

N.Y. Beef Cattlemen Hold Meeting

CORNING, N.Y. — A highlight of the New York Beef Cattlemen's Association (NYBCA) annual meeting held at the Corning Hilton Inn on February 8 and 9 was the presentation of the Cattleman of the Year Award to Peter Comerford, livestock grading specialist with the Department of Ag and Markets.

Comerford is a 33-year veteran of the department and has worked very closely over the years to help beef producers develop their herds and market their calves.

The Sale Committee, chaired by Jim Lee of southwestern division, met Friday morning and set the sale dates for the year. This was followed by the IRM program, coordinated by Dr. Danny

Fox of Cornell University. The educational program also had Dr. Donald Lein speaking on animal health update, as well as Lee Kraszewski; Caroline Rasmussen of Cornell; Darrell Emmick, grasslands specialist; and Tom Gallagher of Albany's Cooperative Extension; and Fox participating in the various segments of IRM.

Friday's banquet featured Senator John R. Kuhl, Jr. of Hammondsport who spoke on the proposed state budget and its effect.

The New York Cattlewomen met Friday for their business meeting and again Saturday for the election of officers. Eldora Benson of Potsdam was re-elected president; Elaine Swiler of Came-

ron, vice president; Winnie Clark of Clinton, secretary; Jaren Miner of Honeoye Falls, treasurer; and Fay Briggs of Deposit, membership chairperson.

Breed associations also had their annual meetings Friday. The N.Y. Charolais Association selected Eric Scott of Hannibal, president; Jim Brown of Seneca, vice president; and Michele Scott of Hannibal, secretary-treasurer.

The N.Y. Simmental Association kept Ken White of Groton as president, Ron Moulton of Tarrytown vice president and Jeanne White of Groton, secretary-treasurer. Directors of the group are Nick DiCerbo of Olean, Harold Maynard of Campbell and John Palmer of Stanfordville.

The N.Y. Angus Association elected Dewey Hauman of Penn Yan, president; Mallory Mort of Ghent, vice president; Claire Lipse of Earlville, secretary; and Carl Hinkle of Truxton, treasurer. Jim Wait of Auburn, Kathy Smith of Vernon Center, Dr. Wayne Gillis of Morrisville, and Dallas Woltemath of Crayville were elected directors. Carl McCullough of

Germantown is adviser to the board.

The annual meeting of the NYBCA was held Saturday morning. Officers elected were Fred Zeiner of Morris, president; Donald Gray, springwater, vice president; Charles Boone of Westerlo, treasurer; and Shirley Brown of Addison, secretary.

The two-day event concluded with the awards luncheon for the presentation of the year-end awards. Raymond Strahan, Chairman, and Jerry Reed, executive director of the N.Y. Beef Industry Council, presented promotion plaques to members who had developed exceptional programs for beef promotions. Honored were Eldora Benson, Potsdam; Elaine Swiler, Cameron; Clyde Hotchkiss, Falconer; Henry Bono, Richmondville; Dawn Dennis, Penn Yan; Diane Martin, Carthage; Dwight Coso, Mohawk; and Larry Zuefle, of Sloansville.

Jake Martin, chairman of the membership drive, presented awards to Harold Maynard of Campbell, Ed Heath of Cortland, and Jim Brown of Seneca top win-

ners. Also receiving awards were five county directors: Henry Bennett (Steuben), Ed Heath, Jim Brown, Fred Zeiner (Otsego), and Clyde Hotchkiss (Chautauque).

Bill Greene, bull test director, announced high-indexing bull awards went to Bill Shoemaker of Buffalo Mills, Pa. for the Continental breed and to Jack Abrams of Livingston Manor for the British breed.

The state Youth Award went to Dan Hauman of Penn Yan. Dan also won a special award from the southern tier division, and the state award was presented by Henry Bennett of Hammondsport, who nominated Dan for his exceptional work.

Cooperative Extension Agent of the Year was Mike Baker of Cortland. His 2½ years in the area have been a succession of innovative programs. Helen Patton, chairperson of the central division, presented the award.

The President's Award, presented by Harold Maynard, outgoing president, went to Peggy Rockefeller of Tarrytown, owner of Hudson Pines Farm.

Equipment Operator Workshop Set

LEESPORT (Berks Co.) — The 36th annual Equipment Operator's Workshop has been scheduled for Thursday, February 28, 1991, in the auditorium of the Berks County Agricultural Center in Bern Township. The USDA Soil Conservation Service and the Berks County Conservation District jointly sponsor this event.

Presenters this year include DER Bureau of Dams & Waterways, UGI, Texas Eastern, Pennsylvania Land Improvement Contractors (PLIC), Morrissey Insurance, Pennsylvania Fish Commission, Pennsylvania One Call System, Bureau of Forestry, DER Bureau of Soil and Water Conservation, County Environmentalist, USDA Soil Conserva-

tion Service, and the Conservation District. This year the lunch will be sponsored by Plasterer Equipment Company of Lebanon, Pa.

Topics included in the program will be safety, computers, insurance, pollution liability, stream and streambank work, conservation practice installations, new rules and regulations including the issuance of general permits, the cost shares available in the Chesapeake Bay watersheds, wetland concerns, solid waste management, and erosion and sediment pollution controls.

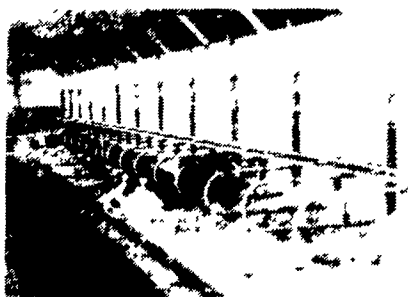
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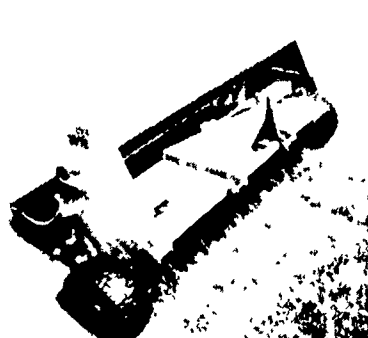
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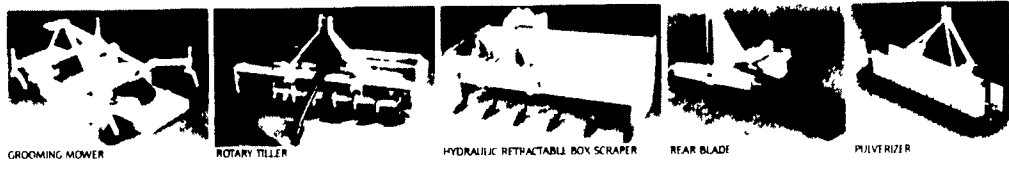
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