Pork producers favor checkoff program

DES MOINES, Iowa – Pennsylvania's pork producers show an overwhelming support for a national 100-percent pork producer checkoff program according to results in a national survey.

Eighty-four percent of Pennsylvania pork producers responding to the poll said they were in favor of the proposed program. A total of 56 Pennsylvania producers responded. The survey was mailed by the National Pork Producers Council to its

110,000 members.

"The survey was conducted to give individual producers a chance for direct input on the proposed program," states NPPC President, Ron Kahle, Kearney, NE. "We were surprised by the overwhelming response to the plan. When 12,000 producers respond to a national survey and 81 percent favor a proposal such as this, we're confident there is broad support in all states, including

Pennsylvania."

Kahle announced the formation of a pork producer task force aimed at gathering producer input into the proposed 100 percent investment program. Representatives from all 38 NPPC member states will serve on the task force, which will study the proposal and recommend any changes in the current legislated draft.

"For maximum individual producer input, Pennsylvania pork producers are encouraged to contact their task force member Dave Reinecker, York Springs state pork producers association president Steve Burkholder, Alburtis, or Pennsylvania national director, Eugene Wingert, St. Thomas, Kahle added.

NPPC has also established a tollfree hotline for producers' questions and comments on the plan. Producers can call: 1-800-255-2255, code 7675.

Results of pork producers input will be considered at a NPPC special delegate meeting to be held July 24-25 at the Airport Regency in Des Moines. At that meeting, NPPC's 150 delegates will consider the 100 percent proposal and incorporate any changes before it is introduced into Congress.

The plan would support increased pork promotion and advertising, expand food service and pork merchandising programs, encourage new product development, increase research and other vital industry projects.

130 head shown at Nat'l Jr. Shorthorn Show

MILWAUKEE, Wisc. – For the second consecutive year, a Hoytbred female has topped all entries at a National Junior Shorthorn Heifer Show. The 1985 show, for American Junior Shorthorn Association members, was held July 3, in Milwaukee, Wisc.

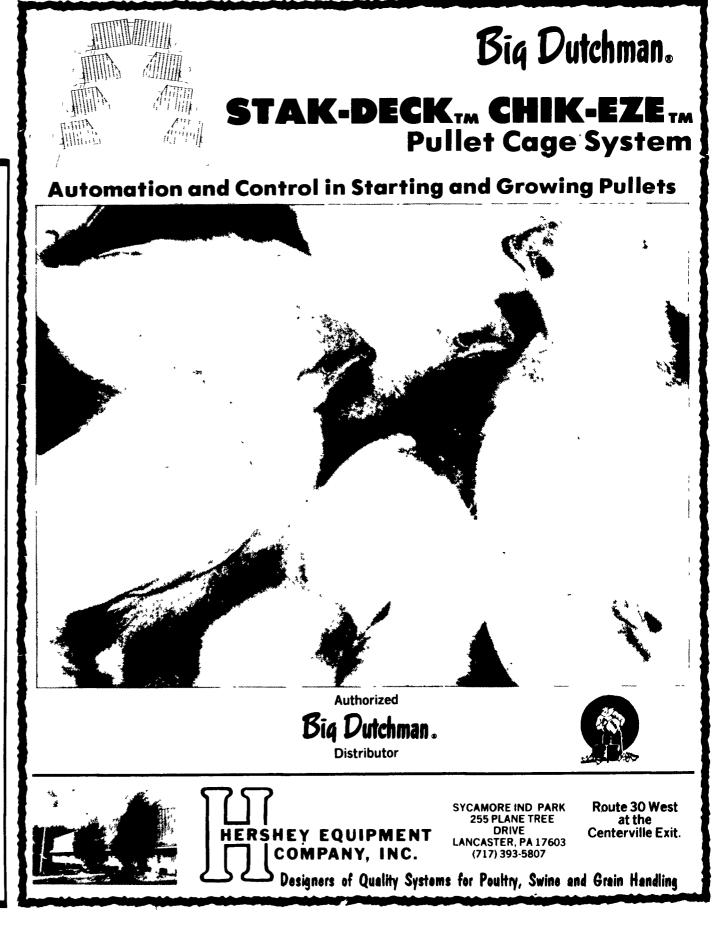
Judging the show was Randy Cates, Cates Farms, Modoc, Ind., and Dr. Tom Turner, Ohio State University, Columbus, Oh. Over 80 exhibitors representing 13 states participated in this annual show.

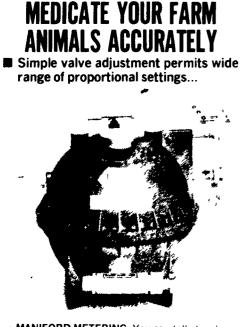
HS Miss Hi Desert 4446*, exhibited by Cyndi Hoyt, Burns, Ore., was chosen the grand champion female over the 130-head event. After winning her class, Miss Hi Desert went on to claim the summer and grand championships. She was also the bredand-owned champion in the show.

Statistics on the heifer are: born-May 5, 1984; weight- 1,110 pounds; weight per day of age (WDA)- 2.63 pounds; hip height- 54.75 inches; and frame score- 8.3. This heifer is sıred by HS Guiding Light, and her dam is HS Desert Bloom 163 *car. She is a maternal half-sib to last year's grand champion female at the National Junior Shorthorn Heifer Show.

Reserve grand champion female was GR Bonnie Rachel, exhibited by Rachel Schilling, Lake Fork, Il. She was also the Senior Champion female. On show day she weighed 1,376 pounds, had a WDA of 2.34 pounds, stood 56.25 inches tall at the hip, and had a frame score of 7.8. Calved November 18, 1983, her sire is IDS Duke of Dublin, and her dam is Bonnie Ruberta.







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