

Bull Sale Held

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — Pennsylvania's 21st Annual Performance Tested Bull Sale was held here at the Meat Animal Evaluation Center on Friday, March 25.

There was a very large crowd in attendance to appraise an outstanding set of performance tested bulls. There were 121 registered bidders from eight different states.

Dr. Max Van Buskirk, chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, brought greetings from the department. Van Buskirk also announced that the public's support for the performance testing programs conducted by the Meat Animal Evaluation Center should be reaffirmed by sending letters to him in Harrisburg indicating that these programs are beneficial to and supportive of the meat animal industries.

The sale started in grand fashion with the twenty Polled Hereford bulls recording the top breed sale average of \$1,785. The top indexing Polled Hereford bull, bred by Fred McMurry, was the first bull in the ring and he sold to Bayer's Hereford Ranch of Twin Bridges, Mont. for \$2,000. The McMurrys received the top-indexing Polled Hereford award presented by the Pennsylvania Polled Hereford Association. The lot #3 bull consigned by Paul and Bette Slayton sold for the top price of the day. This bull with tremendous EPDs sold to Mike and Judy Patton of Olean, N.Y. for \$3,400 on a mail bid. Lot #5 bull consigned by Frank Darcey and Lot #6 consigned by John & Janet Humphrey each sold for \$2,400 to Hochreither and Lukan of Hawley, Pa. and Watchtower Farms of Walkkill, N.Y., respectively.

The Angus breed started with the top-indexing bull consigned by Joe and Bobbi

McMullen. The McMullens from Lancaster County, Pa. received the top-indexing Angus bull award from the Pennsylvania Angus Association as well as the top-indexing bull over all breeds award. This award was presented by the Pennsylvania Cattle-men's Association. This bull then sold to Watchtower Farms of Walkkill, N.Y. for \$1,700, the third highest price for an Angus bull. The top-selling Angus bull was also consigned by the McMullens. This low-birth weight bull sold to Hendrik Angus Farm of Knoxville, Pa., for \$2,300. The second highest selling Angus bull was the high maternal trait bull consigned by Erskine Cash of Centre Hall, Pa. The Rito 2100 GDAR son sold to P T McIntire and Sons of White Post, Va. for \$2,000. The 24

Angus bulls grossed \$32,750 to record an average of \$1,365.

The Simmental division of the sale started with the two top-indexing bulls bred by Ken Foust of Gettysburg, Pa. These two bulls were both sons of the top-indexing and top-selling Simmental bull of Pennsylvania's 17th Annual Performance Tested Bull sale in 1990. Foust's two bulls sold to William McIntire of Shelco, Pa. for \$1,700 and to George Robinson of Kremer, Pa. for \$1,600. These two prices were surpassed only by the top selling Simmental. This outstanding black Simmental consigned by Messick Farms of Middletown, Pa., was purchased by Ken Foust for \$2,500.

The last bull in the

sale was the lone Charolais bred by Raymond Bratton of McVeytown, Pa. This bull sold to Richard Eigenbrode of Waynesboro, Pa., for \$1,800.

Overall, the 59 bulls sold for a total of \$88,350 to tally an average of \$1,498. This average would have to qualify this sale as very successful when considering the fact that the average was almost \$200 higher than last year's overall average of \$1,307.

For more information on Pennsylvania's performance testing programs, contact Glenn Eberly, Director, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Meat Animal Evaluation Center, 651 Fox Hollow Road, State College, PA 16803, (814) 238-2527 or (814) 865-5857.

Pa. Beef Expo Debuts In Harrisburg

PORT MATILDA (Centre Co.) — The 1994 Pennsylvania Beef Expo will be highlighted by a large commercial Trade Show and Jerry Palen, nationally recognized cartoonist. There will be many other events - five cattle breed sales, the annual Cattlemen's Association Award Banquet, and the Northeast Beef Cattle Symposium.

For the first time, the Beef Expo will be held at the Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg. All exhibits, sales and shows will be inside the Farm Show Complex.

The Trade Show will consist of over 40 commercial exhibits offering a wide range of new products for the cattle industry.

"Space is still available for more exhibits," according to Dan Gard, co-chairman of the Expo Trade Show Committee, "the trade show has always been one of the main attractions of the Beef Expo, and we are pleased that the commercial companies provide the necessary support to make the Expo a success."

Jerry Palen, creator of the popular Flo and Elmo cartoons, will be

at the Expo all three days — Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 8, 9, and 10. Mr. Palen provides whole-family entertainment as he and his audience laugh about his real-life experience of "growing up country" and then later owning and operating his own cattle operation in Wyoming.

According to Lowell Wilson, professor of animal science at Penn State, "Jerry uses the finesse of a finely-tuned storyteller as he helps people understand that working together as a family and as a couple in agriculture can be fun; and Jerry uses each of us, plus Flo and Elmo, to illustrate how we can laugh along. Jerry also draws cartoons at each of the events he attends, allowing us to laugh at ourselves even more."

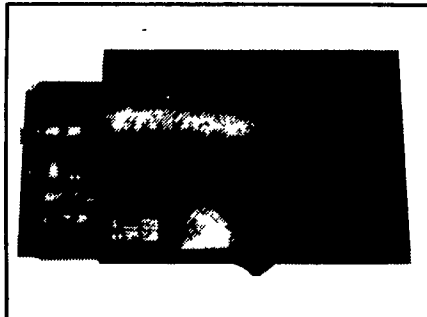
Palen will be at the Expo all three days and will certainly bring a new dimension to the event.

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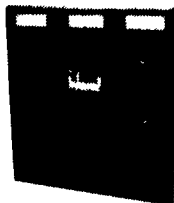
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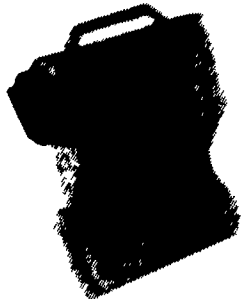
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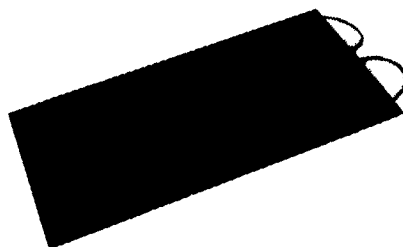
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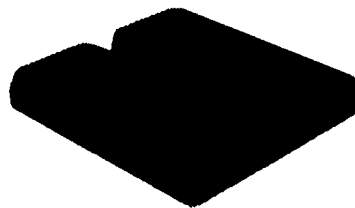
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