

Carcass Merit Task Force

One of the primary goals of the newly formed NPPC Carcass Merit Task Force is to help ensure fair and equitable payment to producers for pounds of lean, high-quality pork muscle, according to Ray Hanks, National Pork Producers Council president and task force chairman.

Composed of 15 pork producers and industry representatives, the task force was created at the direction of producer delegates at NPPC's annual meeting held in Nashville, Tenn., last March.

During its first meeting in late July, task force members discussed plans to develop a Carcass Merit Buying Guide so that a larger number of producers would be paid on the basis of the quality of lean meat.

According to a recently completed study, between 28 and 38 percent of the nation's hogs are currently being purchased under a carcass merit system. While this represents a doubling since 1984, producers and other industry representatives feel that there is still much progress to be made in this area.

Research currently being conducted by Purdue University, assisted by NPPC funding, is evaluating several different pork grading systems and methods. Researchers are going beyond carcass grading at the packer/processor level and looking at developing quick and accurate methods of carcass worth based on the value of retail pork cuts.

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JD 420 crawler w/#90 loader, recent drive train overhaul, 70% undercarriage, counterweights & ripper Mercer Co NJ 201-446-5920

Pure Eskimo puppy, 6 wks old 4 steel beams, 8" by 14" new, 38c a lb David R King, Fairview Rd, Oxford, Pa 19363

Farmtronix computer feeder 4 feeding stations w/ identifiers 80 tags, reason for selling buyout price is negotiable 717-687-7260

Wheels from 4 wheel drive Deutz, rear 18 4-38 excellent tread, front 14 9-24 good tread, \$700 for set Berks Co 215 683-5970

Australian sheppard puppy red merle male 4 mths old, also Empire style china closet newly refinished Berks Co 215-944-6007

Collectors item cement mixer made by A M Dellinger Co of Lanc, Pa 1 horse elect motor, excel cond, \$150 Lanc Co 717 392-7287

2 6 71's one runs the other one for parts, both have clutches & one rad \$1200, OBO, Somerset Co

Hay, 310 bales alfalfa clover mixed, 360 bales grass, 2 row 3 pth cult Sch Co 717-467-2609 after 6 p m

Hospital bed, wheel chair, commode, walker, used in good cond Call morns 8 a m to 10 a m 301-398-9686

Inter 460 power steering enclosed cab heater equipped w/snow plow very good cond Northampton Co 215 588-8460

Onan 10 KW air cooled power unit, 3 phase or 1 phase, also 18" wide belt sander, \$1800, 36" bandsaw, \$495 215-445-7307

830 Case tractor diesel WFE excell tires 3 pt good cond Queen Anne Co, Md 301-758-1372

Nl manure spreader, good cond, \$960, 717-442-4370 anytime

AKC Alaskan malamute puppies, show quality, loveable pets, parents on premises ready now Harford Co 301-692-9720 after 6 p m

Railroad bufs- RR grade crossing signal lights, \$75 pair Paulsboro, NJ 609 523-7245 eves or please leave message

2 1/2 yr old male Jack-Russell \$50, OBO, wood window sash & alum triple track storm windows, various sizes Leb Co 717-273-6683 after 6 p m

Perkin eng model 584-BB 465 long tractor for part, \$300 Large kerosene refrigerator, \$75 Lanc Co 215-286 6675

1979 GMC 25 dual wheels 10' stake body truck 350-V8 4 spd good farm truck Schuy Co 717-648-8075

JD 720 diesel 3 pt \$2500, loader \$300, 2 btm hyd trail plow, \$200 Centre Co 717-962-2691

Litter carrier track & tub, also swinging boom best offer, good shape Henry B Stoltzfus, 1733 Valley Rd, Christiana, Pa 17509, Lanc Co

Beautiful golden wheat straw 717-653-5663

100 bales mulch hay from Wellsville, York Co area, make offer, phone after 4 p m 717-432-2284

81 Ford Escort, hatchback, wooden apple crates Schuy Co 717-385-2799

8 yr old Morgan horse, safe sound driver Sch Co call after 5 p m 717-366-0222

1975 Chevy 1/4 ton crew cab, V8 auto PB, PS, runs strong, insp, \$1150 717-933-4794

Ford F350 flatbed dump \$2000, 5' Chev pickup \$950, Gallion 5 yd dump body \$350, Cord saw, \$250 NT 609-561-9107

Jawa moped w/helmet 500 miles A-1 cond, \$250 Monmouth Co, NJ 609-758-8207

Monarch coal or wood range w/water front, nice milk cans, cream separator, works, lard press, complete Lanc Co 215-445-6483

1973 Mercury Mark II snowmobile 644cc, rebuilt motor, good for parts, have extras, \$300, Mercer, NJ 609-771-4446

Wisc engs 1-2-4C4 w/trans PTO's, gear reduction good parts, runners, Buda diesel DC844 power unit needs starter, repair runs best offer Suffolk Co 516-941-4186

JDF MT overhauled good cond, \$1000, JD B 1200 new paint runs good gooseneck trailer 1974, \$900 717-566-6145

3 Hereford steers, 1 Hereford heifers, 700-1000 lbs nice, 70/lb, IH 400 cyclo planter w/no-till, \$1200 Berks Co 215-367-5340

Feed mixer older horizontal style, \$250, Fords molasses blender, \$500, elect hammermill \$350 Warren Co 201-689-3332

JD 650 diesel tractor w/60" Mott mower like new cond, asking \$5900 Salem Co NJ Call Jack 609-769-3027

Sickle bar for Cub tractor \$125, Maytag cast alum wringer washer \$50, Kohler 4 cyl power plant, \$300 Dau Co 717-545-9289

NH 268 baler w/chute ready to bale, Super 92 Massey combine 14' w/hume reel works great must sell. Lanc Co 717-569-8925

51 feeder steers mixed quality 700 lbs 80 cents Lanc Co 717-354-8529


Farmall H tractor on steel, JD flail chopper, IH 2 row potato planter & digger, Hercules 30 hp diesel for parts. Bedford Co 814-766-3304.

3 steel windows 5'x5 1/2' 12 pane, some glass missing, \$15 ea Chester Co 215-469-6813 before 7 a m noon night

JD 4400 cab air 4RN very good cond, \$7800 GMC 18,000 GVW Tk w/gravity bed, \$1700 Bradford Co 717-888-1280

Pair 16 9x30 rear tractor tires & tubes, 20% tread, \$50 rear wheel wghts off IH 574 Harford Co 301-557-8407

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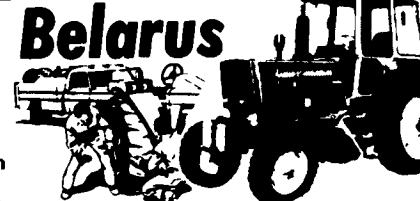
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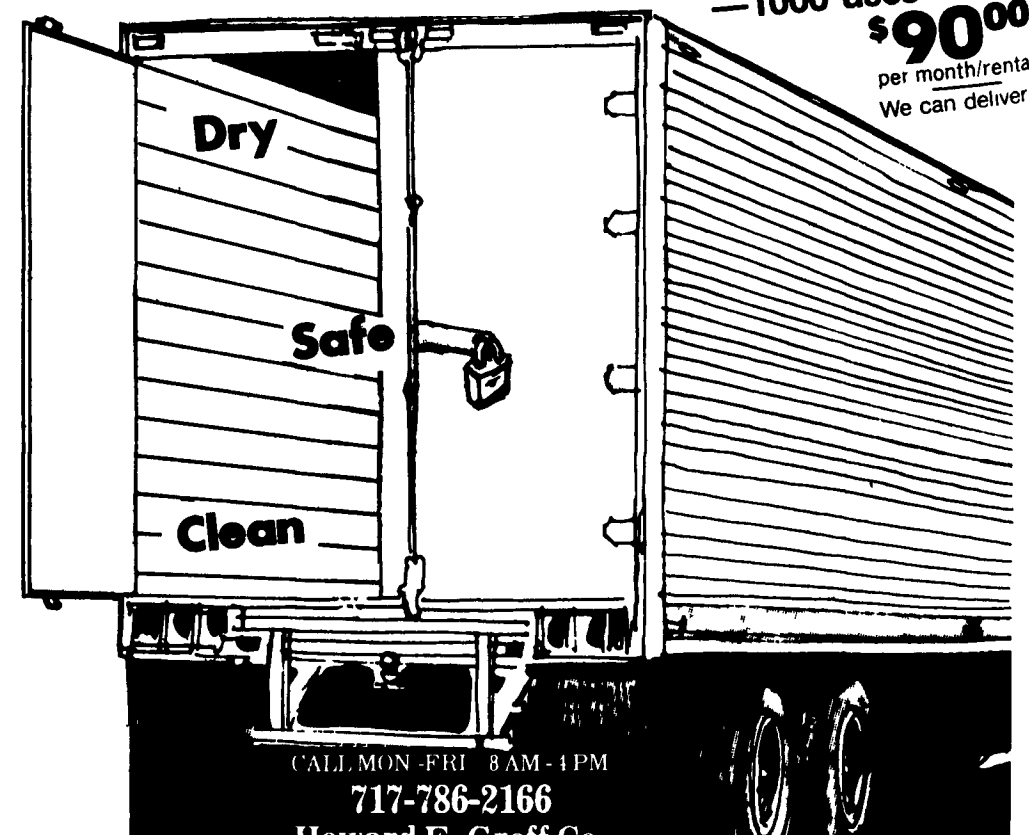
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