

# Guernsey dispersal averages \$525

LANCASTER — Ninety-four head of top quality Guernsey cattle sold for a sale average of \$525.53 at the combined Middle Ground and Mattlin Complete Dispersal Sale held June 21 at the Guernsey Pavilion, Lancaster.

The 86 registered and eight grade Guernsey cattle sold for a

sale total \$49,400 during the dispersal sponsored by the Pa. Guernsey Breeders' Association and the Merryman Company, Sparks, Md.

The top selling cows, both at \$1,400, were Middle Ground MC Misty and Crum Elbow KMC Snow Violet. Consigned by Edgar Davis

Jr., Earleville, Md., Misty was purchased by L.M. Schaeffer, Queenstown, Md. The 4-year-old cow, sired by Kellogg Minnies Choice, recorded 8,430 pounds of milk and 350 pounds of fat with a 4.2 percent butterfat test at three years.

Crum Elbow KMC Snow Violet

was consigned by Julia Ann Gilbert, Redhook, N.Y., and was sold to Chester Williams and Tom Lurvey, Waukeska, Wisc. Also sired by Kellogg Minnies Choice, the 5-year-old produced 14,482 pounds of milk and 673 pounds of fat at four years.

The next high seller was a March 1983 heifer consigned by Karen

Lisa Davis, Earleville. Middle Ground Telestar Bonnie, sired by Maurana Wis Telestar, was purchased by Chester and Barbara Williams, Waukeska, Wisc., for \$1,200.

Other top sellers included: Middle Ground Extra Gina, a 3-year-old cow consigned by Ned Davis, Earleville, and sold to Leslie and Lois Hershey, Kirkwood, for \$975; and Green Manor NP Lancelot, a year old bull consigned by John and Ginger Myers, Littlestown, and sold to Rogelio Muyschondt, El Salvador for \$900.

In addition to the cattle, 26 units of semen were sold for a total of \$845.

The sale, auctioneered by John B. Merryman, Sparks, Md., featured the complete dispersals of the Middle Ground Guernsey herd owned by Ned Davis, Earleville, and that of Mattlin Guerneys owned by Matt Williams, Meshoppen. Other consignments were from individual breeders in Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland and Virginia.



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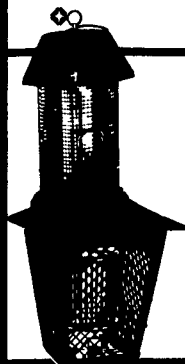
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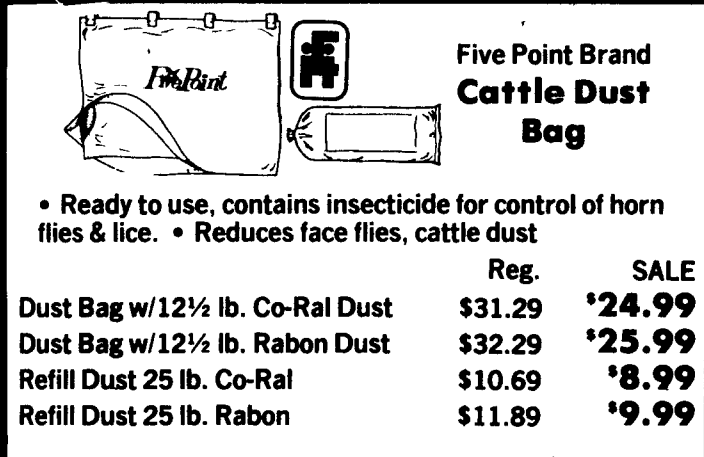
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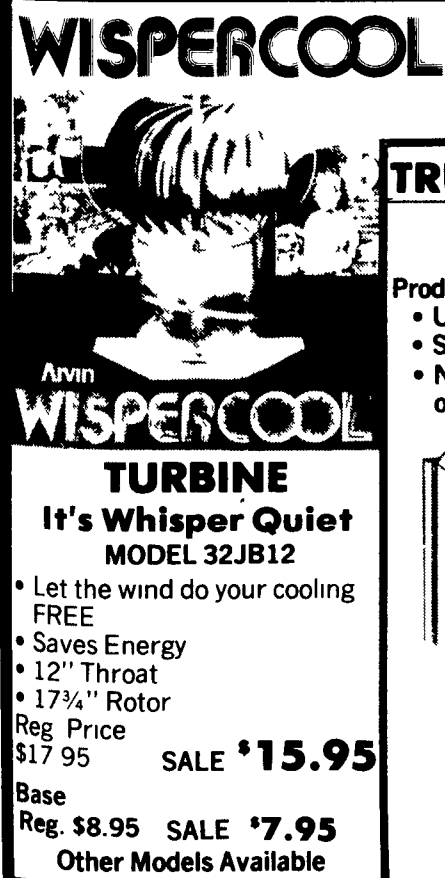
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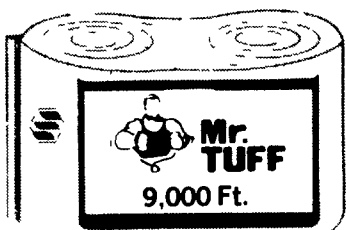
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## Grange urges milk bill signing

HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania State Grange is urging Governor Dick Thornburgh to sign into law a bill that would strengthen the financial protection for dairy farmers through changes in the Pennsylvania Milk Security Fund.

Currently on the Governor's desk, H.B. 1969 amends the Milk Security Act of 1980 to correct some problems that have surfaced since it was enacted. Set up to reimburse farmers in the event of dealer default or bankruptcy, the Fund is financed through a 1 cent per hundred pounds of milk contribution by Pennsylvania milk dealers. However, the unstable economy in the dairy industry in the past three years has resulted in insufficient funds to pay all the claims against the Fund.

The new legislation gives milk dealers three options: 1) post a bond equal to 75 percent of their milk shipments during their normal pay period and make no contribution to a security fund; post a 30 percent bond and pay 2 cents per cwt. into individual security funds established by each dealer; or, if a bond cannot be secured, a dealer can enter into a trustee agreement with the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board. In addition, the law toughens the requirements for new dealers operating in Pennsylvania.

State Master Charles Wismer said the producers for the bankrupt Scheps Cheese Company in Wyoming County were unable to collect from the Milk Security Fund due to depletion of funds by several previous claims. "Since the Milk Security Fund was not building money fast enough to fulfill its purpose, which was to reimburse farmers, this legislation needs to be enacted as quickly as possible to ensure viable protection for dairy farmers."

Wismer said the Grange urged introduction of an important amendment inserted in the Senate that prevents a bankruptcy court from seizing money in the security fund as assets in the event of a dealer bankruptcy, reserving these monies strictly to reimburse farmers for their losses.

The legislation awaiting the Governor's signature represents a compromise reached by the dairy and farm organizations, Wismer said.