

Duroc Pig, Suffolk Lamb Top Centre Co. Sale

CENTRE HALL — A meaty Duroc pig and a stylish Suffolk wether lamb topped the fifth annual Centre County pig and lamb sale April 25th at the Centre County Grange Fair Grounds, Centre Hall.

Kenny Strouse, R.D. 2, Centre Hall took home the top selling pig of the sale at \$240. The March purebred Duroc gilt was consigned by Kenneth Fetterolf, Centre Hall, Rd.

The flashy Suffolk wether was purchased for \$305 by Craig Fleck, R.D. 1, Centre Hall and was consigned by Brian Barkley, R.D. 1, Manns Choice.

Ken Fetterolf's consignment of 25 purebred Duroc, Hampshire and Duroc Hampshire crossbred pigs sold for an average of \$108.

The seven Dorset, Suffolk and Suffolk Crossbred lambs consigned by Brian Barkley averaged \$120.

Dave Holloway, R.D. 2, Glen Rock, PA sold 14 Duroc and Duroc-Hampshire crossbred pigs for an average price of \$103. William Vonada, Mackeyville, Clinton County purchased a heavy-muscled Duroc-Hampshire crossbred barrow for \$210 for the top of the Holloway consignments. Seven Spot-Duroc crossbred pigs

were consigned by Joyce Harpster, Boalsburg, for an average price of \$107. Jason Bishop, R.D. 1, Roulette, showman of the 1986 grand champion pig which had been selected from last year's Harpster consignments, returned to purchase another top pig, a gilt of this breeder for \$150.

Charles Hall's 14 Hampshire crossbred pigs averaged \$66 for the Julian, R.D. hog breeder. The top

selling pig of this consignment was purchased by Brian McAllister, R.D. 1, Centre Hall for \$100.

Six Duroc crossbred pigs consigned by Ron Beck, R.D., Mill Hall averaged \$80. Connie Young, R.D. 2, Port Matilda and Richard Heit, R.D. 2, Bedford paid \$105 each to tie as top buyers of the Beck offering.

Dirk Wise, R.D., Spring Mills sold 10 Hampshire and Hampshire

crossbred lambs for an average price of \$94. The top selling lamb of this sale lot was a Hampshire wether purchased by Kathy Weaver, R.D. 2, Everett for \$140.

The Ken Rudy family R.D. 2, Pennsylvania Furnace, paid \$100 as the highest bidder on the 10 Suffolk, Hampshire and Shropshire lambs sold by David Harpster, Boalsburg. The ten head averaged \$86.

This annual event was managed by Ken Fetterolf and David Harpster as swine and lamb sale managers, respectively.

The sale was auctioneered by David Harpster. John Esh and Scott Yocum were ringmen.

Sixty-six pigs and 27 lambs were sold into Bedford, Centre, Clinton, Clearfield, Indiana, Lycoming, McKean, Mifflin and Union counties.

Ag Preservation Gains Momentum In Chester Co.

WEST CHESTER — The Chester County Agricultural Development Council (ADC) reports that the designation of Agricultural Security Areas, in accordance with Act 43, is progressing in Chester County. This month, the county's fourth agricultural area is expected to be adopted in North Coventry Township, bringing the total acreage so-designated to approximately 5,000 acres. Other agricultural areas have been established in East Bradford, East Coventry and South Coventry Townships.

In addition, at least three other townships are considering

proposed agricultural areas. When these are adopted, by late spring or early summer, the total acreage in Chester County agricultural security areas will be close to 12,000 acres.

The Agricultural Development Council assists local efforts to create agricultural security areas by providing information to farm owners, township officials, and the general public. In addition, the ADC can complete the mapping required for agricultural security area adoption by township supervisors.

Recently the ADC adopted what it considers priority or target

locations for establishment of agricultural security areas. A total of 134,000 acres are indicated as most appropriate for agricultural security areas and farmland preservation. Criteria used in the development of these target locations included: 1. prime agricultural soils; 2. local comprehensive plan agriculturally-designated areas; and 3. land actively being farmed as inventoried in 1984. This designation (as a target location) does not imply that agricultural security areas cannot or should not be

formed elsewhere, just that these are logical locations for them.

The ADC stresses that agricultural security area designation and participation will be a prerequisite for the agricultural conservation easement programs now being considered by the state and county.

For more information on the Chester County Agricultural Development Council and assistance in the creation of agricultural areas, contact Raymond Pickering, ADC Director, at (215) 431-6285.

Order 4 Milk Priced At \$12.60 For April

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Middle Atlantic Order Market Administrator Joseph D. Shine announced on April 1987 base milk price of \$12.60 per hundredweight and an excess milk price of \$10.83. The weighted average April price was \$12.52 and the butterfat differential for the month was 16 cents.

The base milk price was down 26 cents from March but was 31 cents higher than last April. The weighted average price was down 26 cents from March but was 29 cents higher than a year earlier.

The gross value of April producer milk was \$68.8 million, compared to \$67.2 million a year ago.

Shine said that producer receipts totaled 551 million pounds during April, a decrease of .7 million pounds from last April, and the average daily delivery of 2,821

pounds per producer increased 50 pounds or 1.8 percent from a year earlier.

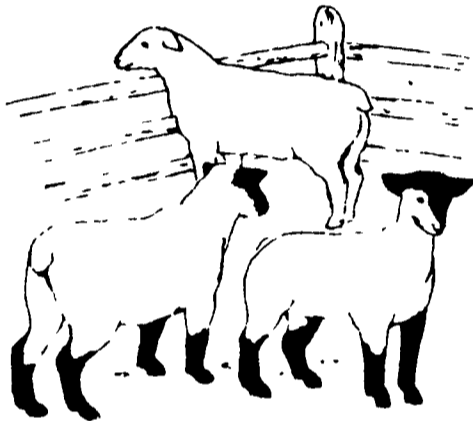
Class I producer milk totaled 256.3 million pounds and was up 13.3 million pounds or 5.5 percent from last April. Class I milk accounted for 46.51 percent of total producer milk receipts during the month, compared with 44.04 percent in April 1986.

Base milk accounted for 89.66 percent of total producer milk receipts in April compared with 89.62 percent last year. The average butterfat test of producer milk was 3.66 percent, up from 3.64 percent last April.

Middle Atlantic Order pool handlers reported Class I in-area milk sales of 212.7 million pounds during April, an increase of 1.9 percent from a year earlier after adjustment to eliminate variation due to calendar composition.

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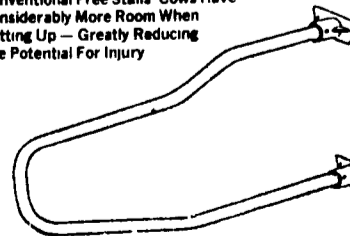
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