

# Quality Dairy Cattle Sought For Sales

**HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)** — WANTED: 200 daughters of top index sires and high producing dams for Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Holstein and Jersey sales at the 1989 Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show, September 25-29. Cows and heifers must have exceptional udders and big milk potential. Buyers expected from 30 states and Canada. Sky's the limit on prices.

The 26th Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg will feature four individual breed sales along with the regular competition among the nation's top dairy cattle.

"There is no doubt that quality animals at the All-American attract buyers and big bids," show manager Charles Itle said. He cited the example set last year by three-year-old "Terra-View Rotate Princess," top seller in the five All-American sales.

Consigned by Fidelity Holsteins of Martinsburg, Blair County, the cow brought \$51,000. Princess put 23,475 pounds of milk, 888 pounds of fat and 788 pounds of protein in the pail during her first lactation period as a two-year-old.

Seventy-one registered Holsteins averaged \$3,022 each in last year's sale. The Brown Swiss sale average was \$1,122, with a top selling price of \$3,000. The high selling Jersey brought \$1,775, while the average on all 37 Jersey cows was \$1,202. Thirty-three Ayrshire cows and heifers averaged \$818, and 29 Milking Short-horns averaged \$775.

"We could do even better this year," Itle said, pointing to an upbeat dairy economy.

The All-American sales are sponsored by the breed associations. For more information on consigning cattle or receiving sale catalogues, contact the following

individuals:

**AYRSHIRE SALE:** Tuesday, September 26, 1:30 p.m. Contact Milton Brubaker, 595 Snyder Hill Road, Lititz, PA 17543, 717-626-5788; or Ralph Landini, Landini Auction Service, Greenwood, WI 54437, 715-267-7247.

**BROWN SWISS SALE:** Monday, September 25, 7 p.m.

Contact Dean & Brenda Daubert, Box 266, McElhattan, PA 17748, 717-769-7324; or Dennis Daubert, RD 2, Box 590, Pine Grove, PA 17963, 737-345-3003.

**HOLSTEIN SALE:** Thursday, September 28, 4 p.m. Contact Pennsylvania Holstein Association, 839 Benner Pike, State Col-

lege, PA 16801, 814-234-0364.

**JERSEY SALE:** Wednesday, September 27, 1:30 p.m. Contact Lester Martin, 3926 Guilford Springs Road, Chambersburg, PA 17201, 717-375-4367; or Mrs. Angie Koontz, Box 3016, District Road, Fredonia, PA 16124, 412-376-2884.

## Storing Higher-Moisture Hay Silage

**UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.)** — If wet weather continues, or returns, to interfere with hay-crop silage harvest, consider the following reminders from Richard Adams, Penn State dairy scientist:

The extended period of rainfall has seriously delayed harvesting of hay-crop forages. Not all hay-crop forage needs to be wilted to 40-50 percent moisture, as often done under more ideal conditions.

Generally, wilting to only 60-68 percent moisture will keep seepage problems at a minimum in upright silos and reduce storage losses. At these moisture levels, a good chemical preservative or enzyme type additive may be used to reduce the risk of abnormal fermentation or smelly silage.

Direct-cut forage also may be

ensiled. However, a good feed additive such as ground grain, soyhulls, dried beet pulp or other suitable by-product ingredients should be added at about 150 to 200 pounds per ton of forage to reduce seepage and help in preservation. This also can increase the energy content of the silage as it is fed out.

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