

State Calf Sale

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sale, which averaged \$1,148. The sale was managed by the Pennsylvania Holstein Association. Chairman of the state association's sale committee is Lewis Berkley, Berlin.

The sale staff included: Charles Backus and Mike Weimer, auctioneers; Horace Backus, pedigrees; Jay Howes, Bill Nichol, Clarence Stauffer, Tom Dum, Jr. and Steve Wilson, ringmen.



The second high seller of the state calf sale was Joell-Haven Mars Jen-ET. Pictured with the Mars-Tony daughter are, from left: Mike Weimer and Charles Backus, auctioneers; Lewis Berkley, chairman of the PHA sale committee; Steve Wilson, PHA director of sales; Horace Backus, pedigrees; and Kim Kriebel.

Pa. firm loses meat inspection permit

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Federal meat inspection services have been indefinitely withdrawn from a Linwood, Pa., meat processing firm because of felony convictions of the firm's owner for drug trafficking and for transmitting wager information.

U.S. Department of Agriculture administrative law judge Victor Palmer on Dec. 19 ordered inspection denied to Summit Beef Co., based on the criminal actions of the firm's owner, Vincent L. Perry, of Wilmington, Del.

Perry, now serving a three-year prison term for the drug conviction, is also under indictment with three other men for conspiracy to sell uninspected meat for human consumption.

One of the four men indicted in the meat case has since pleaded guilty to violating meat inspection laws. In a plea bargain agreement, Dominic Impagliazzo, a former Summit employee, pleaded guilty Feb. 28, to conspiracy and to

transporting uninspected meat with intent to defraud. Sentencing is set for April 22.

The meat scheme, which spanned three years, was halted when federal and Pennsylvania state officials raided the company in February 1984.

"Immediately following the raid, USDA temporarily suspended operations at Summit until all meat at the plant had been reinspected," according to Donald Houston, administrator of USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service.

The company then resumed limited operations, as permitted under law. However, in April—just before Perry's drug trafficking conviction—the plant voluntarily halted operations and asked that federal inspection be suspended, Houston said. The wager information conviction occurred in 1982.

Last August, Summit requested that inspection be reinstated so the

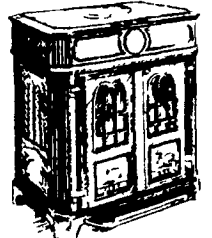
company could once again operate. USDA then filed a complaint against Summit requesting the indefinite withdrawal of inspection. Because Summit failed to file an answer to the complaint, Judge Palmer issued a Decision and Order indefinitely withdrawing meat inspection services. Under law, federal meat inspection may be denied anyone found unfit to receive inspection services because of a felony conviction.

The indictment on the conspiracy charges alleged that the Taylor Pet Food Co., Downingtown, Pa., slaughtered and boned uninspected cattle and sold the meat to Summit. The company then allegedly resold the product to its wholesale customers. A trial on those charges is set for April.



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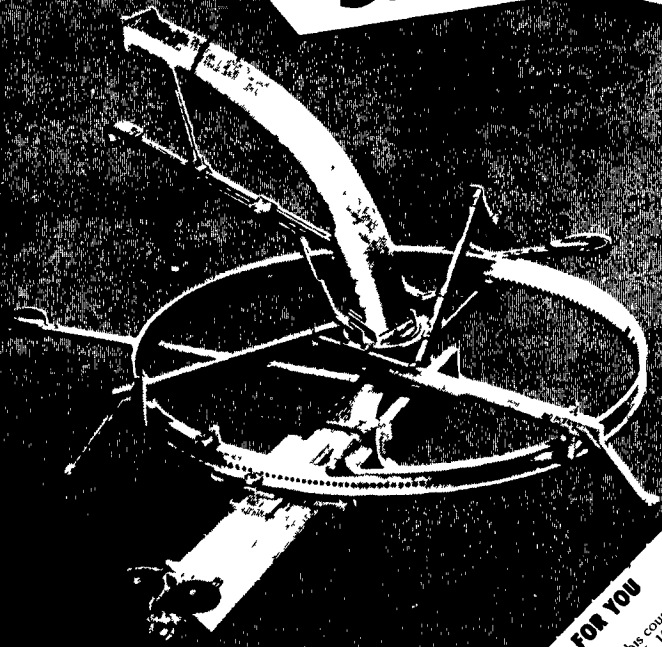
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