

Simmentals Get Top Dollar At Expo

MADISON, Wis. — Four beef cattle breeds displayed some of their best genetics for sale at the second annual World Beef Expo. The sales were held as one part of the international cattle and trade show here recently.

The Simmental Sale, run by Ebersbacher Enterprises, came out with the top average of \$2,584. There were 40 lots in the sale for a total of \$103,350. The top selling animal was a female named Holley's Sorceress, sold by the Holley

Cattle Company of Bowling Green, Ohio. She sold for \$10,500 to Bar None Classics, Flannagan, Ill.

Schlichte Auctioneering sold 30, Belgian Blue cattle plus 8 embryos in its sale bringing a total

of \$87,715. The average animal sold for \$2,308. L'Orgelot Lumin Charlotte ET was high seller at \$8,300. She was consigned by La Gantoise, Lefavre, Ontario and purchased by Janice Jackowski of Inglewood, Ontario.

Angus breeders crowded into the arena to purchase 48 animals sold by auctioneer Jerry Lehman. The sale brought a total of \$112,750, with an average of

\$2348.96. Car Don Bando B275 brought the high dollar for \$7,500 paid by Willard Zweyardt, St. Francis, Kan. The consignor was Bloom Angus, Westville, Ind.

Polled Herefords brought in a total of \$74,875 for 45 lots sold by Gary Finley. The average animal sold for \$1,970. The University of Wisconsin herd received the high dollar amount for their animal UW WIB JCL Shay Rival PC04. Jenny Brown, Hartland, Wis., purchased the animal.

Organic Farmers Receive Grants

PENNINGTON, N.J. — Primed with funding by two New Jersey foundations, the New Jersey chapter of the Northeast Organic Farming Association has embarked on new initiatives in the local organic markets, including the development of an organic grower cooperative.

The Association received a \$35,000 grant from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation and a \$30,000 grant from The Fund for New Jersey in support of its programs to promote organic agriculture in New Jersey, according to NOFA-NJ's executive director, Jennifer Morgan.

The grants will also aid NOFA-NJ in establishing itself as an independent organization from the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association, said Morgan. Since 1986, NOFA-NJ has been operating under the wing of the Watershed Association, a Hopewell Township based 1,700 member environmental organization. While continuing to work closely with the Watershed Association, NOFA-NJ is embarking on a completely independent path, concentrating on organic farming and gardening, Morgan said.

"The Watershed and NOFA-NJ have enjoyed a healthy and positive relationship over many years," said Jamie Kyte Sapoch, executive director, Watershed Association. "We are excited about working with a newly independent NOFA-NJ to help foster our mutual goals in the area of organic farming and gardening."

According to Morgan, NOFA-NJ has already begun the first step toward forming a grower cooperative by launching a Jersey Fresh certified organic tomato business venture. During the 1994 growing season, seven organic growers will participate in the venture organized in cooperation with the New Jersey Department of Agriculture and Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

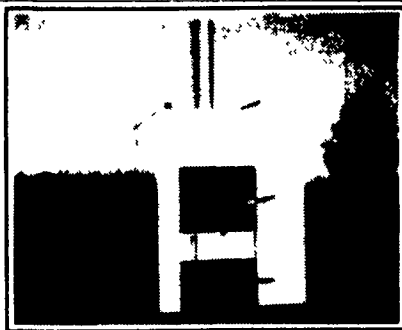
Other NOFA-NJ projects include an organic certification program, education programs, publication of the "Organic Market Guide: New Jersey Reg-

ion," an Organic Farm Employment Referral Service, and the New Jersey Organic Fair

slated this year for September 17-18.

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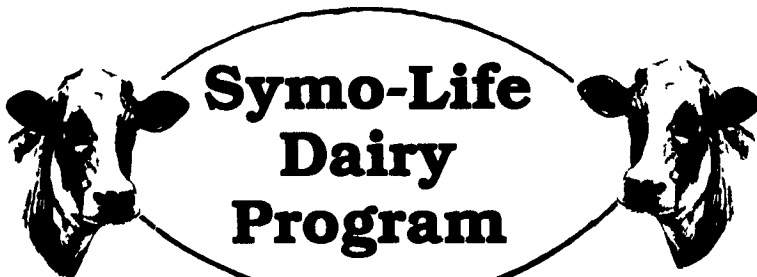
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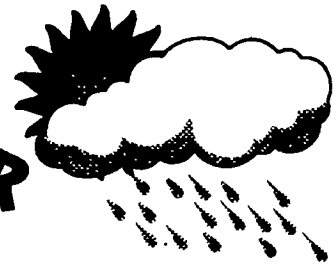
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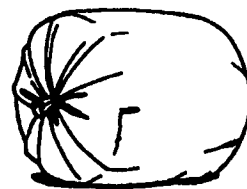
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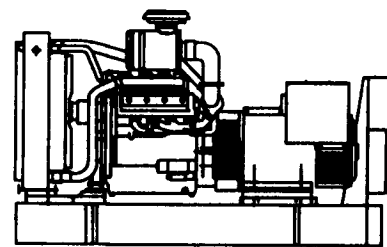
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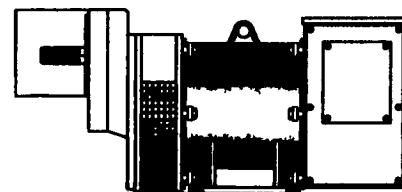
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