

# Pair of dispersal sales pack aisles

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SMOKETOWN — Local dairymen and women as well as many from out of state had the Quality Dairy Sales of Gordon and Helen Fritz packed in the aisles in anticipation of purchasing some very useful dairy cows from the dispersals of John and Diane Zimmerman and from the Rampant Farm. Both dispersals were complete with no animals held back.

The Zimmerman herd had 'an R.H.A. in excess of 16,000 lbs. Their reason for selling was that they leased a farm and had to sell when the lease ran out.

Rampant Farm had a turnover of over six herdsmen in a years time, and the absentee owner decided to sell his cattle since many of the animals had reached mid-lactation without being bred.

Of the 65 mature cows sold, more than one third had records in the 20,000 pound range with mostly registered cows or identifiable grades being the rule. Of Mr. Zimmerman's 45 mature cows, the top three sold for \$1800, \$1750, and \$1600. The average for the top ten was \$1330. The top 25 averaged \$1060. The entire 45 mature cows averaged \$808. Bred heifers ranged from \$925 to \$600. Breeding age heifers and short bred heifers were in the \$500 range.

The \$1800 cow was a six year old Molly Chief daughter with over 77,000 lbs. in four lactations and her last record 26,522 of 3.5% milk. She was fresh Sept. 3 and just tested 119 pounds.

The \$1750 animal was a Milestone daughter, a heifer born 3-12-83, just fresh milking 75 pounds. She is out of a Marvex-Twin dam with a 20,632 708F four-year-old record and a 24,872 872F

five-year-old record. The \$1600 cow was a powerful Le-Del Ideal Superior daughter, a five year old just fresh and a 21,000 pound four-year-old record. All three of the above mentioned cows were registered.

A Le-Del Ideal Superior daughter just fresh in her second lactation with 75.5 4.6% milk and a first-calf heifer record of 15,574 529F (better than 3.7%) sold for \$1450 in the Zimmerman sale and is Identifiable Grade. Final mention for the Zimmerman herd is an 11-year-old registered Round Oak Apple Elevation daughter one point from V.G. bred to Ned Boy due in Dec. with 14,819 at 4.2 percent last time through. She brought \$950.

The Rampant Farm Dispersal numbered 20 cows: 19 registered and one grade. The top three sold for \$2200, \$1500, and \$1300, while \$923 was average for all 20. The one grade cow in the Rampant herd with a projected first lactation of 17,000 at 3.9 percent sold for \$1025.

The \$2200 high seller was a very big first-calf heifer by Bootmaker bred to Mandingo on Nov. 21 projected to 18,000 and milking 78.5 at 3.8 percent. This very impressive young cow came with a warning in the ring that she was a little light with her feet during milking. Gordon Fritz assured everyone that she was no real trouble since he had her in his barn.

Henry Kettering, who presented the pedigrees to the very active bidders, mentioned that a catalog would have been appropriate to give the bidders a chance to appreciate the depth of breeding in some of these Rampant animals. Several prospective buyers in attendance noted for the fact that



Two of the top-selling animals in the two herd dispersals last week at Quality Dairy Sales, Smoketown: at left, a six-year-old Molly Chief daughter with record to 26,522 milk, and at right, a Milestone heifer, fresh, milking 75 pounds. John Zimmerman is at the halter in both views.

some of the animals were open six months.

Examples are a Bootmaker daughter registered with over a 15,000 lb. first lactation fresh June 5 and still open, projected to 17,000 lbs. and presently milking 66 lbs who sold for \$525 as a four year old.

A six-year-old Round Oak Apple Elevation daughter fresh March 3

and still open, registered and a V.G. 86 always in the 3.9 to 4.4 percent range with a record over 20,000 sold for \$550. Whereas a just fresh SWD Valiant daughter, a three year old with 87 lbs. tested at 3.6 percent brought \$1300. Final example is a Kingsway Elevation daughter fresh July 12, open, milking 62 pounds registered with a two-year-old record of 14,970 at

3.9 percent with a V.G. 88 first dam with 20,21,24, and 24 thousand pound records brought \$925.

The sale was very active with the 130 head selling in less than four hours under the hammer of auctioneers Carl Diller and Paul Snyder. Henry Kettering elaborated pedigrees and remarked on confirmation

## WV livestock farmers need hay donations, agent says

ROMNEY, WV — Many livestock producers in the flood stricken South Branch Valley of West Virginia lost virtually all of their stored hay supplies, according to Steve Carcaterra, Hampshire County Extension Agent.

Faced with the forced sale of livestock because of the lack of feed, farmers will continue to lose equity long after the flood waters have subsided.

After observing the com-

passionate response of neighboring citizens in providing food, clothing, blankets, and cleanup supplies, Carcaterra felt certain that surrounding farmers would be willing to supply hay to the region. Hay will be received and dispatched out of Romney, West Virginia to affected farms in Hampshire, Hardy, Grant, Tucker, and Pendleton counties.

Emphasizing that this is not a government program, the county agent asks that only those farmers whose hay supply has been

severely damaged by the flood pick up donated hay. Donated hay will be rationed to farmers depending upon herd size, as long as supplies last.

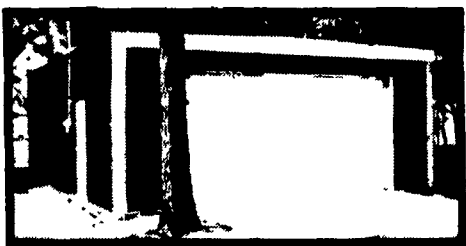
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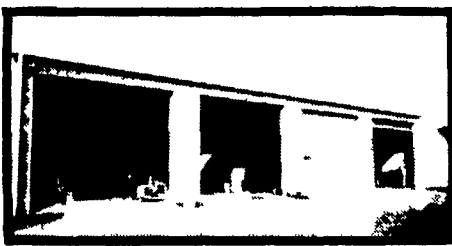
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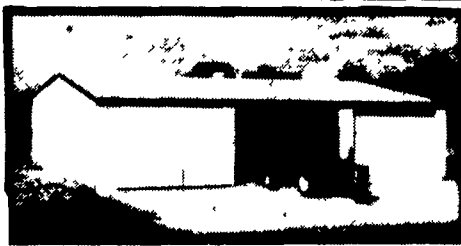
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