

# Mercer attracts bidders from three states

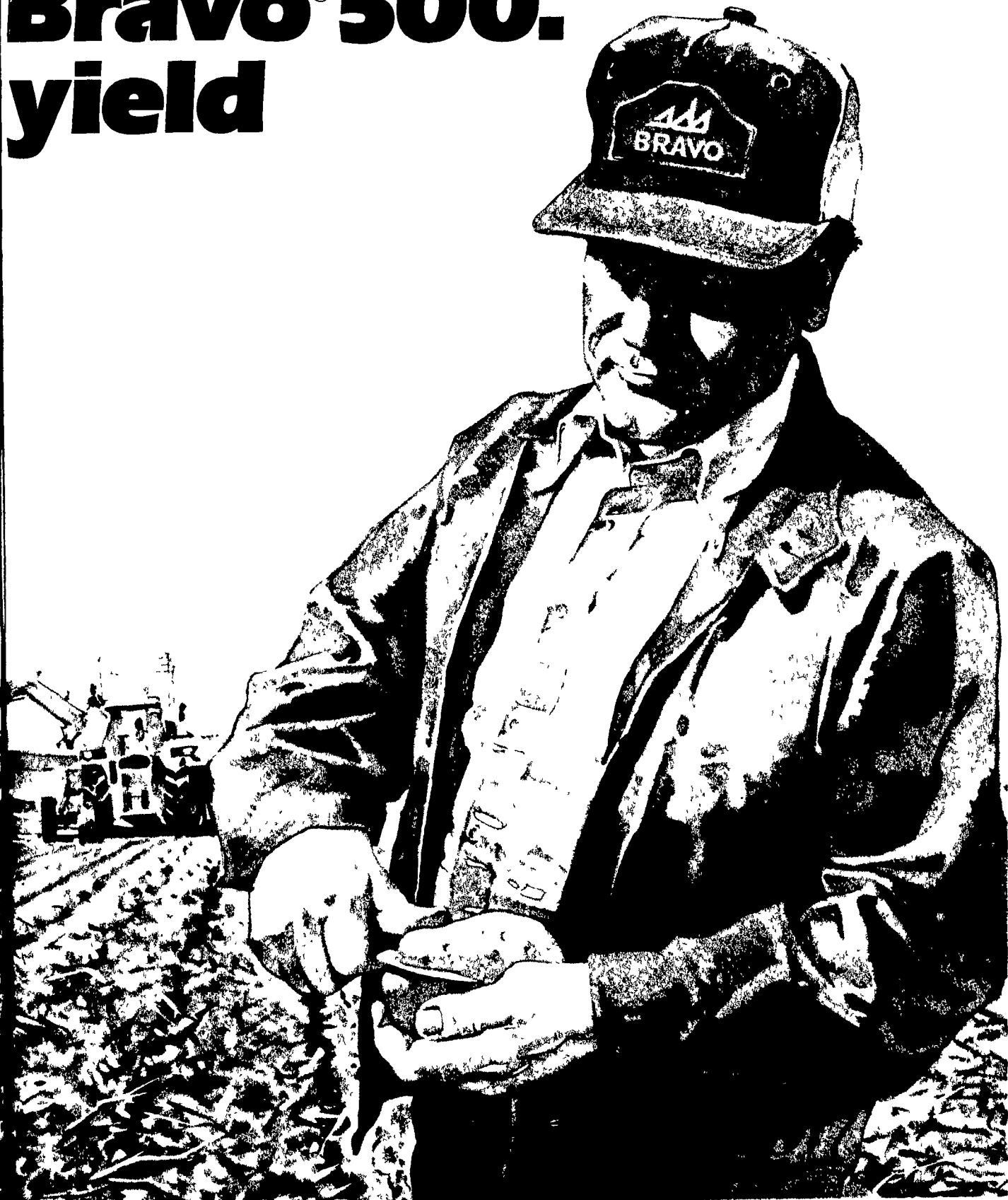


Buyer Mike Ernst of Meadville proudly displays his Suffolk ram lamb purchased at the Western Pa. Sheep and Club Lamb Sale on May 12. Mike paid consignor Frank Hunter of Stoneboro, \$150 for the registered lamb.



A pen of Dorset-cross ewe lambs are offered for sale at Mercer 4-H Park. Prices at this year's Western Pa. Sheep and Club Lamb Sale averaged \$13 per head higher than last year.

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went to Vern Johnson, Lakewood, New York, who paid \$225 to get the Border Leicester-Scottish black face with twin black ewe lambs at side. Consignor was Beverly Tiffany from West Farmington, Ohio. The 12 cross-bred ewes averaged \$73.75.

A Polled Dorset sold by the Herr family was the top selling ewe lamb. Shannon Templin of Thornton, offered the high bid of \$275 to take her home. Next among the ewe lambs was a Suffolk going for \$140 to Leon Ferguson of Fredonia, and consigned by Kevin Turner of Cortland Ohio. Glenn High consigned the top selling Shropshire ewe lamb, going for \$90 to Lloyd Leslie of Connoquenessing.

Richard Maxwell, the buyer of the most animals at the sale, purchased all three of the top selling non-registered ewe lambs. Both the top lot and the third highest lot were consignments of Grandas Hillside Acres from Johnstown, and sold for \$135 and \$105, respectively. The second highest lot sold for \$130 and was consigned by Lisa Meyer of Eden New York. The 39 non-registered ewe lambs averaged \$50.64.

Rounding out the sale were 68 wethers selling for an average of \$61.54. High seller was a 71-pound Polled Dorset consigned by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Herr, and sold to Philip K. Weagley from Elizabethtown.

Harold Harpster, Boalsburg, spent \$150 to purchase the second highest selling wether. The 66-pound Suffolk was sold by E. S. Cable of East Canton, Ohio.

Heading up this year's subcommittee was Raymond Taw with a team of sale clerks made up of Lawrence County agent Joe Shick, George Hunter of Stoneboro, and Pauline Marsh and D. Lee Mohny, both of Mercer.

An invitation is extended to all sheep breeders and owners to attend the Pa. Sheep Field Day at Mercer 4-H Park on Saturday, June 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A tentative program includes demonstrations on treatment of feet, vaccination, drenching, docking and castration. Wool topics from shearing to spinning, weaving and dyeing will also be discussed.

Trophies and prizes will be awarded in a shearing contest, lead classes and a wool show, with a lamb dinner scheduled for noon.

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