

Guernseys Continue To Have Strong 1990

REYNOLDSVILLE, OH — 1990 continues to remain strong for Guernseys. A five-year-old cow made an all-time national class-leading butterfat record of 1,781 pounds as well as making top milk and protein records. The July bull run was impressive with the active AI average on 35 bulls increasing over 60 pounds in milk and over 10 in dollar values. The demand for Guernsey cows first seen in the beginning of the year has continued. A recent dispersal in Pennsylvania averaged \$1,129 on 106 head.

Fauver Hill Tel Odette-ET recently completed a five-year and seven-month record in 365 days of 35,090 pounds of milk, 1,781 pounds of butterfat and 1,196 pounds of protein. This production places her first in the nation of all-time national class leaders for

Energy Tax Would Hurt Farmers

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Any benefits that farmers would reap from passage of the 1990 farm bill will be more than negated if Congress enacts a broad-based energy tax, said Gary D. Myers, president of The Fertilizer Institute.

Myers explained that congressional and administration negotiators who have been discussing ways to reduce the federal deficit have proposed a tax on British Thermal Units (BTUs) of energy annually. Such a tax would fall most heavily on the agricultural industry, one of the largest energy users.

"There they go again," said Myers. "While Congress tries to focus farmers' attention on the benefits of the farm bill, they are

butterfat production in all age groups. She also ranks first in the five to 10-year-old group for protein production and second in that age group for milk production. "Odette" is a 92-point Maurana Wis Telestar daughter. This Gold Star Dam is also a consistent high ranker on the Cow Performance Index list. She was bred by Bernard and Mary Pralle of Onalaska, WI, and was purchased by Phil and Joyce Laesch of Curtiss, WI, in the Pralle's dispersal last fall.

Wampanoag Fayette Smokey surged to the top of the new bull proofs with a July summary of +1,660M +42F +\$184 +46P +\$170 CY\$, PTAT +1.9 and a PTI +293. He leads the list of bulls for predicted transmitting ability (PTA) in milk, protein and dollar value. He is a Dutch Mill Telestars Fayette son from a 92-point, Gold

getting ready to take huge amounts of money out of the farmers' pocket in the form of higher taxes and higher input costs."

Furthermore, said Myers, farmers would be hit by a double whammy. They would have to pay the tax on energy they use on the farm and also on the energy used to create the tools of their trade, including fertilizer, crop protection chemicals, and animal feeds.

"An energy tax would be an attempt to balance the budget on the backs of farmers," said Myers. "The result would be a devastated farm economy and higher food costs. The farm community should not focus all of its attention on the farm bill and ignore this tax threat."

Star, Kellogg Minnies Choice dam.

Remaining in the second position was Oaklands Mercury with a PTI of +274. He leads the pack in both PTA butterfat and cheese yield dollars. Lincrest Telestar Buttermost stayed in third with a PTI of +237. Falling to fourth is Spring Walk B T Frank, last January's number one bull. His proof remains strong at 92 percent reliability with a PTA for milk of +1,354. Rounding out the top ten bulls are Rozelyn D M Ernies Able, newcomers Valley Oaks Able Jack-ET, Pierce Farms Admiral Shipmate and Maple Leaf Admiral Topstar. Lyndale Bonus J Telestar and Jengolden V Protein King rank ninth and tenth respectively. The 35 active AI bulls average +872M -.02% +36F +\$117 -.02% +27P +\$117, +\$118CY, PTAT +0.4, PTI +182.

The Elsvieview Farms Complete Dispersal, held in Scenery Hill, PA, on July 2 averaged \$1,129 on

106 head. The Elsvieview herd was developed and owned by A. James Celestine. Topping the sale was a Hornback Farm Prince Extra two-year-old daughter for \$3,350. Bred to Mercury, she had a mature equivalent (ME) projection of 13,060M 614F 4771P. She was backed by a VG-83 Eber Lea Farms Winston dam with records over 16,800M and 800F. She was purchased by Doug Stanton from Greeneville, NY. The second high seller was an Elsvieview Farms Fayette Joe daughter due in August to J Telestar. Her two-year-old 305 day ME Proj. was over 18,000M 700F. She was purchased by Mark Suttle of Orrville, OH. The sale was managed by the Guernsey Marketing Service (GMS) of Reynoldsburg, OH, and the Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders' Association.

Upcoming GMS managed Guernsey sales scheduled for the fall, include the International Guernsey Classic, Wednesday,

October 3 and the North American Showcase Sale, Saturday, November 3. The International Guernsey Classic will be held at the World Dairy Expo in Madison, WI. Thirty Guernseys from across the United States will be offered for sale. The North American Showcase will be held at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, KY. It will also feature 30 registered Guernseys from around the United States.

The Guernsey Marketing Service is the marketing division of the American Guernsey Association (AGA). The AGA is a non-profit organization for the registration and promotion of the Guernsey breed.

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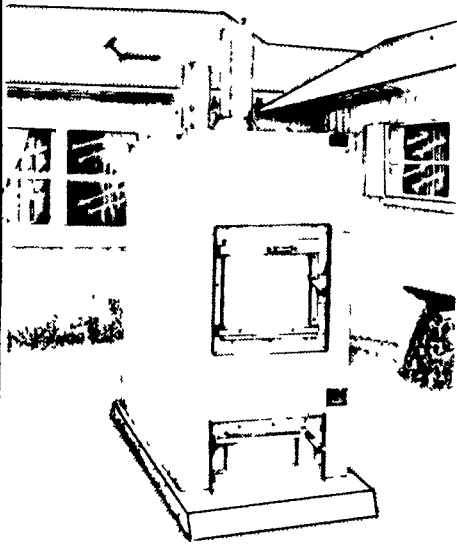
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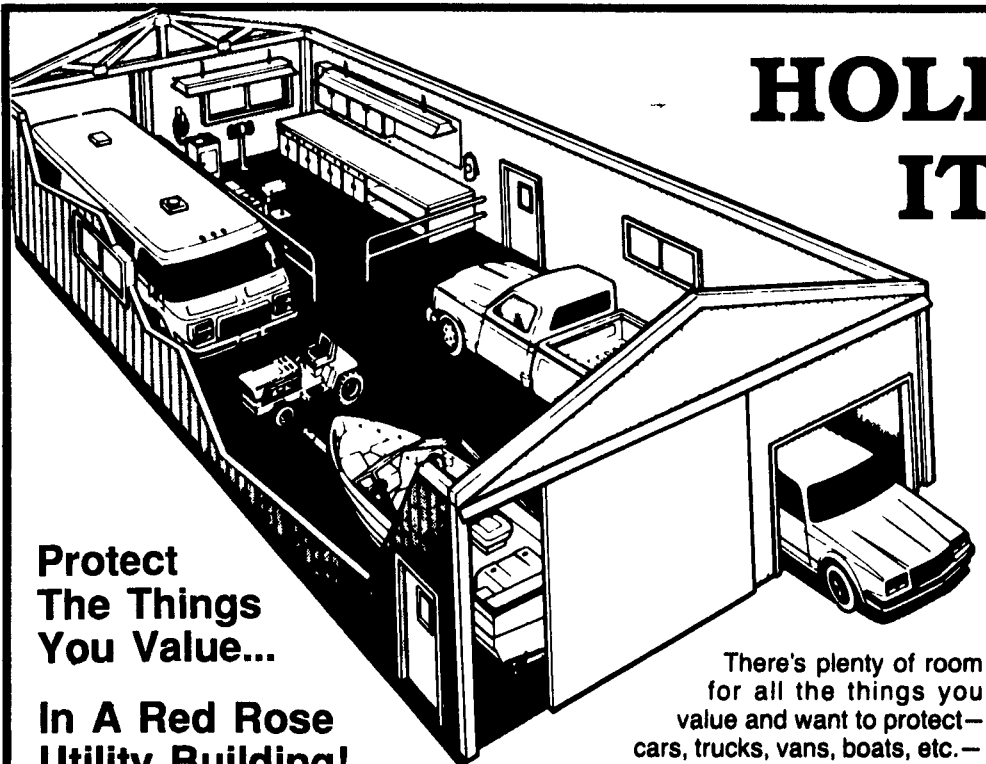
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