

Sire Power

TUNKHANNOCK — The Maryland Sales Division of Sire Power recently held its annual Open House with several hundred dairy farmers and other guests attending.

General Manager, DuWayne Kutz greeted the members, guests, and friends.

"The patronage equity you have in the co-op assures you that you have a say in the pricing of the sires," he said. "Sire Power is proud that it can return 50% in patronage dividends and invest the other 50% in your facilities and bull programs. "Last year Sire Power returned \$357,000 in patronage dividends to all Sales Division members."

Marlin Hoff, President of the Maryland Sales Division Board, reviewed some highlights of Sire Power's accomplishments and events over the past year. He also conveyed a strong message on

reasons not to deal with a "semen jockey" on any level. Marlin said. "When you buy from a 'jockey', you are only helping him, he doesn't pay dividends to you, and besides you have no idea where the semen has been."

An annual event at this Open House is the induction of someone into the Maryland Dairy Shrine. Edwin Fry, Chestertown, Md. was honored and became the 21st person inducted into the Maryland Dairy Shrine. Fry, the founder of a well-known registered Holstein herd with the Fair Hill prefix, has made many contributions to the dairy industry in Maryland and across the country.

Concluding the day was the traditional "parade" of Sire Power daughters. This feature provides a "first hand" impression of the outstanding Sire Power genetics working in the Maryland members' herds.

DES MOINES, Ia. — A new killed virus vaccine for Bovine Virus Diarrhea (BVD) offers producers increased safety has just been introduced by Syntex Animal Health (Diamond Laboratories, Inc.). Resprotect vaccine is available only by prescription from veterinarians.

The new killed virus BVD vaccine is safer and more effective compared to modified live virus (MLV) vaccines, according to Syntex. In some cases, MLV BVD vaccines have been associated with problems in stressed calves, calves with limited ability to produce immunity, and pregnant cows. The killed BVD virus used in Resprotect is safe for cattle of all ages, including pregnant cows, the company said.

In addition, Resprotect vaccine is supplied and administered with Prolong, a new adjuvant, that provides increased levels and duration of immunity. Prolong is mixed with the vaccine just prior to injection and helps enhance the

effectiveness of the vaccine.

Extensive testing by Diamond Laboratories as well as independent veterinarians shows Resprotect is safe and effective, according to the company. Label directions are for two doses at a 21

to 28-day interval. Laboratory tests indicate the vaccine can provide adequate BVD immunity levels after a single dose. In field studies, antibody levels were considered sufficient to produce effective immunity.

Bou-Matic claw introduced

NORWALK, Ct. — Spectra International, Inc. 61 Smith St., Norwalk, Ct. has introduced a Bou-Matic Standard and Wide Body Claw with a TeSa Stainless Steel Shutoff Valve.

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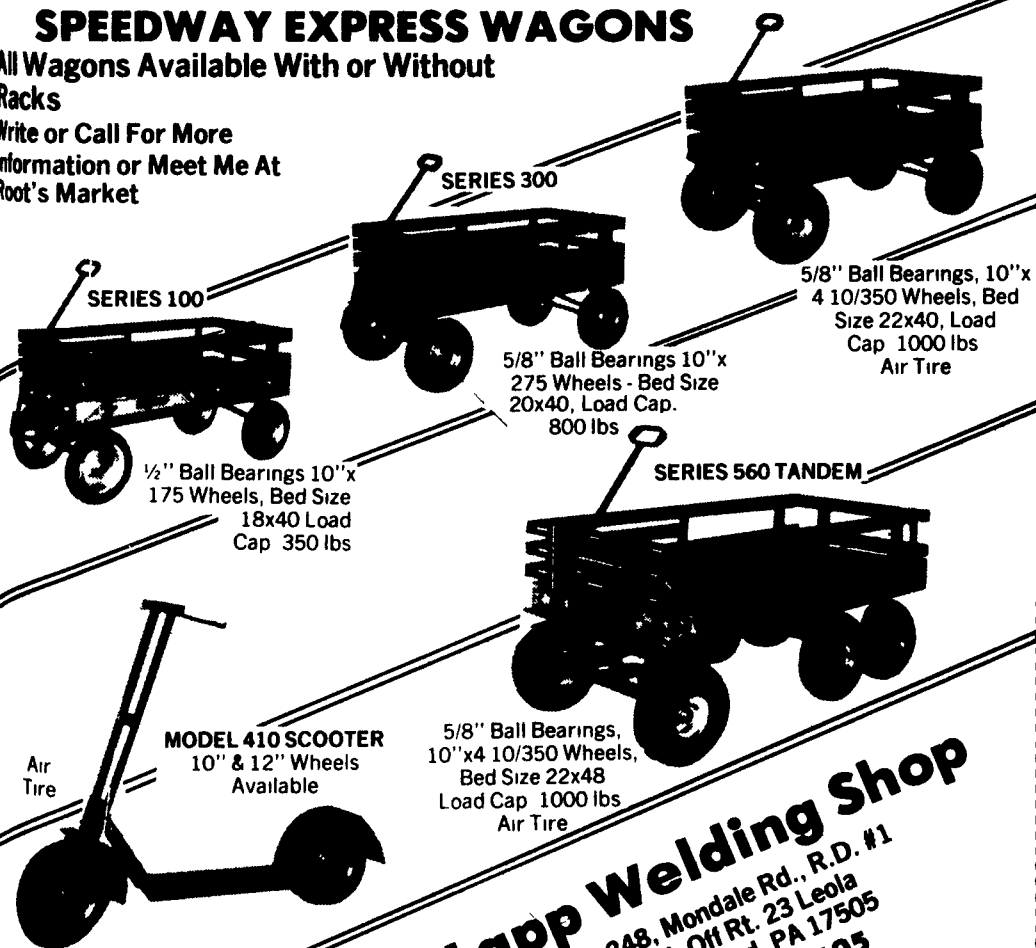
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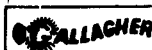
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