

\$11,500 Bid Tops National Jersey Sale

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The 119th Annual Meeting of The American Jersey Cattle Club, held June 26 in Eau Claire, Wis., saw remarkable optimism from Jersey breeders nationwide.

President David W. Spahr, Findlay, Ohio, who was elected to his second one-year term, spoke to the assemblage from 38 states and three foreign countries of the exciting times facing Jersey breeders. "Down on the farm, Jersey bulk tanks are overflowing, (milk marketing) organizations are scrambling to buy Jersey milk, cattle sales are good and we now have a lively export market," he said.

"We have worked hard to get where we are today," he continued, "but we will have to work harder in the future. Our formula to expand the number of Jersey cows in the United States means more of the same: increase production and work to get a better price for our milk."

Executive Secretary Maurice E. Core reported that 1986 saw the largest numbers of Jerseys on official DHI test in breed history, over 145,000. "Many dairy exports feel (ownership) transfers are the best barometer of activity for any breed association," Core said, "and in 1986, we transferred 25,708 Jerseys, the largest number in two decades."

"Several veteran observers believe there are two primary reasons for the growing interest and demand for Jerseys," Core went on, "Equity (in milk pricing) in more and more markets and increased population of our Jerseys." He reported the breed DHIR lactation averaged to be at an all time high of 13,068 pounds of milk and 616 pounds of butterfat.

Re-elected to three-year terms as AJCC directors were Loraine Funk, Liberty, Ill.; Donald Koontz, Fredonia, Pa.; Ray Schooley, Niangua, Mo.; and Duane Wicks-

trom, Hilmar, Calif. At its reorganization meeting, the AJCC Board elected Harold "Tuffy" Wright, White River Junction, Vt., vice president.

During the annual Jersey Breeders Banquet on June 25, two special honors were bestowed. G. Joe Lyon, Toledo, Iowa, was named the 1987 Distinguished Service Award winner. The Robert S. Pike Family of Highland Farms, Cornish, Maine, received the 1987 Master Breeder Award.

Sale Averages \$2,487
Two Jersey sales were held in

association with the annual meeting on June 25 at the Eau Claire County Junior Fairgrounds. The 30th National Heifer Sale, featuring 51 outstanding pedigreed heifers, averaged \$2,487, for the largest gross, \$126,850, in the sale's history. A new record price for the top-selling heifer in this sale was set when Forest Glen Brass Magic Delight-ET brought \$11,500. This 10-month-old heifer was consigned by Forest Glen Jerseys, Dayton, Ore., and purchased by Fred Bennett, Sayville, N.Y.

The National Heifer Sale supports the AJCC Youth Programs with 10 of the sale's gross proceeds. For 1987, the AJCC Youth Fund will receive \$12,685.

The Wisconsin Elite Sale featuring 18 select young cows averaged \$2,189. Top selling animal was the 3-year-old cow, Gieseke's Reliant Cora, that brought \$8,000. Selling with a contract for a bull calf from a major AI organization, she was consigned by the Robert Gieseke Family, St. James, Minn., and purchased by Loren Ruth of Stonyrun Farm, Watsonstown, Pa.

Cowtown Rodeo

Here are the results of the Cowtown Rodeo for July 4:

BAREBACK

1. Jimmy Lee Walker 2. Monty Merola 3. Tom Lacy

SADDLE BRONC

1. Joe Crane 2. Lance Cronk 3. Bill Hamer

BULL RIDING

1. Jim Cronk 2. Dave Davis 3. Eric Spence

CALF ROPING

1. Roger Stockton 2. Bob Roberto 3. Mike Rhineer Jr.

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1. Jr. Allo 2. Roger Stockton 3. Mike Terranova

TEAM ROPING

1. Steve Robinson & Bill Wilds 2. Wayne & Ray Stoltzfus 3. Randy Wilson & Edward Lee

GIRLS BARREL RACING

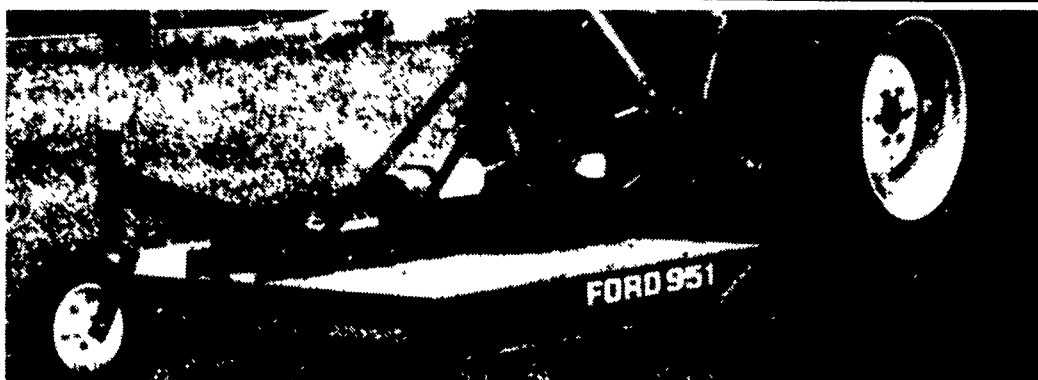
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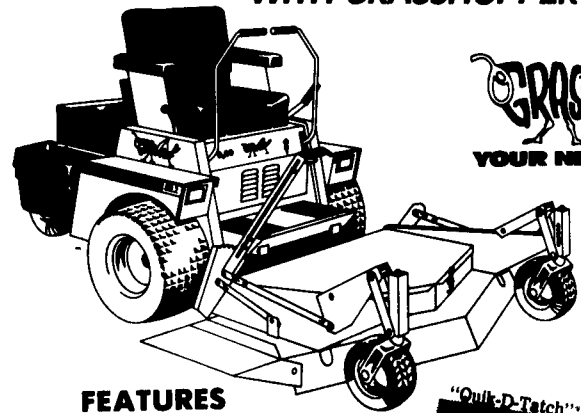
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