

Marvin Miller Dispersal Held

LANCASTER — The Marvin Miller, Dauphin County, herd dispersal was held on Thursday. Topping this sale was Rupp-Vu Ultimate Minnie. Classified Excellent-93, she sold for \$6,200 to Raymond Brubacher, Morgantown. As a 4-year old, she produced 22,470 pounds of milk and 865 pounds of fat. This Quality Ultimate daughter was born in 1979 and was a All-American Nomination in 1984. Second in the bidding, with a price of \$4,600, was a Puget-Sound Sheik daughter. This 5-year old sold to J. Floyd Kreider and Son,

Mt. Joy. Her top record is 17,650 pounds of milk with a 4.5 percent test. Presently her PTPI is plus 167 and she classified 4-E. She is due in September to Hilltopper Warden. Norman and David Kolb, Lancaster, bought the third highest animal for \$3,800. Born in 1982, she is a daughter of Clinton-Camp Elevation Majesty. She has a PTPI of plus 199, and is safe with calf to Hilltopper Warden. Dennis and Mel Kolb managed the sale, while Robert Mullendore did the auctioneering. Henry Kettering read pedigrees.



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Canada Lifts Poultry Embargo

HARRISBURG — Some of the state's broiler producers breathed a sigh of relief on May 31 when the Canadian government lifted its embargo on the importation of Pennsylvania poultry.

Canada was the last major hold-out in a long list of countries and states that had imposed embargoes in response to the latest avian influenza outbreak that began in January. The Canadian embargo was imposed on Feb. 17.

The Canadian market accounted for nearly all of Pennsylvania's live broiler exports, according to Pennsylvania Poultry Federation spokesman Tim Allwein. "It's a very important live market for our broiler people, and also turkeys, as well," commented Allwein. "It was costing us \$1.8 to \$2 million a month for every month that it (embargo) was on."

Great Britain also lifted its embargo on May 31, although Allwein said that the British embargo was of no major con-

sequence to Pennsylvania.

Allwein said that no state embargoes remain, although a number of states, including Virginia, have adopted rigid regulations regarding the health of birds being brought in from Pennsylvania.

Still in force is a Puerto Rican embargo that is affecting at least one Pennsylvania egg company, said Allwein. The federation spokesman termed this "more of an economic embargo." noting

that Puerto Rico's seasonal egg industry results in most eggs being produced in the spring. He expects the country to lift its embargo before Puerto Rican demand for eggs increases in the fall.

Pennsylvania's last recorded outbreak of H5N2 avian influenza virus occurred on April 11, when a Lancaster County flock of gamebirds was stricken with the disease. The flock of chukars and guinea fowl was depopulated on April 16.

Wheat Poll Coming Up

WASHINGTON — On June 18, the U.S. Department of Agriculture will begin to poll wheat producers to determine whether they favor the imposition of mandatory limits on wheat production. The poll is required by the Food Security Act of 1985.

Richard W. Goldberg, acting under secretary for international affairs and commodity programs, said the poll is non-binding upon

the Secretary of Agriculture and response by wheat producers is voluntary.

Producers will be asked if they favor imposition of mandatory limits on production of wheat which will result in wheat prices that are not lower than 125 percent of the cost of production.

Each producer will be mailed a wheat poll ballot on June 18. Responses must be postmarked by July 7.

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