Midwest Breeders releases Pa. sampling

SHAWANO, Wi. — Two Pennsylvania-bred Holstein bull calves are now available for sampling from Midwest Breeders Cooperative.

The newest offerings from the full-service cattle breeding cooperative are 21H872 Pen-Col Defiant-ET and 21H878 Browncroft Peerless. Both are sons of Browncroft Jetson.

Defiant, with Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation as maternal grandsire, has a Pedigree Index of +916 M, +22 F, +\$97 and a Genetic Index of +1155 M, +40F.

Defiant's dam is Pen-Col Elevation Delia, VG-87. She had a 365-day record of 25,254 pounds of milk, 1,127 pounds of butterfat and a 4.5 percent fat test as a 4-yearold. Her Cow Index is +668 M, +46

Delia and her dam, Inka

Whirlhill Pabst Della, EX-90, offer high fat test credentials, averaging near 4.0 percent.

Peerless, with Hillhaven Standout Job as maternal grandsire, has a Pedigree Index of +864 M, +19 F, +\$87 and a Genetic Index of +964 M, +33 F, +\$118.

Peerless' dam is Browncroft Standout Pamula, VG-88. As an 8-year-old, she had 34,310 pounds of milk, 1,255 pounds of fat and a 3.7 percent fat test in 305 days. Her Cow Index is +286 M, +32 F, +\$73. Along with calving at consistent intervals, Pamula has six consecutive records over 1,000 pounds of butterfat.

Pamula's Excellent dam, Browncroft Orbata SS Ivanhoe, was also a high testing cow who calved regularly.

Defiant and Peerless are now housed at Midwest Breeders' sire

housing facility in Stewartville, Mn. They are among about 100 high genetic potential young sires sampled each year in the Shawano, Wi.-based cooperative's program.

The program offers incentive payments, including a bonus for producers on protein test, to qualified users of junior sire semen. The program allows Midwest to increase the number of young sires samples and makes sampling more efficient.

Defiant and Peerless and the other sires-in-waiting will have to wait about four years from sampling before their first Predicted Differences (PD's) are caculated. Only about one of six bulls sampled has credentials high enough to meet Midwest's strict standards for its active dairy line-up housed in Shawano.

Farmer-owned reserve corn, oats remain in release

WASHINGTON, D.C. — All corn and oats in the farmer-owned grain reserves will remain in release status through June 30, according to Everett Rank, administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Rank said the decision on the reserve commodities was made following a review June 4 by USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation of average market prices, as reported by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, adjusted to reflect the market price received by farmers.

On June 1, the adjusted price for corn was \$3.41 per bushel, 26 cents above the release level of \$3.15 for reserve IV corn and 16 cents above the release level of \$3.25 for reserve V corn. The adjusted price for oats was \$1.93, 28 cents above the release level.

Daily markets reviewed by CCC for corn are Kansas City, Minneapolis, Omaha and St. Louis. The daily market reviewed for oats is Minneapolis.

For reserve IV and V corn loans, storage payments stopped and interest resumed on May 1. Storage payments stopped and interest resumed Feb. 1 for oats.

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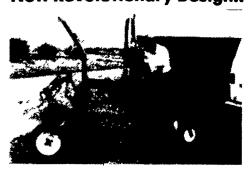
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