

Reports from four sales for the week of June 12 to June 18 showed 140 head averaging \$1,268.25. These sales were held in Oklahoma, Idaho, and Minnesota. The top prices at the sales ranged from \$7,000 to \$625. Here is a brief look at the results of these sales. JERSEY

The GOLDEN GOPHER PROTEIN SALE, held in Minnesota, averaged \$830 on 57 head. The top selling animal was sired by Briarcliff Black Magic and sold for \$1,450. This bred heifer is due in June to A-Nine Top Brass.

Her dam was sired by Quick Silver Magic of Ogden and is

### **USDA Buyout Report**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The fifth weekly report on the buyout was released by the USDA on Wednesday.

USDA figures show an estimated 24,900 head of cattle in the program were slaughtered during the week ending June 18. This figure includes all cows, heifers and calves in the DTP, according to the USDA spokesman.

An estimated cumulative total of 422,800 head have been slaughtered since the beginning of the DTP on April 1.

Meat purchases by the government reached 15.9 million pounds for the week ending June 14. This meat was purchased in the form of 2,521,260 pounds of canned beef, and 13,436,500 pounds of bulk-frozen ground beef.

The cumulative total meat purchases is 136,834,588 pounds.

Cumulative total of dairy cows that were reported for export since April 1 is 10,213 head. This total is expected to increase as foreign countries are preparing to take advantage of the Export Enhancement program.

Uncompleted contracts remain in a holding pattern until congress approves a supplemental funding bill for CCC. No date was given when this bill can be expected. classified VG-85. As a 3-year old, she produced a record of 13,020 pounds of milk, 716 pounds of fat, and 476 pounds of protein, in 303 days. Her index is currently plus \$50.

Garnering the second highest price of \$1,400 3-year old out of Quick Silver Magic of Ogden. Her last record at 1 year and 10 months, was 18,104 pounds of milk and 828 pounds of fat M.E. Her index is currently plus \$59.

Auctioneer for the sale was Keith Stump. The sale was sponsored by the Jersey Marketing Service and the Minnesota Jersey Cattle Club.

Held in conjunction with this sale was the GOPHER GOLD NUGGET SALE which averaged \$537 on four open heifers. Topping this sale, with a price of \$625 was a daughter of Gramhill Observer Poet.

#### HOLSTEIN

The PECK'S FARM MILKING HERD DISPERSAL, held in Oklahoma, averaged \$2,500 on 46 head. The highest bid of the day was \$7,000 on a 2-year old by Warden. She is classified 87 points and is currently producing 72 pounds of 3.6 percent milk per day. She was All-Oklahoma 2-year old.

Second in the bidding, with a price of \$6,400, a 4-year old by Straight Pine Elevation Pete. She has a high record of 25,890 pounds of milk and 933 pounds of fat. She is classified EX-90 and was All-Oklahoma 4-year old.

Third in the bidding was a Valiant 2-year-old daughter. In 218

days, she has a record of 14,930 pounds of milk and 579 pounds of fat.

Auctioneer for the sale was Steve Massey of Texas.

The IDAHO GEM OF A SUM-MER SALE averaged \$1,206 on 33 head. Topping this sale, with a price of \$3,600 was a yearling by Valiant. Her dam, classified VG-86, produced 20,880 pounds of milk and 911 pounds of fat as a 2-year old. Her granddam, classified VG-87, has a lifetime record of 144,620 pounds of milk and 5,792 pounds of A Starwars daughter had the second highest bid of the day, \$1,800. This 2-year old is presently producing 65 pounds 3.8 percent milk per day. Her dam, an Elevation daughter, has a high record of 20,000 pounds of milk with a 4.2 test.

Auctioneer for the day was Jim Ellis, the HFAA regional manager. Reading pedigrees was Jim Henderson, a classifier and fieldman with the Holstein Association.

#### NATIONAL DAIRY COW SALE INDEX

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This sale index can help dairymen place a value on the dairy cows on their own herds. Breed organization sales and private dispersal sales reported in Lancaster Farming are included in the dollar averages.

	Ayrshire	Brown Swiss	Guernsey	Jersey
Year to date:				
Nation	721	940	789	925
Pennsylvania	1027		556	1332
Four previous weeks:				
Nation	706	—	676	1023
Four previous weeks				
+/-year to date:	15 lower		113 lower 9	98 higher
	Holstein	Red and White	Milking Shorthorn	
Year to date:				
Nation	1800	2837	672	
Pennsylvania	1292	2837	922	
Four previous weeks:				
Nation	1790		421	
Four previous weeks				
+/- year to date:	10 lower		251 lower	

#### New cowside progesterone test kits are now available for helping farmers improve the reproductive performance of their dairy herds.

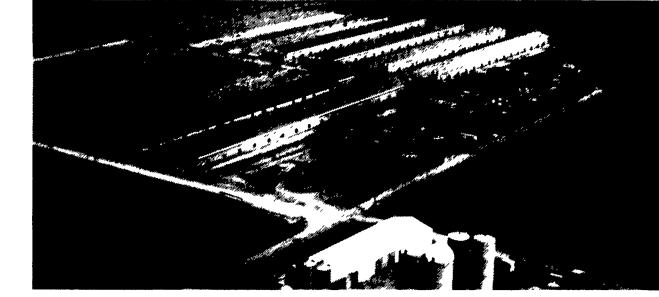
One of the most important uses of cowside progesterone tests is to verify the heat status of cows, particularly those that have weak or questionable signs of estrus.

In the hands of an experienced and knowledgeable user the test can also help to confirm pregnancy. But, other ovarian dysfunctions may lead one to erroneously conclude that a cow is pregnant.

These new progesterone test kits should be viewed as one more useful tool available to farmers. They do not replace the need for skillful observation of animals, good management, and the services of a well-trained veterinarian.

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