

Five Grand For Simmental At Pa. Bull Sale

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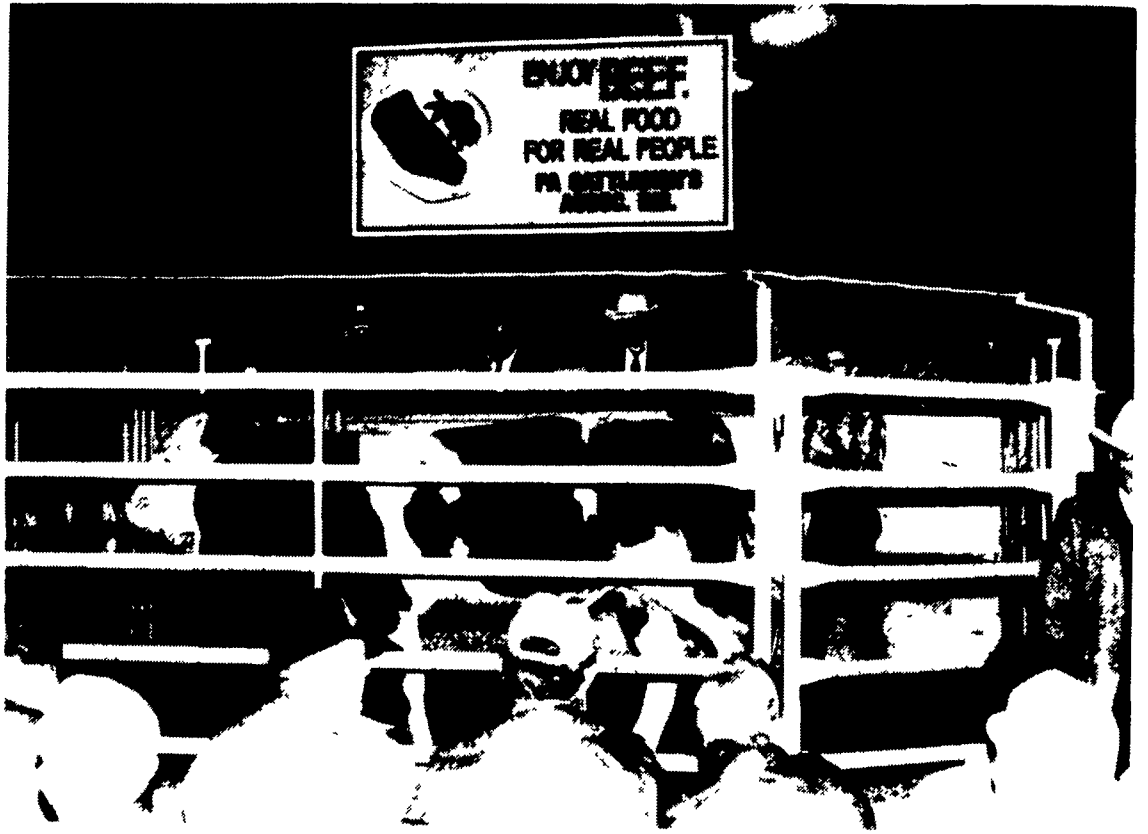
STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.)—On Friday, March 27, with all the sights, sounds, and smells of a good sale, a crowd of cattlemen and women gathered around

the showing and auction block at the 19th Performance-Tested Bull Sale held at the Ag Arena.

Undaunted by the weather or the economy, the crowd, which was 30 percent larger than last year, came to see the grand finale of the 112-day performance test conducted at the Meat Animal Evaluation Center.



"You can tell what you're getting," states Roy Armstrong of Lewistown. Armstrong bought the highest indexing bull, a Polled Simmental.



Roy Armstrong of Lewistown cast his bid for the highest-indexing animal, a Polled Simmental, sold by Bruce E. Laidig of KJ Farms in Newburg, Pennsylvania.

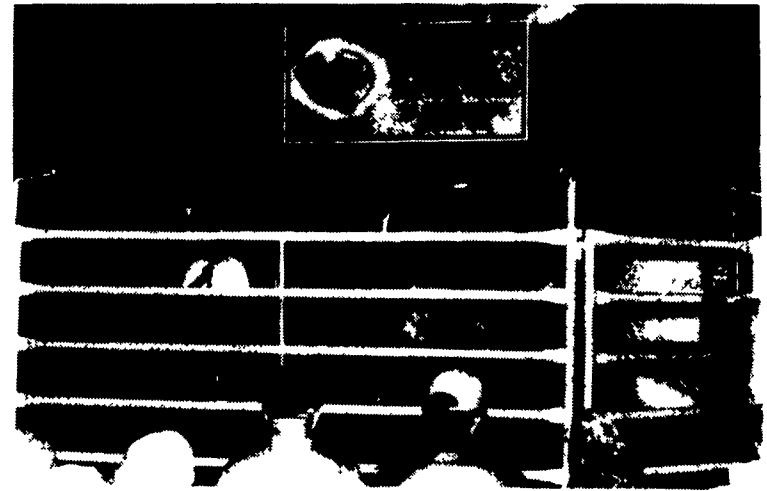
Of the 55 bulls sold by 44 breeders, a black Simmental sold by Larry E. Hughes of Triple L Farm brought the sale high of \$5,000. Bought by K-Hill Farm of Abbottstown, the bull's index ratio was 107, with 100 as average.

Overall, the sale brought in \$85,450 for sellers with an average of \$1,554 per bull.

The first bull entering the ring for Auctioneer Mike Jones of West Point, Georgia, was a Hereford. Of the 14 Herefords sold, the highest one went to Sire Power, Inc. for \$2,600. The Hereford herd averaged \$1,429 per bull with indexes ranging from 96 to 117.

Sold from high index to low within each breed, a change of breed in the showing usually meant new buyers and prices.

Twenty-two Angus bulls followed the Herefords. William Cammerer of Cammerer Farms in



Charolais buyers paid an average of \$1,288 per animal for the four animals auctioned. The highest went for \$1,800.

Jersey Shore purchased the highest selling Angus bull for \$4,100 from Ralph Zeager of Elizabethtown. Of the Performance test, Zeager said, "You almost have to

have them tested. We've been improving our herd. We don't show cattle and this is our way of getting publicity." Sale average (Turn to Page A24)

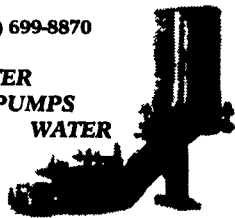
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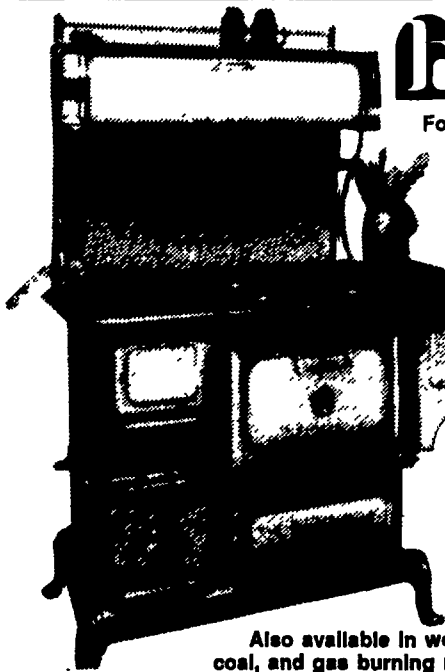
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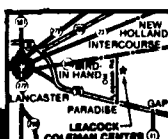
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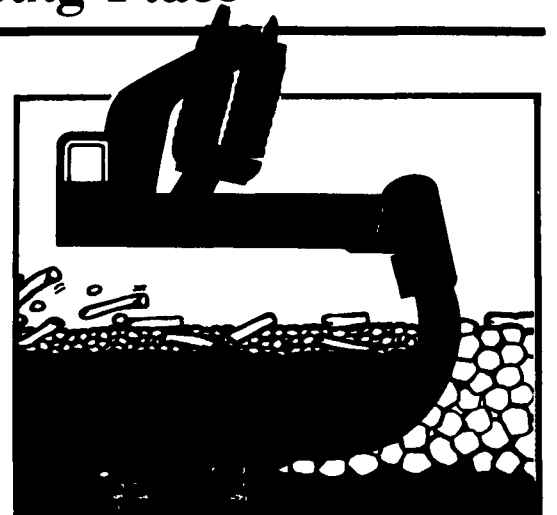
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