

Major Dairy Sales And Dispersals Nationwide



One sale report was available this week. Held on Dec. 17, the report follows.

HOLSTEIN

The GREAT NORTHERN HOLIDAY SALE held in Wisconsin averaged \$1,601 on 55 head.

A bred heifer by Valiant topped the sale with a bid of \$3,650. She will freshen in June to Walkway Chief Mark.

Her dam, sired by Elevation, classified EX-92 3E. She produced a best effort of 37,000 pounds of milk and 1,264 pounds of fat.

The next two dams achieved

Gold Medal Dam status and produced 4 percent records.

A recently fresh 4-year-old sold for the next best price of \$3,450. Sired by Ocean-View Sexation, she scored 83 points and produced a best effort of 19,160 pounds of milk with a 4.4 fat test and a 3.5 protein test. She produced 90 pounds of milk on the day of the sale.

Her dam, a Simpson Apostle daughter, classified VG-86 with a top record of 24,000 pounds of milk and 875 pounds of fat.

Joe Worden served as auctioneer and the Great Northern Cattle Company managed the sale.

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This sale index can help dairymen place a value on the dairy cows in 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	889	1101	1141	960
Pennsylvania	832	950	569	1019
Four previous weeks:				
Nation	1171	1436	—	—
Four previous weeks +/- year to date:	282 higher	335 higher	—	—
	Holstein	Red and White	Milking Shorthorn	
Year to date:				
Nation	2090	1825	850	
Pennsylvania	2006	2837	922	
Four previous weeks:				
Nation	1770	—	—	
Four previous weeks +/- year to date:	320 lower	—	—	

Brown Swiss Cows In New York And Ohio Honored

BELOIT, Wis. — Brown Swiss cows owned by breeders in Ohio and New York were honored recently by the national office for meritorious production.

Twin Gate Pam Priscilla, a 13-year-old cow owned by Earl F. Bursiek and family, Gibsonburg, Ohio, produced a record of 22,820 pounds of milk, 1,044 pounds of fat with a 4.6 test, and 822 pounds of protein with a 3.6 test.

Larbo Performer Bertha, a 7-year-old cow owned by R-Hart Farm, Wapakoneta, Ohio,

produced a record of 22,000 pounds of milk, 912 pounds of fat with a 4.1 test, and 908 pounds of protein with a 4.1 test.

Fox Trail Michelle, a 5-year-old cow owned by William K. Watkins, Belmont, Ohio, produced a record of 24,360 pounds of milk, 1,149 pounds of fat with a 4.7 test, and 922 pounds of protein with a 3.8 test.

Golden Dawn El Dairyqueen Twin, a 7-year-old cow owned by Betta Vue Farm, Sterling, Ohio, produced a record of 25,830 pounds of milk, 1,000 pounds of fat with a

3.9 test, and 901 pounds of protein with a 3.5 test.

Buckeye Bingo, a 4-year-old cow owned by Kenneth J. Eiting, Minster, Ohio, produced a record of 21,800 pounds of milk, 1,058 pounds of fat with a 4.9 test, and 810 pounds of protein with a 3.7 test.

CIE El A Ray Imp Sugar Twin, a 4-year-old cow owned by El-A-Ray Farm Inc., Cattaraugus, N.Y., produced a record of 24,850 pounds of milk, 1,136 pounds of fat with a 4.6 test, and 908 pounds of protein with a 3.7 test.

MMI Board Supports Michigan Dairy Promotion Referendum

STRONGSVILLE, Ohio — The board of directors for Milk Marketing Inc. has unanimously voted to support the proposed referendum that would change the Michigan dairy promotion check-off. The proposal, drafted by the Michigan Dairy Marketing Committee, would alter the current .8 of one percent promotion assessment to a flat 10 cent check-off. The measure if passed, would extend this change through 1991.

Currently all U.S. dairy farmers pay a 15 cent assessment for every one hundred pounds of milk they market into a national advertising and promotion fund. From that assessment, 5 cents is channeled into a national advertising and research campaign and 10 cents is

allocated to promotion efforts within individual states. According to the current Michigan system, the promotion assessment is tied directly to a percentage of the pay price dairy producers receive for their milk and that percentage will soon dip below the 10 cent level.

"If the pay price continues to drop as it is projected to do, the local portion of the 15 cent assessment would be decreased correspondingly. So when the national assessment fund is divided more money would be directed to national programs and less to Michigan's local efforts", says MMI Board Director Phil Hart, Clayton, Mich.

"The purpose of this change is to

lock in our 10 cents to local programs. It does not change, in any way, the dairy producer's payment of the current 15 cent assessment. But it does mean that Michigan dairy producers will be guaranteed that their 10 cent portion will be allocated to advertising and promotional programs within the state," Hart explained. In order to pass, the referendum needs to carry a majority vote of the 7,500 milk shippers holding state milking permits.

Ballots will be sent out by the Michigan Department of Agriculture to all eligible voters and should be received by Michigan milk producers by Jan. 12, 1987. Deadline to vote is Jan. 23.

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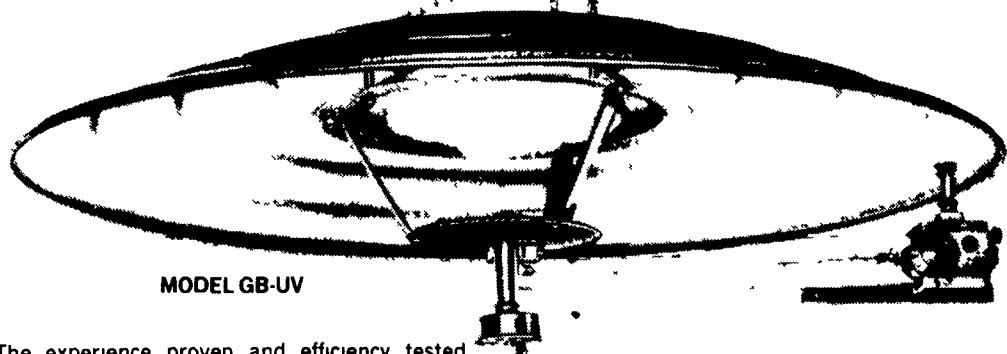
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