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## Two-Year-Old Holstein Brings \$8,700 At State Sale

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WEST MIDDLESEX (Crawford) — Osdel-Endeavor Mark Clara-ET captured the high at the Pennsylvania Holstein Association's annual convention sale with a bid of \$8,700 by Judy Wolford and Dallas Rynd of Cochran. The Holstein female, born in June, 1986, is bred to Back Star. A Walkway Chief Mark daughter, she is out of Rynd-Home Valiant Cutie, who is classified EX 91 and ranks second in the state in fat. Consignor of Clara was Imperial C Breeders of Saegertown.

Sold immediately after Clara was her heifer calf, Imperial C Royalty Cleopatra-ET, who brought \$2,900 from Charles Dean of Franklin. Cleopatra is a February daughter of Lekker Valiant Royalty.

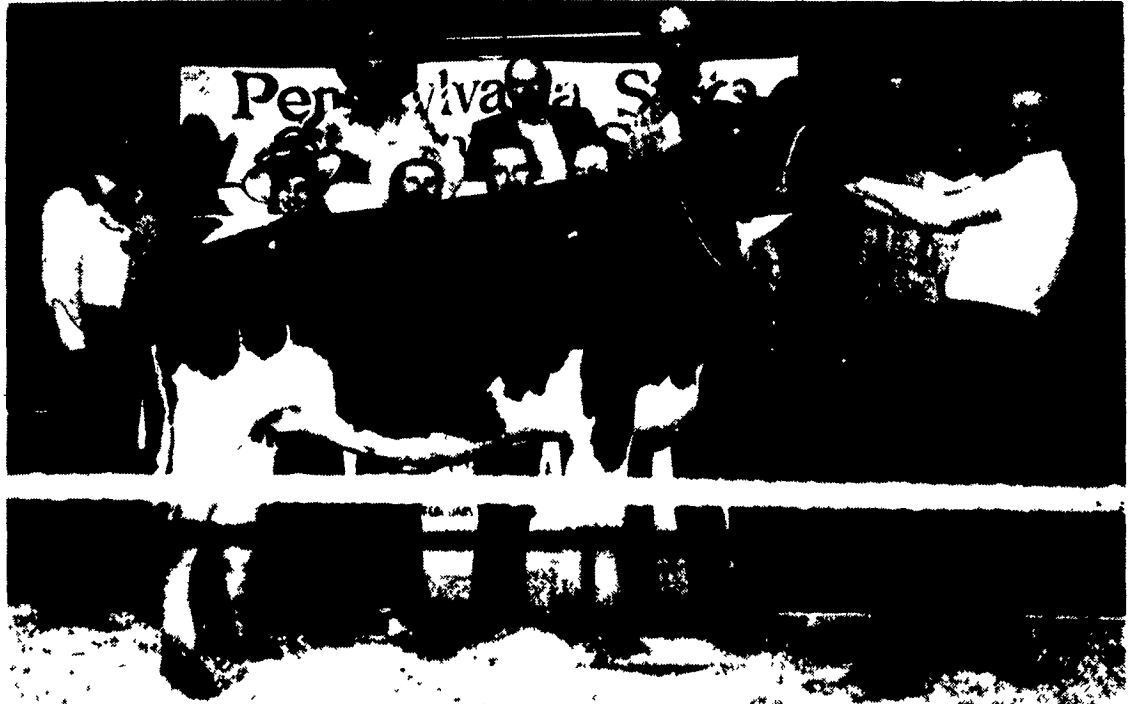
Two females tied for second high of the sale, each drawing a bid of \$6,000. McKarns Mark Sophie,

a Walkway Chief Mark daughter, was sold to Thad Sturgeon and John Cooper of Fombell and Ron Caldwell of Beaver Falls. Sophie is out of McKarns Bell Sweetie, a six-year-old that is classified VG 87. Sophie is milking 73 pounds per day and her dam's lactation as a five-year-old, according to DHIA records, was 29,240 pounds in 365 days with 4.0 butterfat. Sophie was consigned by the William McKarns family of Kensington, Ohio.

Also bringing \$6,000 was Pen-Col Mark Bonny-ET, a March '87 heifer consigned by Pen-Col Farms. Purchased by Wayne and Roger Sherwood of McFhoppen, Bonny also is a Walkway Chief Mark daughter. Her dam, Pen-Col Jason Boots-ET, is classified VG 85 and has a DHIA record of 29,665 pounds of milk in 365 days for her first lactation.

The sale was held on Monday evening during the association's

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Opening the PHA State sale with the second highest bid for the evening was Pen-Col-Mark Bonny-ET. The bidding stopped at \$6,000 for this daughter of Walkway Chief Mark and Pen-Col Jason Boots-ET. Wayne and Roger Sherwood made the purchase. Consignor was Pen-Col Farms to Millville.

## Exploring Low-Input Farming At Penn Jersey Tillage Conference

BY LISA RISSER

BETHLEHEM (Lehigh) — Farmers all around the nation have been looking for methods to reduce input costs and conserve the environment. They have found it in low-input agriculture.

"Low-input farming is a concept that agricultural systems should be environmentally sound, biologically sustainable, and economically realistic," said Steve Peters, research agronomist and project leader for the Rodale Research

Center. Peters and Rhonda Janke, coordinator of cropping systems research at Rodale, discussed low-input farming this week at the Penn Jersey Tillage Conference.

"But don't mistake 'no-input' farming with 'low-input' farming," Peters warned. "Sustainable cropping systems require different inputs, not fewer inputs. With careful management though, the variable costs associated with sustainable cropping systems will be less than conventional cropping

systems that are dependent upon fertilizers and pesticides."

In order to aid farmers in developing their own low-input farming methods, Rodale Research Center is exploring different sys-

tems. Their main objectives are to replace fertilizer nitrogen with nitrogens from legumes through crop rotation; replace herbicides with controls such as cover crops, tillage, later planting dates, and

dense seeding; reduce tillage operations to conserve soil; and accomplish the first three objectives and evaluate their economic feasibility.

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## Willard Scott Recognized At ADADC Meeting

SYRACUSE, NY — Willard Scott was recognized as the dairy industry's honorary "Big Cheese" during the 29th annual meeting of the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council (ADADC) held in Syracuse, New York on February 22nd. In return, Scott presented "Service to Dairying Awards" to three local farm families representing the states of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Over 350 representatives of the local dairy industry were on hand for the meeting.

Scott charmed the crowd during his keynote speech, speaking warmly about his relationship with the American Dairy Association. Scott said, "You're looking at a living, walking and for cheese and butter!" Scott is the well-known weatherman on NBC's Today Show. For the past year, Scott has been appearing in cheese and butter ads on behalf of the dairy industry.

As part of his presentation, Scott recognized three farms from the local area and presented them

with the "Service to Dairying Award." The farms were selected through a contest sponsored by ADADC. The purpose of the con-

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BY PAT PURCELL  
QUARRYVILLE (Lancaster) — When the Solanco vocational-agriculture education program was awarded exemplary status by the Pennsylvania Department of Education last year a funny thing happened. Instead of the vo-ag teachers, school administrators and school board members straining their arms to pat themselves on the back they took a second look at their award winning program.

"As we were documenting our program after receiving the award it sparked an interest among board

members. We thought, if we received this recognition and we are doing everything right, why are so many farms in this area being sold out to development and why are farmers going out of business," said Dr. Elizabeth Logan, school superintendent.

Every aspect of the vo-ag program was scrutinized by PDE observers who rated facilities, equipment, curriculum and

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## State FFA Members Visit Capital



These State FFA officers, along with 70 other FFA-ers, visited legislators and toured the Capital Wednesday as part of the Pennsylvania Association of FFA Legislative Leadership Conference. They are (l to r): back row, Abe Harpster, Sharon Zimmerman, Andy Greenleaf, James M.

Trammell, Sun Company, a sponsor of the breakfast and Leon Helsey. Front row: Jim Ladely, Sue Fisher, Diane Dice, Dean Shank, Dawn Herr, Samuel Hayes Jr. (R-81) president of the FFA Foundation, and Charles Ax.