

Mars daughter brings \$2,300

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REEDSVILLE — The top selling animal at the 36th Central Pennsylvania Spring Classic Sale held Tuesday was Terra-View Fidelity Elaine. This Lime-Hollow Elevation Mars daughter sold for \$2,300 to John Foster, Jr.

Her dam Terra-View Rotate Elsa, VG-88, produced a record of 25,550 pounds of milk and 921 pounds of fat with a 3.6 test. This

yearling was consigned by Fidelity Holsteins, owned by Steve Hoover of Martinsburg.

Fidelity Holsteins also consigned the second high selling animal and the only red animal in the sale, Mil-R-Mor Elegance Cherry-Red. "Cherry" sold for \$1,950 to Walter Brooks.

She is due to freshen in September to Misty-Maples Arlinda Magnet. This bred heifer's dam produced a top record of 21,118

pounds of milk and 797 pounds of fat.

Venorda Glendell Janice, a six-year-old daughter of Glendell Arlinda Chief, was sold for \$1,850 to Kore Peachey of Milroy. Recently fresh, Janice is scored VG-86 and produced a record of 19,443 pounds of milk and 642 pounds of fat. Mark Peachey, Belleville, consigned this typey cow.

George Morningstar purchased the fourth high animal, Lakevue Creek Margo, for \$1,625. This four-year-old daughter of Creek Bluff Elevation Lester produced a three-year-old record of 20,256 pounds of milk and 737 pounds of fat. Presently, this consignment by John Couch, Huntingdon, is producing 90 pounds of 4.4 percent milk.

A three year old daughter of Cal-Clark Board Chairman sold for \$1,500 to Brockett Brothers of Tyrone. As a two-year old she produced 18,328 pounds of milk. She was consigned by Kim Kriebel of Millerstown.

This sale averaged \$1,140 on 34 head. Co-chairmen for the event were Kore Peachey and Roy E. Hall.

Farmers hit by Heptachlor eligible for indemnities

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Dairy farmers facing losses from heptachlor-contaminated feed may soon be eligible for indemnity payments, Agriculture Secretary Richard E. Lyng announced today.

The administration has requested an emergency supplemental appropriation that would provide direct financial assistance to help dairy farmers through this disaster, he said.

The funds would be distinguished through USDA's dairy indemnity program, which USDA intends to extend to these farmers. Interim final rules for this action will be published next week in the Federal Register.

In mid-March Lyng dispatched an emergency dairy contamination task force to conduct an on-the-spot assessment of the pesticide contamination in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Missouri.

"Based on the task force's findings on production losses and number of cows under quarantine, an estimated \$6 million will be needed to cover dairy farmers' claims," he said.

The administration has requested a \$6 million package to fund the dairy indemnity program. "We urge the Congress to act quickly on this request," said Lyng.

More than 50 dairy herds remain under quarantine. Milk from the cows cannot be sold, and financial losses to farmers are threatening their operations, he said. Dairy products have been recalled in Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas.

"The limit for heptachlor in milk is 0.1 parts per million, but some farms have over 10 parts per million in their milk," Lyng said. "It may take anywhere from a few months to as long as two years before a dairy herd is 'clean' and free of heptachlor contamination."

According to Lyng, farmers with contaminated herds should file claims now with their county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office. This early filing process with expedite payments to producers upon congressional passage of the full funding request, he said.

On March 21, USDA authorized credit assistance to the stricken dairy farms. The Farmers Home Administration loans were announced as an interim measure until the administration could complete its review of the direct economic losses in the three-state area and determine how the estimated losses could be accommodated in the federal budget.



Standing with the high selling animal at the Central Pennsylvania Classic Sale are (left): Dan Kyper, on the halter; John Charann and Alice Foster, buyers.

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