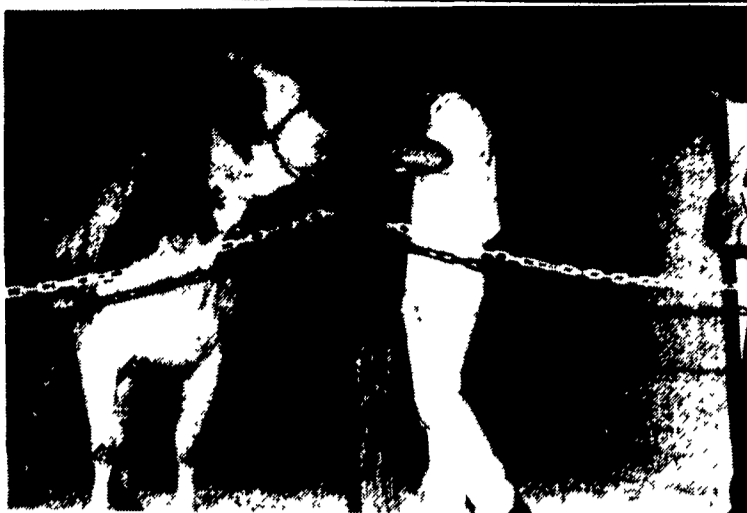




Attendance to the Pennsylvania Holstein Showcase Sale is heavy despite coinciding with this year's Easter holiday. Buyers came from a number of states throughout the nation.



Holstein Showcase Sale Averages \$1,700

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STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — With choices of pregnancies leading sales, overall, 186 lots sold for an average of \$1,716.82 at the Pennsylvania Holstein Showcase Sale, held here Saturday at the Penn State University Ag Arena. Not only did all lots sell for a respectably high average, 16 lots sold for \$3,000 or more.

Sponsored and managed by the Pennsylvania Holstein Association, in addition to Keystone Holstein enthusiasts, the sale attracted buyers from a number of different states including California, North Carolina, Maryland, New York, Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin.

According to William Nichol, executive director of the Pennsyl-

vania Holstein Association, more lots were consigned this year and prices held strong throughout the day. He also said that attendance was good in spite of the Easter holiday.

At \$5,700, the highest price was paid for a choice of three pregnancies from Mun-Cre Stewart Lill, owned by Michael and Cinder Weimer, of Solid Gold Holsteins, in Emlenton. The buyer was Floyd Wiedower, from Greenbriar, Ark.

The second highest price was \$5,100, paid for the choice of six pregnancies from GLC Laban Karrie-ET, owned by Randy and Kim Brown, of Stonee-Ridge Holsteins, in Acme. The buyer was William Wilcox, of Covington.

The third highest price was \$4,000, for a heifer calf consigned by Roger Sherwood and George

Sheypuk, of Meshoppen. The buyers were mark and Paul Darling, of Nicholson.

At fourth highest price was a consignment choice of five pregnancies from Weaverline Holsteins, of Myerstown, which sold for \$3,900 to Robert Long, of Waynesboro.

Also bringing noteworthy prices were four calves. Kerry Wack, of Harmony, paid \$3,750 for Moloko Oscar Brite-ET; Jarod Buck, Annville, paid \$3,700 for MS MC Mun-Cre Thor Poke-ET; and two lots brought \$3,600 each, one bought by Alan Koeble of Teneopolis, Ill., and James Dunn,

New Ringgold.

Also of note during the sale, for the third straight year Union County 4-H Dairy Club Leader Dan Spangler, of Harmony Springs Farm, in New Berlin, was again on hand to help his club members purchase their show animals from the offerings at the spring sale.

Market Sets Bedding Plant Auction

CHELTENHAM, Md. — The Southern Maryland Regional Farmers Market (SMRFM) is expanding its operating season to include spring bedding plants. The season will begin with the addition of a bedding plant auction on Friday, April 23 at 11 a.m. inside of the warehouse.

The bedding plant auction is a first-time endeavor for the market.

Traditionally the SMRFM begins its season in early June as produce just starts to come in. If successful, additional plant auctions will be held on Friday, May 7 and Friday, May 21 at 11:00 a.m.

The SMRFM is located on U.S. Route 301 south, next to the Veteran's Cemetery in Cheltenham, Md. It was created in 1989 to provide an opportunity for farmers to

expand into alternative crops such as fruits and vegetables. As a non-profit corporation established to serve growers in southern Maryland and adjoining areas, the SMRFM is continually looking for ways to improve.

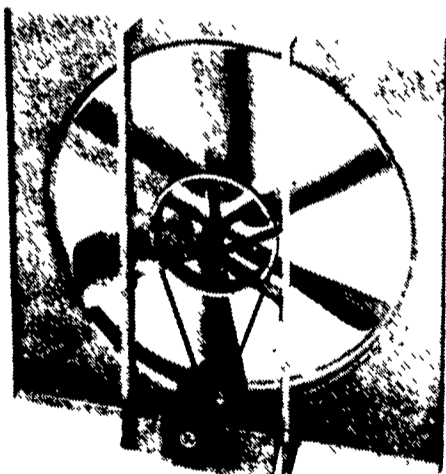
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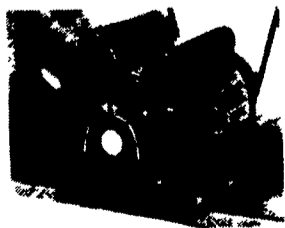
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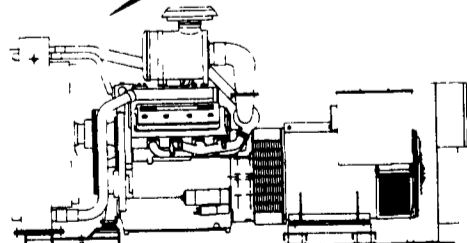
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