the Penn State Cooperative Extension Service.

Plenty of ag activity

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individual funds for protection of their own producers.

A number of amendments to the proposed Democratic budget were introduced in the House.

Rep. Samuel Morris, Chester County, introduced amendments totaling some \$1.4 million for New Bolton Center, which includes funds for isolation-type diagnostic facilities.

Rep. Jeffrey Coy, Franklin County, introduced a similar amendment calling for \$750,000 to go to Penn State.

Coy also introduced H.B. 2023, which cites \$193,939 for isolation lab facilities at New Bolton and some \$124,000 for renovations to Wiley Lab at Penn State and for Summerdale Lab.

In yet another ag development, Sen. Frank J. O'Connell introduced SB. 1328, which calls for a \$2 million loan from the General Fund to the Milk Security Fund to ease the financial problem of monies already due producers because of dealer bankruptcies. This bill would call for a payback system each fiscal year depending on the financial climate in the dairy industry.

But the \$2 million is estimated to fall far short of the total amount already involved in dealer defaults.

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