

Western Pa. Sale of Stars averages \$1700

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BUTLER—Bidding on 39 head of quality Holsteins at the Western Pennsylvania Sale of Stars brought a \$1700 sale average on Wednesday, Oct. 10, at the Butler Farm Show Grounds. The sale average was only down \$50 from last year, said sale chairman Leroy Hogg.

"Maplesrow Bo-ET," the sixth animal to enter the ring, topped the sale at \$2800. The just-fresh 2-year-old, a Formatt ET daughter, was consigned by Robert and Barbara Freyermuth, Meadville. "Bo" will join the Mercer County herd of Laszlo Mozes, Greenville.

A close second to "Bo" was a consignment of Mark Campbell, Ford City, which sold for \$2650. This Molly Chief 3-year-old scored

at 85 points went to Jo-Be-Hi Farms, Fombell. Jo-Be-Hi also picked up two other very good consignments at the sale.

Alan and Betty Hart, Cochran, purchased the third high seller at \$2600. The VG-88 Apollo Topper daughter was consigned by Art Baxter, Stoneboro. Harts purchased two other consignments, while their son Donald bought one.

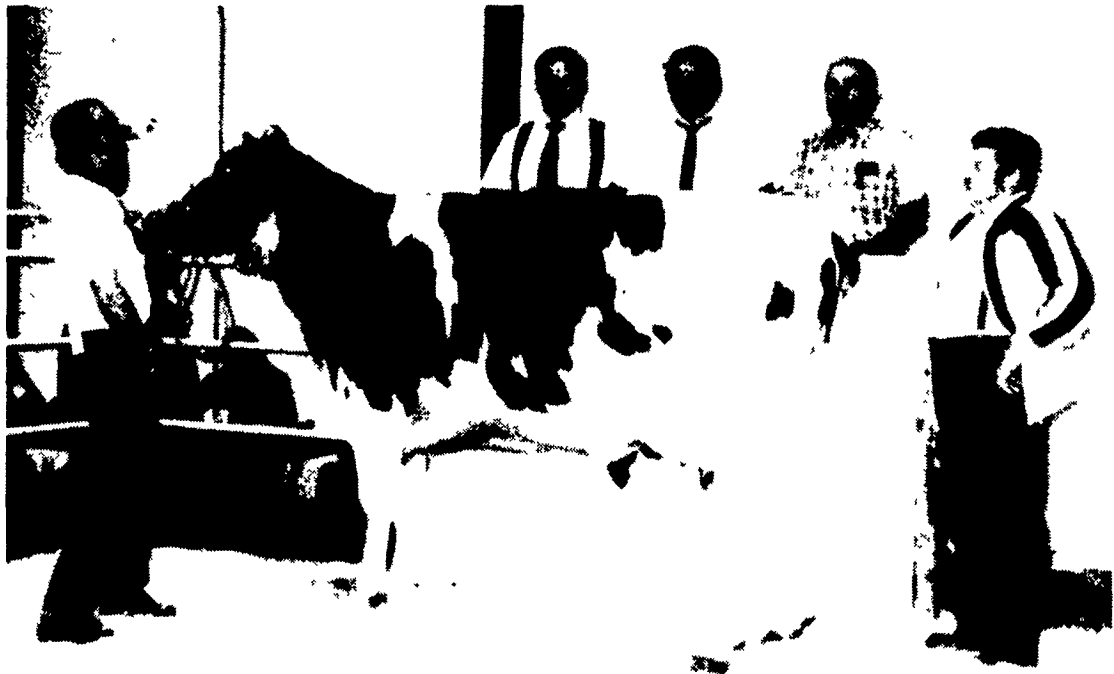
Two other animals that brought over \$2000 were purchased by W Rex Smith, Avella and George Dean, Chicora. These were consigned by Millervale Farm, McDonald, and John N. Reno, Valencia.

Volume buyer of the sale was David Zattiero, Mars, purchasing six head.

Sponsored by the Butler County Holstein Club, the sale is an annual event that was headed up this year

by Leroy Hogg. Other organizers were Wade Cooper, selections, Roy Simpson, pedigrees; and

Sherman Allen, auctioneer, of Nicols and Allen Auctioneering Services, Conneaut Lake.



Pictured with the top seller at the Western Pa. Sale of Stars are, left to right: Leroy Hogg, sale chairman; Sherman Allen, auctioneer; Roy Simpson, pedigrees; Wade Cooper, selector; and Laszlo Mozes, purchaser.

Record harvest, including tobacco, seen in Md.

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — What a difference a year can make when it comes to weather and Maryland agriculture.

Consider the tale of two years:

1983 saw the state hit with the worst drought in 50 years which greatly reduced production of corn, soybeans, hay, tobacco, and most other crops in the state. Reduced yields meant higher prices received for some, but also meant producers of livestock and dairy products were forced to pay much higher prices for feedstuffs.

1984 saw the state blessed with ample rains and good growing conditions, thereby allowing farmers to produce bumper crops of corn, hay, tobacco, fruit and vegetables and many other items.

As we enter the fall of 1984, the 350th Maryland harvest may, indeed, be a "Harvest of History" when it comes to the record books.

And the records appear to be big ones.

Maryland's leading agricultural industry, poultry, may set twin records for 1984. Production rates of broiler chickens for the first eight months of the year have been at all time highs indicating that before the year is out Md. may have produced 275 million chickens (that translates into about 825 million pounds of ready-to-eat meat on the table.) Egg production in the state, which has almost trebled since 1979, may pass the 900 million mark for the year.

When it comes to crops, another all time record appears to have been set in 1984 in the average yield of corn per acre which is now estimated to be 112 bushels per acre! By way of contrast, in 1983 because of the drought, the Maryland corn average was 68 bushels per acre.

The state's oldest and most traditional crop, tobacco, may have posted an excellent year also. Production is estimated to be 33.1 million pounds, way up from the 29.7 million pounds of 1983 but, more importantly, growers say the quality of tobacco produced in Maryland this year may be exceptionally high in terms of quality. The 1983 crop was not of high quality and, therefore, foreign buyers did not purchase much of it.

Export of tobacco, the first "cash crop" of the new Maryland colony 350 years ago, to this day is an important factor in Maryland agriculture.

Other crops which have been seen good production rates in 1984 are hay, wheat, barley, rye, apples and vegetables.

The big crops of corn and soybeans this year mean that producers of livestock over the winter and into next year, will have ample feed supplies and at moderate costs.

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