

Farm Show Market Livestock Sales Change Format

ALLENTOWN — The sale of grand champion swine, lambs and steers during the Pennsylvania Farm Show is not for penny-wise, pound-foolish, penny-pinching buyers.

Buyers have paid nearly \$100,000 for 18 champion swine, lambs and steers sold during the past six Farm Shows.

The Sale of Champions at the 1987 Pennsylvania Farm Show is scheduled for Friday, January 16th, at 10 a.m. in the small arena of the Farm Show Complex.

In a change of format, the champion and reserve champion market swine, lambs and steers

will be displayed and sold at auction at one time in the show ring, according to Charles Itle, assistant to the Farm Show director.

Itle said the new format will generate more enthusiasm from the buyers and more exposure for the junior exhibitors. The change to a combined sale of champions was recommended by the Junior Show and Sale Committee and approved by the Farm Show Commission at their April meeting.

Itle estimated that 100 steers, 180 hogs and 125 lambs will be sold throughout the day. The junior

market swine sale will follow the champions at 11:15 a.m., with the junior market lambs at 1 p.m. and junior steers at 2 p.m.

The record price for junior market swine was set in 1981 when Hatfield Packing of Montgomery County paid \$19.50 a pound or \$4,680 to Michelle Bankert of Hanover, Adams County. Last year's champion owner, Todd Bennecoff of Kutztown, Lehigh County, received \$10 a pound or \$2,360 from Hatfield Packing for his champion.

The record was set in 1984 for the grand champion market lamb. Susan Falvey of Bedford received

\$60 a pound or \$6,120 for her lamb from Fox's Market of Middletown, Dauphin County. Fox's Market also bought last year's champion, paying Joe Kuzemchak of Pleasant Gap, Centre County, \$50 a pound or \$6,850.

"J.D.", a 1255-pound steer owned by Annette Walter of Airville, York County, holds the record price for the grand champion baby beef. Arthur

Gladfelter of York bought his neighbor's 4-H project for \$12 a pound or \$15,060. George's Foodliner Market of Northampton County paid \$9.10 a pound or \$11,648 to Mike Messick of Middletown, Dauphin County, for his champion last year.

Farm Show Schedule of Events are now available through County Extension Offices. In Lehigh County, phone 820-3085.

PA Grange Keeps Growing

The 1986 statistics for the National Grange shows Pennsylvania in outstanding form. Of the 10 new granges formed in the nation, five are from Pennsylvania. "That is 50 percent of the nation's new granges," said a proud Master Charles E. Wismer, Jr.

Approximately 700 new members joined the Grange through newly chartered granges. Of the 700, over 75 percent of the membership can be found in Pennsylvania.

With the 1987 figures underway, Pennsylvania can find itself with a nice start — a new Pennsylvanian group recognized quality and

applied for membership. Pennsylvania will soon close the new charter.

The name of the newly organized group is the Kistler Valley Grange which is located in Kempton.

Four of the newly elected officers are: Master James Gaffney, Overseer Richard Herbal, Secretary Bernice Lenhart and Treasurer Tammy Beck.

The Grange is a rural farm organization with 42,200 members in Pennsylvania and 450,000 nationwide. Grange chapters can be found in 553 rural Pennsylvania communities in 66 counties and often serve as centers for community activities and planning.

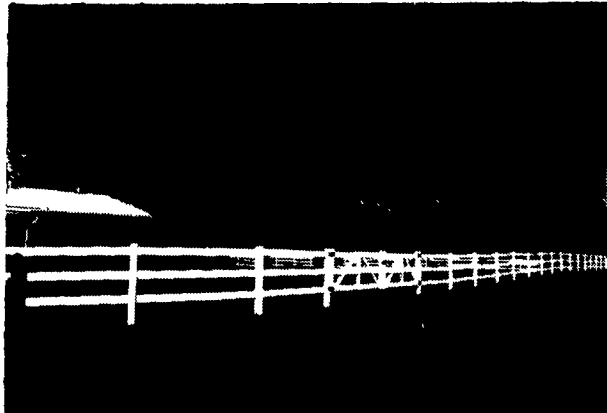
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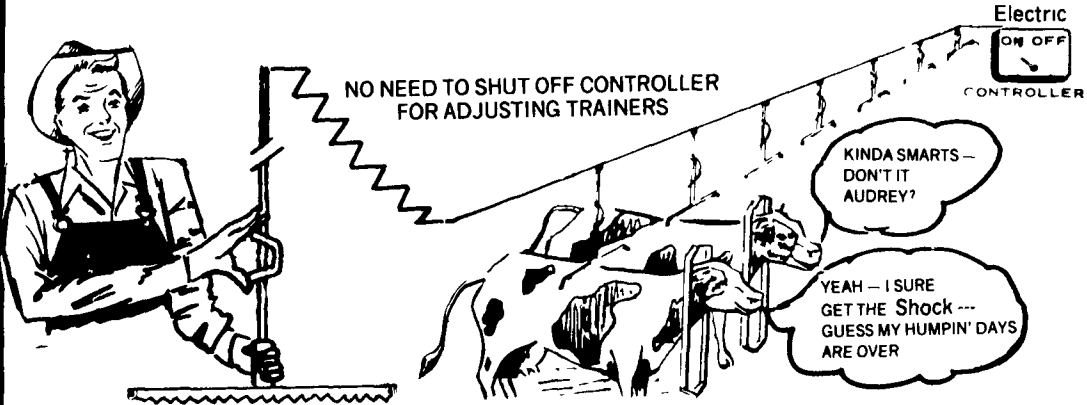
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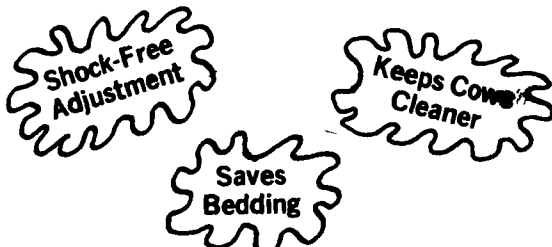
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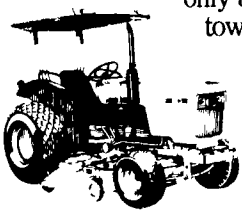
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