

Ardrossan cow tops National Ayrshire Sale

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pounds of fat as an 8-year old. Her granddam has a lifetime production of 130,140 pounds of milk.

Placing second in the bidding was Montana Madges Utile, an entry from Montana. She sold for \$3,700 to David C. Jones, N.Y., and Laneway Farm, Va.

Consigned by Ayrshire Dairy Farm, Mont., this senior yearling is the result of the mating between Mar-Ral Madge's Boy and Montana M.L. Roberta. She also has the two great foundation bulls, Selwood Betty's Commander and Meredith Liberator, in her pedigree.

Sycamore Meade Man's Pamela

and Hawksfield Ida 2 both sold for the price of \$3,500.

"Pamela" was consigned by Earl E. Keefer, Sr. and Donald R. Shetterly, Millersburg, and purchased by David and Dora Hartford of Magic Meadows Farm, Vt.

This senior 2-year old is due to freshen in June to Sycamore Meade Carrie's Victor, a son of De Ayr's Royal Vitality. Her dam produced a record as a 10-year old of 18,179 pounds of milk with a 4.2 percent test.

She and "Ida" have the Selwood breeding influence on both sides of their pedigrees.

"Ida" was consigned by Nissa and Chris Dandanell of New Preston, Conn., and purchased by

Sycamore Meade Farm, Miller-sburg.

This senior 2-year old is due in May to White Ayr Madges Bullet, a son of Mar-Ral Madge's Boy. She is the daughter of Granbyenne Royal Command. Her granddam produced two records over 20,000 pounds of milk.

The sale averaged \$1,454.65 on 43 head. The crowd that came to bid stayed to the end, indicative of the quality animals throughout the sale.

This sale was sponsored by the Ayrshire Breeders Association, Brandon Vt. Earl Keefer served as sale chairman. Tom Whittaker read pedigrees and Milton Crosby served as auctioneer for the sale.



Chris Dandanell was the consignor of Hawksfield Ida 2 who sold for \$3,500 to Sycamore Meade Farm represented by Earl Keefer (center). On the halter is Dale Maulfair.

Farm program cuts spending

LEBANON - in compliance with the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, the U.S. Department of Agriculture will reduce commodity program spending by 4.3 percent for fiscal year 1986. Commonly referred to as the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act, the new law subjects 1986 Commodity Credit Corporation program payments to a reduction of \$823 million, according to Edward Krebs, Chairperson.

"The reductions apply to checks paid to producers for 1986 commodity loans, deficiency payments, diversion payments, and payments for certificates that farmers redeem for cash," Mr. Krebs said. Both advance and final payments will be subject to the

reduction.

"The reductions will be made after the maximum payment limitation of \$50,000 per producer has been met."

Ed said target price and loan rates will not change for 1986. Payments made in kind or by negotiable commodity certificates will not be subject to the reduction. "No reductions will be made in price support loans, purchase agreements and regular deficiency payments made for 1985 crops." Mr. Krebs said the \$11.60- per hundredweight dairy price support level will remain the same for the current fiscal year. However, CCC purchase prices for cheese, butter and nonfat dry milk will be reduced by 4.3 percent from March 1 through September 30. "Payments to milk producers

under the Dairy Termination Program will not be reduced."

He said wool program payments will not be subject to reductions. However, the support prices for these commodities will not be increased. Payments due on or after April 1 will be based on the frozen support price for shorn wool.

According to Mr. Krebs, the amount of acreage entering into the Conservation Reserve Program and annual rental payments will not be reduced.

"Spending reductions are scheduled to begin March 1," the ASCS official said, "and farmers who sign up for the 1986 programs will be given further notification at that time as to how the programs will be affected by deficit reduction legislation."



Second high in the bidding was the yearling consigned by Scott Mitchell (left). She sold for \$3,700 to David Jones (center) and Laneway Farms. Dale Maulfair is on the halter.

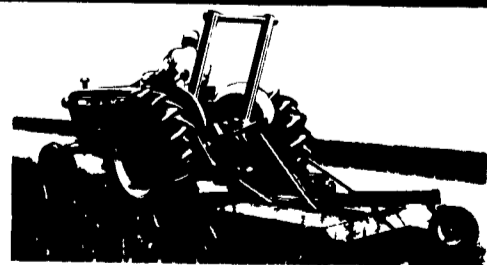
Farmers Assn. Sets "Free" Farm Tour

Ellis Crowl, president of the York County Farmers' Association has announced that the seventh annual "free" farm tour will be held on Saturday, June 21, 1986, in Washington Township, along Wellsville Rd. starting at 10 a.m. thru 4 p.m.

Visitors will enjoy an old fashioned hay ride that will take them from John and Viola Andersons' butcher shop to Harold and Evelyn Nelsons' fruit and vegetable farm and on to Ralph and Ada McGeggors' dairy farm.

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