



D.J. Seltz holds up a white rabbit at the Belleville Poultry Auction.

Where More Than Rabbits Are Pulled From Cages

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It takes a sense of humor to spend one day a week, every week, managing a small animal auction no matter what the weather. The warm December temperatures brought out a good number of both buyers and sellers to the Belleville Poultry Auction, managed by Rob and D.J. Seitz of Lewistown.

But the Seitz' sense of humor was still intact even when January started the new year with a cold

bite. The 1:00 Wednesday auction produced a slim crowd, but dealers from Lebanon, McClure, and Altoona helped keep the bidding as brisk as the weather.

Auctioneer Jack Weaver from Saxton, Bedford County saw the line of rabbits ducks, chickens, and pigeons sold and shipped out by 2:00.

"We average 2-300 head each week," said D.J. Seitz. "Spring is our biggest time."

D.J. and her husband Rob began managing the Belleville

Poultry Auction in November of 1994. They are livestock dealers who also own the Sunnybrook Rabbitry near Lewistown.

"I've been working with poultry for eight years," D.J. said. "We have our dealer's license and licenses to haul livestock. We're inspected here every week."

Rob said he hopes to increase business and wants to treat people fair. "Appearance is a key thing," Rob said of the separate auction building at the rear of the

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A crowd of 25 turned up for the weekly Belleville Poultry Auction, held every Wednesday at 1 p.m.

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