ABS Announces Hall Of Fame Inductee, Death of Melwood

DEFOREST, Wis. — Atalntic Breeders Service, an artificial insemination business based in DeForest, Wis., has announced the death of its 12-year-old sire, Arlinda Melwood-Et, and also the induction of one of its former bulls into the company's own hall of fame.

According to a news release, 29 H5730 Arlinda Melwood-ET died Sept. 2 at the ABS facility in Wellington, Colo.

In a separate news release from ABS, it was announced that 29 H3960 Howard-Home Caveman-Red was recently inducted into the ABS Hall of Fame.

Melwood also is to join Caveman in the ABS Hall of Fame honor, according to the company.

Melwood was owned and developed by Wally Lindskoog, of Arlinda Holsteins, in Turlock, Calif. In breeding the bull, Lindskoog combined a good uddered Paclamar Combination dam with Arlinda Rotate, a double-bred Chief son. This mating resulted in Melwood, and Lindskoog began to do his own proof on the bull.

Melwood arrived at ABS Colorado in January 1987 and was released for sale that spring.

According to the ABS news release, "His initial summary caught the attention of many prominent breeders who were willing to take a chance on a top, breederproven bull.

"Aside from the caution label associated with breeder-proven bulls, Melwood has weathered many obstacles ... during the six years he has been in the active ABS lineup," the company stated.

"First, was the scare that the introduction of the udder composite would totally remove Melwood from the top 100 TPI list. While his initial composites were quite low, he not only remained in the top 100, he secured his position in the top 50.

"As hundreds of AI daughters calved and were classified, it became obvious that Melwood was capable of improving udders," the company stated.

"Then there was the shift from fat to protein," which, according to the company, also could revalue the sire.

"But, as second crop Melwood daughters were pushing up his milk proof, his protein production also increased."

Melwood numbers include +1180 TPI, a PTAT of +1.61. In production, his latest proof was +2,407 milk; +116 fat; and +68 protein.

"While Melwood's reign has come to a close, the legacy will continue through his first proven sons," according to ABS.-

"Melwood's influence, passed on through his sons, has ranked him as the number one sire of sons in the January 1994 Pennsylvania State University Sires of Sons, Study."

More than 25 Melwood sons are to be summarized in the next two years at ABS, with others still entering the test program.

"ABS began to use Melwood as a sire of sons at the time of his initial proof in 1987. One of the earliest matings produced was 29 H 6 2 1 7 S in g in g - B r o o k Benchmark-ET."

The background on ABS's other announced hall of fame inductee, Caveman, is that he was noted for siring daughters with good legs and feet and with "high component milk from well-attached, shapely udders," according to the A.I. company.

The red and white genetic carrier was a Ca-Lill Standout Cavalier RC son out of an Excellent 91 EE black-red, Triple Threat daughter.

He has three sons in stud at ABS. "Looking back on Caveman, there is no doubt that he was one of the most popular export bulls ABS has had," said Paul Miller, with ABS. According to the news release, strong sales of Caveman semen in Europe helped him hold the title as the top-selling red and white bull for several years.



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Forest Stewardship Seminar Set

FREDERICK Md. — A full day of outstanding forestry and wildlife lectures and workshops has been assembled for the 13th Annual Mid-Atlantic Forest Stewardship Seminar to be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5, at Hagerstown Junior College. Registration and viewing of exhibits will begin at 8:30 a.m..



Forestry and wildlife experts from the Mid-Atlantic region will present programs that woodland owners will find both challenging and interesting.

The morning lectures include topics on "Ecosystem Management: What It Means For Private Landowners," "The Effect of Deer on Forest Ecosystems," "Forest Health," and "Developing a Woodland Owners Association."

The afternoon workshops in-

Chester Annual Meeting

WEST CHESTER (Chester Co.) — The 1994 Chester County Cooperative Extension Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 10 at the East Brandywine Firehall, Guthriesville. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. with a family-style roast beef dinner at 7 p.m. Our speakers for the evening will be Cathy Bowen, Penn State Family Living Specialist, who will present "The Family: Meeting Basic Living Skills Through Extension."

clude topics on "Progressive Forest

Management," "Dollars from

Woodlots: "Profitability in Stew-

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Stewardship Planning," "Timber

Taxes: What You Need to Know,"

and "Implementing a Wildlife

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There is a \$12 registration fee that

includes lunch and breaks.

If you are interested in attend-

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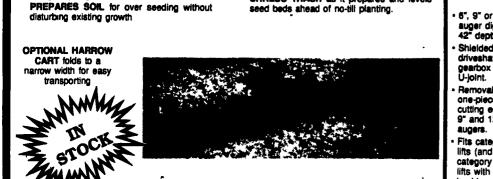
In addition, retired Lancaster County Extension Director Jay Irwin will discuss "The Emerging Agricultural Community in Eastern Europe." At the conclusion of the meeting, door prizes of Chester County products and crafts will be awarded.





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