

Somerset County Club Calf Sale Brings \$69,105

MEYERSDALE (Somerset Co.) — The annual Somerset Co. Club Calf Sale, held Saturday at the county fairgrounds here, saw 92 steers and heifers bringing a \$69,105 auction total.

The steer, which earlier in the afternoon was named the grand champion and Somerset County bred grand champion, belonged to H. Wayne Miller, Fairhope. It sold for \$2,000.

Born last May, the steer weighed 465 pounds and gave Miller his first experience at owning a grand champion.

Weighing 550 pounds and born last March, the reserve grand champion steer was also owned by H. Wayne Miller of Fairhope. It sold for \$2,350 and was the Somerset County bred reserve grand champion.

It was a rare sweep of all the top honors by steers owned by a person living in the county.

Officials chose to not release buyers' names to the public this year, but the grand champion stayed in the county, while the reserve grand champion went to nearby Indiana Co.

Other sale results found the top-selling steer bringing \$2,500.

The sale average, on 92 head, including heifers, was \$751.15, according to Dave Brant, Rockwood, a member of the Somerset County Beef Producers who were sponsors with the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association.

Brant said the grand champion heifer sold for \$800 and the reserve grand champion heifer sold for \$825. About 21 heifers were auctioned during the event, which ended around 9:30 p.m.

Buyers came from New York, Ohio, West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania, according to Brant. But he said that 28 of the 72 steers auctioned

stayed with county buyers.

The sale auctioneer was John Spiker. Bruce Stertzbach was judge for the daytime show event.

The Steaks and Chops 4-H Club supplied food throughout the day for those attending the show and sale.

Wolff Reappoints PDPP Board

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — State Agriculture Secretary Boyd E. Wolff has announced the reappointment of six members of the Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program (PDPP) Board of Directors. The Board oversees the administration of the PDPP.

"These farmers have given their time and skills to help promote dairy products statewide," Wolff said. "We're very pleased that they'll continue their efforts for

another three years."

Reappointed board members include Harold W. Bailey of Roaring Spring, Blair County; Donald Cook of Drums, Luzerne County; Karl W. Kroeck of Knoxville, Tioga County; Richard G. Mains of Newville, Cumberland County; Janet Reynolds of Watontown, Northumberland County; and Richard Shellenberger of Manheim, Lancaster County.

Warren Sets Water Quality Workshops

WARREN (Warren Co.) — Groundwater accounts for more than 95 percent of all fresh water available on earth. Surface water from lakes, streams, wetlands, and soil moisture accounts for the remaining five percent. Only about one half of one percent of this fresh water from groundwater is available for us to use. The protection of this valuable resource is a wise idea.

Cooperative extension will be conducting two water quality workshops to address these important water issues. One will be held on Thursday, November 4, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Tidouite High School. The other will be at the Sheffield High School, Monday, November 8, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Topics to be covered include: groundwater - what is it? What pollutes it? How to protect it?, water resource legislation, water quality concerns, and testing

drinking water and treatment options. Free water testing for iron, pH, and total dissolved solids will be available for owners of private wells or springs. Bring about one pint of water to sample.

If you get your water from your own well or spring, you're responsible for its quality. Unlike public water supplies, no governmental agency requires monitoring of private, individual water systems for contamination. And periodic water testing is an important step toward ensuring a supply that's safe and appealing to use.

Many substances can degrade drinking water quality. But testing for the presence of every possible contaminant would be very expensive. So the best course of action is to test for only those contaminants that are likely to be present and to run tests that are broad in scope and provide a great deal of information.

Boar Sale Results Posted

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Meat Animal Evaluation Center has announced results of their recent 17th Performance Tested Boar sale. Bidding was quite spirited, with 24 performance-tested boars averaging \$551.

Charles and Mark Hall of Rattlesnake Mountain Farms consigned the top-indexing pen of boars. The top boar in this pen of Yorks sold to James Mathis and Jeanne Beyer of Julian for \$525.

The second highest-indexing pen of boars, bred by Neutzal Yorkshires, started off with the highest-individual indexing boar. This animal generated quite a bit of bidding excitement, bringing the top price of the day — \$1,175

— from Charles Hall. The second boar in this pen sold to Hillside Acres in Lenhartsville for \$900. The 13 Yorkshire boars averaged \$560.

Baum Family Landrace consigned the only entries in this breed, but they were a good representation of the breed and were in demand. The highest selling Landrace sold to Roy Jamison of Chambersburg for \$1,000. Kenneth Jones of Danville bought the second boar for \$900. The four Landrace boars averaged \$656.

Penn State University had the top indexing pen of Durocs. Both the top indexing and top selling Duroc boar came from this pen. Hillside Acres purchased the animal for \$500. The three Duroc boars averaged \$467.

Four Hampshire boars averaged \$481. Carl Rabenold and Franklin Feeser each sold a Hamp boar for \$500 to Hillside Acres and Brian Hege of Fayetteville, respectively.

The Meat Animal Evaluation Center is accepting pens of progeny pigs for the fall-winter testing program. The next boar testing program will begin in March 1994, and the next performance-tested boar sale is scheduled for Wednesday evening, August 17, 1994.

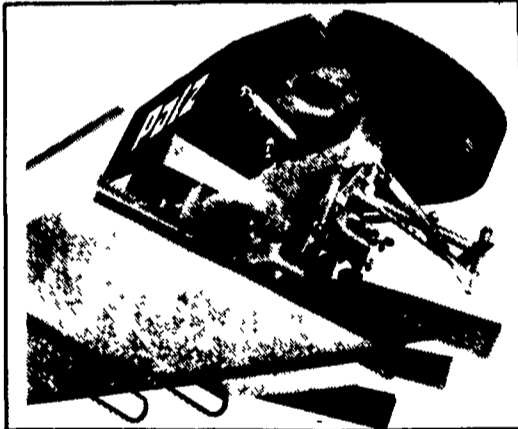
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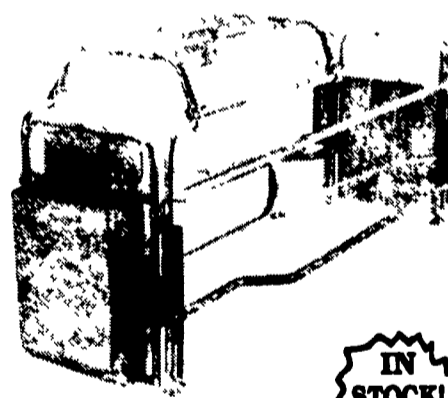
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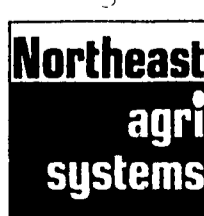
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