

Empire Classic features first futurity

WEEDSPORT, N.Y. — New classes, a new location and the first Futurity competition will be featured at the Seventh Annual Empire Classic Show July 28 at the Cayuga County Fairgrounds at Weedsport.

The Show and also the Junior Show July 27 at the same location are sponsored by the Empire Polled Hereford Association.

The Open Show at 3:30 p.m. July 28 will open with the first Futurity Heifer and Bull classes. The Futurity competition began with 32 nominations in November, 1982. Twenty-three of these were renewed when the calves were

born and 14 again at weaning. Final nominations were being made as the calves reached 335-400 days of age. Futurity prize money before the final nominations totaled \$710. The Futurity premiums will be awarded with 60 points for show statistics including weight, backfat measurement, body length, and girth and 40 points for show placement by the judge.

Sue Haynes of Groton, Futurity chairman, said "excitement is building as the first Futurity nears its climax. The Futurity brings together all the management concepts of beef cattle production

including breeding, successful calving, and raising the calves from birth to 12-18 months of age at show time." She added, there are 37 initial entries in the 1985 Futurity.

A new group class, a second get-of-sire class with only two animals required, has been added. Mrs. Haynes said this class is designed to attract breeders who own their own herd sire and wish to promote the bull and his offspring in their herd.

Entries for the seventh annual Empire Classic Show are due July 1. Entry forms and other information are available from Sue Haynes, RD 1, Groton, N.Y. 13073.

The Junior Show will be at 7:30 p.m. July 27. Information and entry forms are available from Junior Advisor Ken Auyer, Laird Rd., Memphis, N.Y. 13112.

There will be a dessert bar following the Junior Show and an informal get-together for exhibitors, EPHA members and friends Saturday evening following the Open Show.

Camping space will be available on the fairgrounds and it is expected many of those taking part or attending the Classic Show will stay for the Cayuga County Beef Show Sunday, July 29.

The move from Cortland where the show has been held in recent years to Weedsport is part of the Empire Polled Hereford Association's emphasis on serving as many breeders as possible and on providing new experiences along with the tried and true projects

Final increase set for meat grading and certification services

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Hourly fees for U.S. Department of Agriculture meat grading and certification services that were increased on an interim basis March 1 will become final June 6.

Thomas H. Porter, an official of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, said the agency needs the increase primarily because of the four-percent pay increase granted federal workers January 8. The pay raise increased the cost of conducting the meat grading and certification program.

The agency implemented the increased fee rates on an interim basis without a prior proposal because it needed to collect more revenue immediately to cover the costs of providing services. Meat grading and certification are voluntary services provided to

meat packers and processors for a fee required to be approximately equal to the cost of the services, Porter said.

Under the new fees, meat packers and processors using the service are charged \$25.60 per hour for work performed between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. The fee for work performed on Saturday and Sunday and between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m., Monday through Friday, is \$30.60 per hour. The fee is \$51.20 per hour for work performed on legal holidays.

The final rule is scheduled to be published in the June 6 Federal Register. Copies also can be obtained from the Livestock Division, AMS, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250. Phone: (202) 382-1113.

Simmental Expo

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Kentucky was declared best showman in the sr. division showmanship, while curly-haired Nikki Overpeck of Clinton, Indiana chalked up yet another first place victory in the jr. division.

Nikki's cumulative points total for the Expo events topped all others, in fact, and at the closing awards banquet, she was selected the Expo's overall winner and awarded an eight-inch Swiss bell. Terry Burkes of Glasgow, Kentucky came in second in the overall points standings and was presented a five-inch Swiss bell.

Along with ASA official David Van Dyken from Bozeman, Montana, National AJSA President Sheryl Dickinson also attended the Eastern Region Expo. Sheryl hails from Gorham, Kansas, and is currently a senior at Kansas State University. Her

father—one of the first major Simmental breeders in the U.S.—is primarily in the bull business. He owns 500 head, while Sheryl's personal herd numbers six cows and two bulls presently, having been reduced during her stay at college. Sheryl commented Saturday on the hospitality she'd experienced while attending the Expo at Jackson's Mill, and stated how much she enjoyed the friendliness of the people she'd met.

Summing up, Expo committee co-chairperson Susie Moore of Fairmont, West Virginia, commented, "Everybody seemed to think that it was pretty successful. In fact, at the Expo Review meeting it was decided to hold the Expo here at Jackson's Mill again next year." Judging by this first year's participation, next year's Eastern Region Jr. Simmental Expo promises to be an even greater success.

USDA proposes deleting moisture as grading factor for corn, sorghum, soybeans

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture is proposing to eliminate moisture content as a grading factor for corn, sorghum and soybeans.

The moisture content would be displayed on all official inspection certificates which show the official grade determination, said Kenneth A. Gilles, administrator of USDA's Federal Grain Inspection Service.


"Moisture content reflects a condition of the grain and not its quality," Gilles said. "During

harvest, moisture content of grain is usually high. Corn, sorghum and soybeans may be graded U.S. Sample Grade because of excessive moisture. When appropriately dried, however, these grains may receive a U.S. No. 1 or 2 grade based on quality."

Moisture content is not used to determine grade in the U.S. standards for wheat, barley, oats, triticale and rye. The revision would bring consistency to the various grain standards, said Gilles.

Comments may be sent through July 23 to Lewis Lebakken, Jr., Information Resources Management Branch, USDA, FGIS, Room 0667, South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250; telephone (202) 382-1738.

The proposal is scheduled to be published in the June 7 Federal Register.



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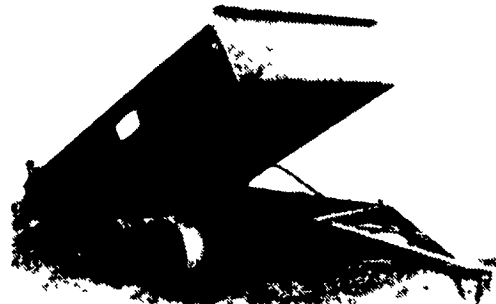
MODEL 800.

This 8-ton tandem axle model weighing 2,100 pounds has a 9-foot 9-inch long, 5-foot wide and 24-inch high box (less extensions). Sides and endgate can be removed when needed. Swivel hitch and tread at 77 inches for maximum stability.



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