

Two Pa. bulls enter Select Sires

Glademaster Selectson-ET and Donegal-Creek Felix, two young bulls from Pennsylvania, have been acquired by Select Sires, the nation's largest family of farmer-owned and controlled A.I. cooperatives, headquartered at Plain City, Ohio. Based on their outstanding pedigrees, these bull calves have been selected as two of only 130 Holstein bulls from throughout the United States to enter Select Sires' Program for Genetic Advancement (PGA) sire sampling system in 1984.

Glademaster Selectson-ET comes from Robert M. Bauer-master of Berlin. The sire of this PGA bull calf is Twin-Lawn Elevation Jason, a high PD Elevation son. His dam is

Glademaster Star Dancer. She is an "Excellent" (90) Penstate Ivanhoe Star daughter with all records over 20,000M from an "Excellent" mammary. Her best record is 26,839M 892F 3.4% in 355 days. The grandam is a Gold Medal Dam with records to 32,857M and 1,049F.

Joseph C Wivell of Columbia, is the breeder of Donegal-Creek Felix. The sire of this bull calf is Cal-Clark Board Chairman. His dam is Donegal-Creek Fancy Jerry, a high-indexing Eng-Amer Ivanhoe Jerry daughter. Her July 1984 Cow Index is +1,007M +30F +\$116. As a two-year-old she made over 21,000M. Her best record is 27,450M 1,045F 3.8% in 365 days. The grandam is an "Excellent" (91-2E) Elevation daughter.

Seed case is settled

ROUND BROOK, N.J. — Lofts, Inc., Round Brook, N.J., has paid \$375 to the U.S. Department of Agriculture to settle a case involving a shipment of seed alleged to be in violation of the Federal Seed Act.

The case was settled in an agreement between the company and officials of the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service. The company neither admitted nor denied the charges.

Donald W. Ator, an AMS official

in Washington, D.C., said the case involved a shipment of lawn seed mixture to Virginia. The alleged violations were false labeling of the pure seed and incorrect kind name.

The Federal Seed Act is a truth-in-labeling law designed to protect farmers and consumers who buy seed. AMS administers the program with the help of state seed officials. Seed regulatory officials in Virginia cooperated with AMS in making the investigation.

Breeder merger voted down

NEW PRAGUE, Minn. — Delegates of Minnesota Valley Breeders Association (MVBA) narrowly defeated a proposal to consolidate with Midwest Breeders Cooperative on Dec. 8. The vote was taken at the MVBA annual meeting in New Prague.

Only five votes would have had to change to meet the two-thirds majority necessary under Minnesota state law to approve the consolidation. Ninety-eight percent of Midwest Breeders delegates had earlier approved consolidation of the two AI cattle breeding co-ops.

MVBA delegates voted 219-117 in favor of consolidation for a 65.2 percent "yes" vote. Of the 67 votes cast at the meeting, 37 were in favor of consolidation. The remainder were mail-in ballots.

Tom Lyon, general manager of Midwest Breeders Cooperative headquartered in Shawano, said, he was "greatly disappointed by the vote because of the overlap and duplication in the two co-op's present service areas, particularly in southern Minnesota. The membership had the opportunity to greatly improve efficiency during a period of considerable restructuring of the Upper Midwest's dairy industry."

Lyon also pointed out that the new co-op would have given members the expanded genetic power of a sire line-up drawn from

the presently separate breeders organizations.

That's only the beginning, Lyon continued, as statistics in terms of pedigree index show Midwest and MVBA leading all other AI organizations in the genetic potential of progeny-tested junior sires now in-waiting for the next three years.

The advantage to Minnesota Valley members was graphically presented in a comparison of financial statements presented at

the annual meeting.

In the past fiscal year, MVBA sustained \$2.67 million on total sales of \$12 million.

Member equity, a measure of individual's holdings in a cooperative, has fallen to \$3.8 million for MVBA or 19 percent of assets while Midwest's member equity is \$6.3 million or 81 percent of assets.

MVBA's working capital is listed at \$956,641 and Midwest's capital position is \$1.34 million.

Picking of a hybrid

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tests are carried out in Florida and Argentina.

"We take hand samples from every field prior to harvest," Howitt says. These samples are planted in late September in Homestead, Fla.

Howitt and other management inspect the Florida grow-outs in late December. "We walk the entire entry and determine the percent of any off-type plants," he says. Two examinations are made: one during the bloom stage and another after the seed has colored.

A second grow-out is produced in Argentina from machine samples taken at harvest. The same two inspections done in Florida also are made in Argentina to locate

any plants that differ from the standard.

All the grow-out information is sent to the DEKALB-PFIZER Quality Assurance laboratory in DeKalb, Ill. It is entered on a computer inventory distribution system. "We can identify the purity of every lot of sorghum by checking the inventory listing," says Howitt.

When all records are summarized, decisions are made about the future of each seed lot. If the seed doesn't measure up to strict quality assurance standards, it is discarded. Where the DEKALB-PFIZER quality standards are met, the production plants can proceed with the conditioning process.



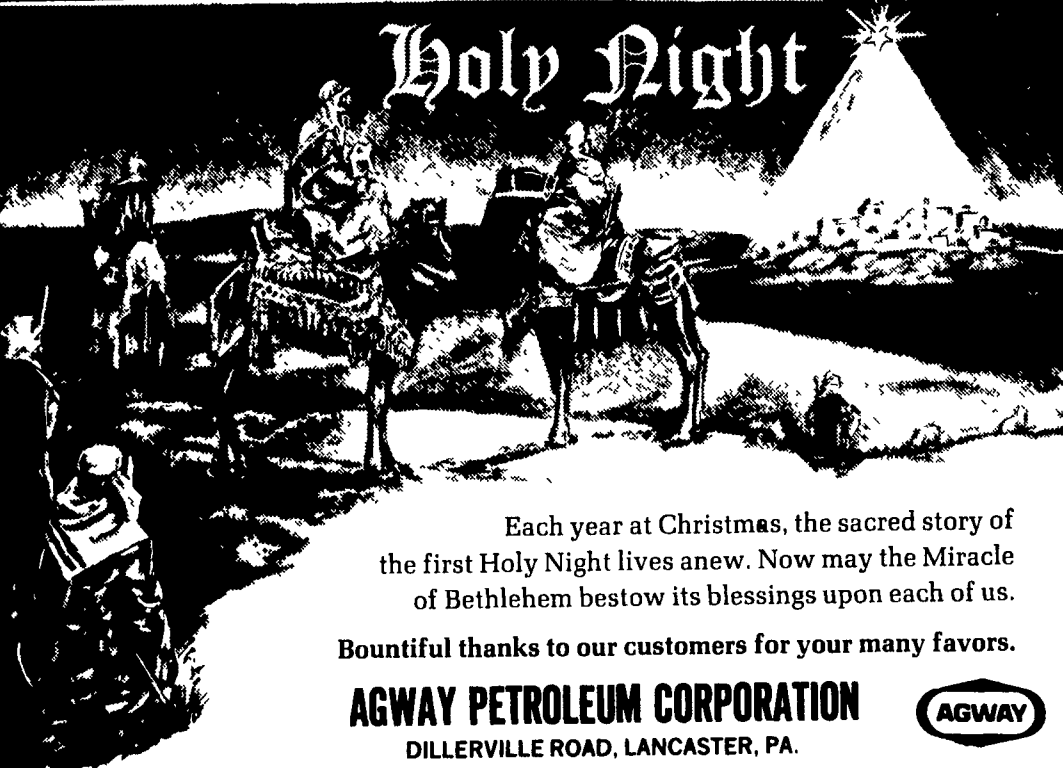
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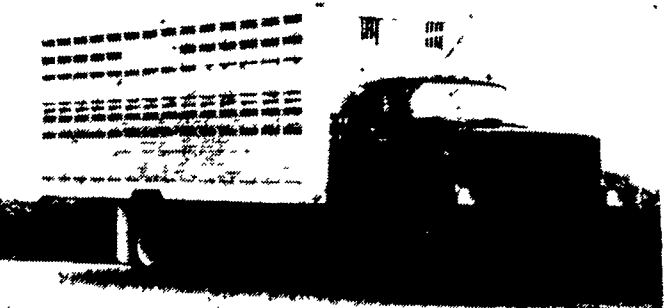
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