PDA Urges Completion Of 1987 Census Of Agriculture

HARRISBURG - The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture is urging farmers to promptly complete and return 1987 Census of Agriculture report forms. The forms were mailed to the nation's farmers by the U.S. Bureau of Census. The forms arrived by mail in early January.

The Bureau of Census has asked farmers to report on their agricultural operations during the past year and return the report forms by February 1st. Prompt return of the forms will reduce costly follow-up mailings and it will speed up publishing of data.

The Census of Agriculture needs basic information concerning land use and ownership, crop acreages and quantities harvested, livestock and poultry inventories, value of crops and livestock sold, and operator characteristics. Twenty percent of the Census

forms request additional information on production methods and expenses, market value of land and buildings, income from farmrelated sources (including government payments), payments from farmland renting, and sales of forest products.

Farmers seeking assistance in completing forms can call local offices of the Cooperative Extension Service, Soil Conservation Service, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, and the Farmers Home Administration.

People not operating a farm or ranch who receive a census form should return it to avoid additional mailings. Farmers who have not received a form should write to the Bureau of the Census, 1201 East 10th Street, Jeffersonville, Ind. 47133.

Information submitted on census report forms is confidential by law. Completed forms can be viewed only by sworn Census Bureau employees and may be used only for statistical purposes. Other government agencies are

denied access to completed forms and copies retained by farmers are immune from legal processes.

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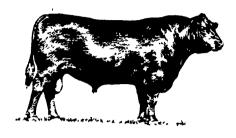
sus of Agriculture assists legislators, policymakers, agribusiness planners, and farm organizations seeking to devise farm programs and policies.

Graystone Farm Bull Wins Senior Championship

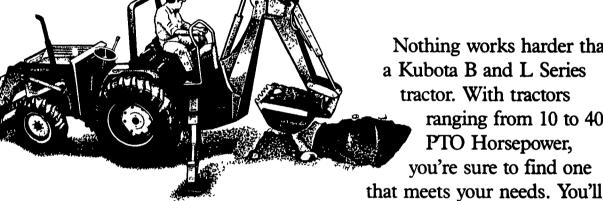
DAYTON, PA — At the recently completed National Western Stock Show and Rodeo held in Denver, Colorado, Graystone Farm of Schellsburg, Pa. took the Championship banner in the Senior Calf Division of the International Hereford Organization show. GS Blue First Class 8, a 12 month old bull standing 571/4 inches tall and weighing 1320 pounds was slapped the champion over a strong field of contemporaries.

Bill and Beth Gray the owners of Graystone Farm were particularly pleased by the bull since he is a son of R&S Bluehills Classic, a

past national champion bull, that is owned by the farm. The Champion Calf Get of Sire at the show was also sired by their bull, R&S Bluehills Classic.



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