

More To Sell, But No Change

house to capacity with about 450,000 pounds of Maryland 609 type tobacco.

At the close of the auction on Monday, 350,000 pounds of tobacco were sold, for an average price of \$1.15 per pound, according to Eric Probst, auction manager. That was up considerably from the start of the auction season last year.

It was the first time in recent memory that the sale barn was filled to capacity. Normally, the

overflow would be stacked outside. Because of the heavy rains that morning, according to Donna Probst, the overflow was stored in adjacent sheds.

Regardless, the auction accommodated about 175 sellers on the first day.

As of Wednesday, the top price for all good tobacco, according to Probst, remained at \$1.25 per pound. A total of 186,000 pounds were sold for a total of \$215,922.

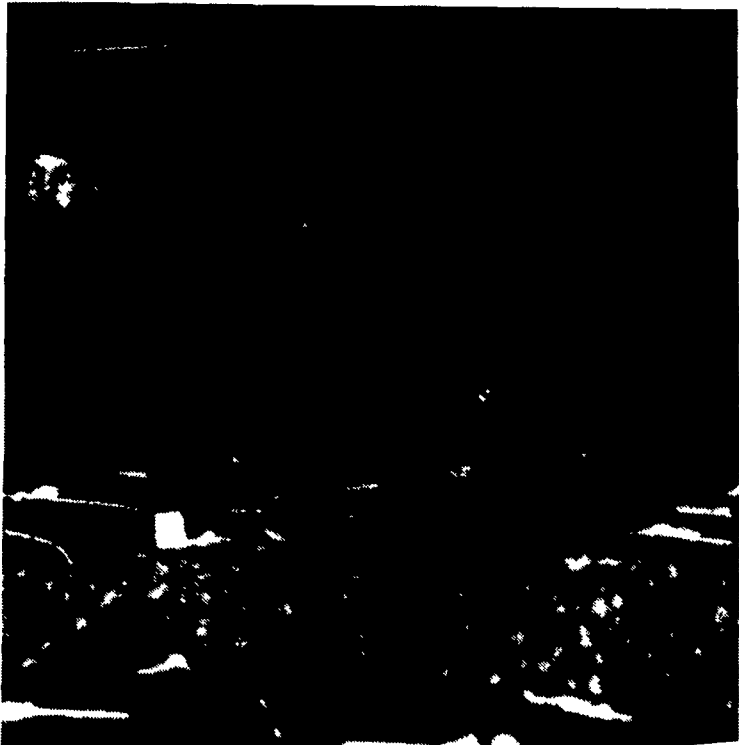
Last year, the high price on

opening day was \$1.25 a pound (going to a high of nearly \$1.50 per pound near the end of the season),

down from \$1.36 the previous year and \$1.65 a pound the year before that. Last year, the auction reported about \$296,000 in sales on opening day.

The county's top cash crop was

worth an estimated \$20 million in 1993. The season lasts 10 weeks long and continues every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday until Christmas week. The auction then resumes for a few weeks in January.



Auctioneer for the first day of this year's tobacco auction season in Paradise was Mitch Ashby, center, in black jacket. Top price for tobacco on Monday was \$1.25 per pound.

Waverly Farm Shows Grand Champion Jersey

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio — W.F. Justin Bits, owned by Waverly Farm, of Clearbrook, Va., was named senior and grand champion of the 1994 All American Jersey Show, held Nov. 7 in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Ky.

Justin Bits stood first in the aged cow class of 25 entries and took home first place udder for her aged class. She is Excellent-94.

Starheart Duncan Alpha took reserve senior and reserve grand champion honors and also took home second place udder for her aged cow class. "Alpha" won the Nasco International Type & Production Award (formerly M.B. Nichols award). She received the award for her record of 6-08 19,836M, 918F, and 761P.

This award is based on the

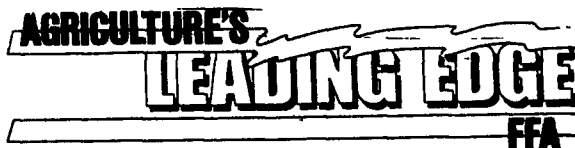
highest 305-day record for animals standing within the top 20 percent of their class. "Alpha" is a daughter of Highland Magic Duncan, and is owned by Rock Ella Jersey, Farm Ltd. of Hornby, Ontario, Canada.

Junior champion honors went to Culloden Juno Mollasses owned by Edgelea Jerseys, Little Britain, Ontario. "Mollasses" placed first in the junior yearling class against 36 entries. The reserve junior champion was Walkerbrae MP Olive owned by Piedmont Jerseys Inc., Coaticook, Quebec, Canada. "Olive" placed

first in the senior heifer class against 35 entries.

The premier breeder and premier exhibitor banners were both presented to Waverly Farm, Clearbrook, Va. The honor of the premier sire award was given to Val-leystream J I S Juno, bred by Val-leystream Jerseys, St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada.

Ontario captured first place in the state herd contest, topping the field of 14 entries. Steve White, New Castle, Ind. judged the 442-animal show. Brian Garrison, Tiffin, Ohio was the consultant during the show.



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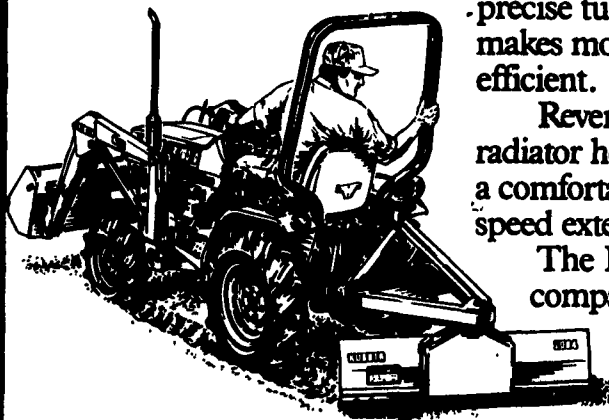
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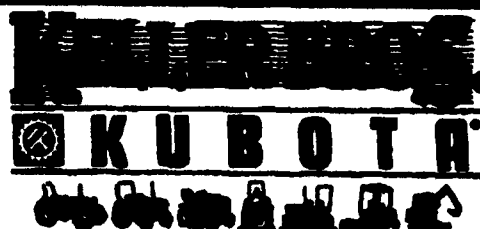
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