Greencastle Livestock Greencastle, Pa. Monday, Feb. 9, 1987 CATTLE 708. SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice & Prime 58.00-

62.75, few to 65.00; Good & Choice 54.50-60.00; Good & Choice Holstein 48.50-53.75; Standard & Good Holstein - 43.00-48.50. SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 57.00-60.00, few to 62.75; Good & Choice 52.00-57.50; Standard & Good 46.00-52.50. COWS: Utility & Commercial

37.00-42.50, few to 45.00; Cutter & Boning Utility 36.00-41.50, few to 43.00; Canner & Low Cutter 36.50 & down. BULLS – ALL WEIGHTS: Yield Grade 1 49.00-54.50; Yield Grade 2 44.00-49.00.

STOCKER CATTLE – ALL

WEIGHTS. Steers — Medium & Good 58.00-70.00; Heifers — Medium & Good 53.00-60.00; Bulls — Medium & Good 47.00-59.00; Steers — Holstein 40.00-47.00.

CALVES 452. Good & Choice --125 to 250 pounds 80.00-99.00; Medium & Good -- 125 to 250 pounds 60.00-85.00; Medium & Good -- 80 to 120 pounds 55.00-65.00; Light & Cull -- all weights 55.00 & down; Holstein Bulls -- return to farm up to 107.00; Holstein Heifers — return to farm up to 98.00.

LAMBS, SHEEP & GOATS 29. Choice Lambs 75.00; Medium & Good Lambs 65.00-70.00; Light & Cull Lambs none offered; Sheep, Ewes & Bucks 28.00-37.00; Goats all sizes (by head) 14.00-50.00.

HOGS 147. No. 1-3 Butcher Hogs - 190-225 pounds 47.00-52.75; No. 1-

February 10, 1987

## AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR CUSTOMERS AND OTHER CATTLE SHIPPERS

### Dear Cattle Shipper:

The purpose of this letter is to put an end to the many false and misleading rumors which have been circulated by a few supporters of the illegal Beef Check-Off Program. Also, I want to inform you on how we can get this law overturned.

Let's start with setting the record straight! A complaint was mailed to us approximately February 2, 1987. We knew it was coming and I personally spoke with the U.S. Attorney who sent it. This conservation took place three days before it arrived.

The complaint, basically, is a <u>request</u> from the government to us to comply with the Beef Promotion and Research Act. In essence, the government wants us to do what all other "collecting persons" are now doing. That is, they want us to (1) file reports, and (2) collect assessments. Nothing more and nothing less.

## In your support for us, please keep the following important facts in mind:

1. Any accrued assessments and/or penalties due from the beginning of the program will be paid by Vintage Sales Stables if we should lose this case. This means that no farmer who has shipped cattle into Vintage or will ship cattle into Vintage will be responsible for any amount due to the Government or the Beef Council.

2. Vintage Sales Stables, Inc. will remain open for business as usual this Tuesday and every Tuesday long after we have defeated this law! Paragraph 27 of the complaint <u>requests</u> that Vintage be enjoined "from operating a cattle auction... without complying without (the act)". This means that if we were to lose in court (and we have not come this far to lose) and still would not comply, then and only then could the government stop us from selling cattle. However, if we lose (and the appeal process could take years), we would definately comply with the act and no shut down of Vintage would occur.

3. No penalty is sought; no injunction is sought. Even though the act provides for \$5,000 penalty, no penalty was asked for in the complaint. Nor did the government even attempt to ask the courts to shut us down. Therefore, any immediate shut down or penalty against Vintage Sales Stables has been precluded.

As we have made known, we need all of your help to have this act repealed. Now, what can you do to help defeat this law which takes money out of your pocket and puts it into the pockets of the Beef Council?

First, a legal defense fund has been established to accept any donations which would be sent to us for the reimbursement of attorneys fees and advertising expenses. At this time, approximately \$2,000 has been committed. However, any amount, no matter how minimal, would be greatly appreciated.

Second, I have met with our Congressman to discuss the possibility of reopening hearings and repealing this law. However, this can only be done with your help. We are beginning a mailing and telephone campaign to show our federal congressman that you oppose this act.

Whenever any legislator receives more than 500 pieces of mail on one topic, <u>they react quickly!</u> A letter, post card or telephone call to your Congressman is not only crucial, but is the most powerful way of having your voice heard. After all, how do you think the Beef Council pushed this law through in the first place! <u>Please</u>, please, please send a post card or letter to your congressman requesting him to reopen hearings on this law!!

Below are the names and addresses of three Congressmen who would like to hear your opinion.

- 1. Rep. Kika Delagarza Chairman, House Agricultural Committee U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515
- 2. Rep. Charles Stenholm Chairman, House SubCommittee of Dairy and Poultry U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515
- 3. Sen. Patrick Leehy Chairman, Senate Agricultural Committee U.S. Senate Building Washington, D.C. 20510

# Lancaster Farming, Saturday, February 14, 1987-813

3 Butcher Hogs — 225-250 pounds 49.00-50.10; No. 1-3 Butcher Hogs — 250-300 pounds 45.00-49.00; Good Butcher Sows — 400 pounds down 42.00-48.00; Good Butcher Sows — 400 pounds up 41.00-47.00; Heavy Boars — over 300 pounds 32.50-34.50; Pigs-all sizes (by head) 20.00-45.00.

Sale every Monday afternoon at 3:30 p.m.; Hay & straw sale every Monday at 1:00 p.m.

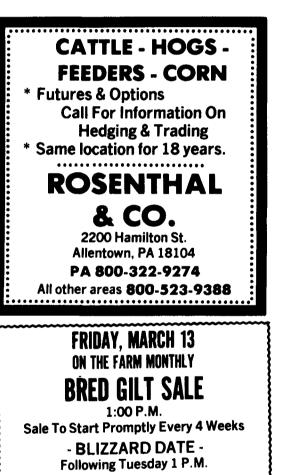
58 loads. Alfalfa 140.00-160.00/ton. Mixed 90.00-120.00/ton. Timothy 95.00-120.00/ton. Straw 75.00-86.00/ton.

**New Holland Horses** 

New Holland Sales Stables New Holland, PA Monday, Feb. 9, 1987 Report supplied by auction Registered receipts of 160 head of horses, mules and pontes. Market: stronger. Local

Driving Horses 250.00-500.00. Riding Horses 175.00-690.00. Lightweight Killers 175.00-300.00. Heavyweight Killers 350.00-465.00.

Mare Ponies 30.00-75.00. Colts 10.00-20.00. Gelding Ponies 30.00-75.00. Larger Ponies 100.00-150.00.



Located 18 miles south of Lancaster, Pa., 6 miles south of Quarryville, take Rt. 272 to Little Britain, turn north, follow Little Britain Road to Jackson Road, right. 2nd farm, OR take Rt. 222, out of Quarryville to Cedar Hill Road to Little Britain Road to Jackson Road, left. Watch for sale arrows.

50 to 60 Head

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Also, a complete list of the Pennsylvania Delegation to Congress with their addresses and phone numbers can be obtained by calling my office (215) 692-0200 day or evening, or Vintage Sales Stables, Inc. (717) 442-4181. Please do not hesitate to call these numbers to find out what you can do.

I will close by thanking our many supporters. <u>However, we must act now and together</u>! If you have any questions at all about contacting your Congressman, or how the Beef Promotion and Research Act is being unfairly administered - please do not hesitate to call.

Again, we are resisting this unfair legislation on your behalf. Please support us and make your voice heard!

Sincerely, L. Robert Franch

L. Robert Frame, Jr., Esquire Vice President Vintage Sales Stables, Inc. P.O. Box 100 Paradise, PA 17562 (717) 442-4181

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