

## "Cherry Blossom" blooms at Washington County Calf Sale

WASHINGTON — The Washington County Holstein Club's annual "Cherry Blossom Calf Sale" saw a December 1984 S-W-D Valiant daughter top the sale at \$3200

And, appropriately enough, the heifer was named "Cove-Run SWD Cherry Blossom - ET."

Consigned by Oren Bender, Accident, Md., this impressively pedigreed calf has two generations of Excellent dams behind her, with records up to 29,728 pounds milk and 1051 pounds fat.

Cherry Blossom was purchased by Mark Krauss, Rising Sun, Md.

A total of 39 calves were sold for an average of \$704. Purchasers included Holstein breeders from Washington and several surrounding Pennsylvania counties, as well as Ohio, West Virginia, and Maryland.

Dr. David Welch, Rainbow Connection, of Berlin, consigned the second highest selling calf. The December 1984 Marshfield Elevation Tony daughter commanded the bid of \$2000 from Glen and Larry Cain, Ohio.

The calf's VG-88 dam has records to 27,979 pounds milk and 1115 pounds fat at 4.0 percent test. The second dam of this well-pedigreed calf has a lifetime record to date of 229,028 pounds milk and 8990 pounds fat.

Third high selling calf was a September 1984 S-W-D Valiant daughter consigned by Dale Wack, Senaca-Althea Syndicate, Harmony.

She was purchased for \$1500 by Jackson Farms, of Fayette County. The calf's dam is scored Ex-90 and has records at 7 years and 11 months of 24,340 pounds milk and 906 pounds fat.

A September 1984 A Maries Thunder daughter consigned by Don and Cheryl Glessner, Berlin, was selected by Arthur Moore, Mercer, for \$1250.

At \$1000 each, a January 1985 S-W-D Valiant calf consigned by Lee Hamilton, Claysville, was purchased by Dave Lash, of Westmoreland County; a March 1984 Sooner Elevation Chip heifer consigned by Randy and Kim Brown, Acme, was purchased by William Cree, Carmichaels; and a November 1984 Leadfield Columbus was consigned by Mark Campbell, Ford City, and purchased by Beth Sherman, of Clarion County.

The sale management commended the selectors and consignors for the quality calves which contributed to the success of this year's Cherry Blossom Calf Sale in Washington County.

## Powdery mildew

NEWARK, Del. — University of Delaware extension plant pathologist Bob Mulrooney warns farmers that powdery mildew has been developing rapidly on wheat during recent weeks.

In wheat variety trials located in Middletown, Woodside and Georgetown, Del., he has observed high levels of infection on the varieties Severn, Hart and Adena. He found moderate levels on Wheeler, Potomac, Pike, Hunter, Blazer, and Abe.

The next lowest level of infestation was on Tyler, Titan, Saluda, Pioneer 2550, Magnum, McNair 1003, Coker 916, Coker 762, Coker 747 and Arthur. Feland had high levels at Georgetown and Woodside, but low ratings at Middletown. Farmers should check this variety if they are growing it. No infection was present on Massey.

Mulrooney encourages growers to examine fields regularly for powdery mildew. Consider the following factors when making a spray decision: level of infection, level of plant resistance, yield potential, stage of crop development and weather conditions. "Remember," he says, "fungicides won't increase yields but they will protect existing yields."

The plant pathologist recommends applying fungicides between the second joint stage and boot stage when the following conditions exist:

- Powdery mildew covers 5 to 10 percent of the upper two leaves,
- A susceptible variety is grown,
- Yield potential is high (60 to 70 BU/A),
- Favorable weather conditions for disease development persist.



"Cove-Run SWD Cherry Blossom-ET" commanded the top bid of \$3200 at Washington County's Cherry Blossom Calf Sale. Behind the calf is buyer Mark Krauss and Chris Hamilton is at the halter. In the box are consignor and pedigree reader Oren Bender (left) and auctioneer J.O. Fenstermaker



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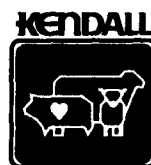
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