

Bull Sale Set

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Meat Animal Evaluation Center is making final preparations for Pennsylvania's 22nd annual Performance Tested Bull Sale, scheduled for Friday, March 31 at noon in the Penn State University's Ag Arena.

The sale is to be followed this year by the Pennsylvania Cattleman's Association annual banquet.

The following day, Saturday, April 1, there is an educational symposium scheduled. In the morning, there will be a variety of breakout sessions to provide information for producers with a wide range of interests.

In the afternoon program, a cattlemen's production workshop with audience participation is planned. Topics such as castration, implanting, condition scoring, handling vaccines, and nutritional needs of animals through the year among others will be covered.

A very good group of bulls is on test this year. The group consists of 32 Polled Herefords, 22 Angus, 2 Red Angus, 15 Simmentals, two Charolais, one Limousin, and one Beefmaster. These bulls have had their performance already measured through 84 days. They completed their 112-day testing period on Feb. 28.

The top-gaining bull over all breeds so far is the April 9 born Simmental bull co-owned by Shoemaker Simmentals and Marshall Simmentals. This Holleys By the Numbers son has gained 5.83 pounds per day and maintained a lifetime weight per day of age of 4.27 pounds per day. The second-fastest gaining bull is the top-gaining Angus bull owned by Diamond D.L. Cattle. This R & J Prospector 341 son has maintained a 5.23 pounds per day gain through 84 days. The top-gaining polled Hereford bull is gaining 4.52 pounds per day. This FPP First Priority 28 U. son is owned by Meadowview Farm.

The entire group of bulls is performing very well. So far, 28 bulls

are still gaining in excess of four pounds per day. Penn State has growth bulls as well as calving ease bulls. Most of the bulls are becoming more moderate in frame size and carrying more thickness.

For more information or to request a catalog, contact Glenn Eberly, P.D.A. Meat Animal Evaluation Center, 651 Fox Hollow Road, State College, PA 16803, (814) 238-2527.

Farmers To Meet With Congress

CAMP HILL — Pennsylvania's congressmen and U.S. senators will learn firsthand how the state's farmers feel about the federal budget and taxes, government regulations, property rights and other issues during Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's Washington Legislative Tour, March 15-16.

A delegation of about 200 farmers, members of county farm bureau national legislative committees, will visit their congress-

men to discuss Farm Bureau's position on key issues affecting agriculture.

Among the issues to be discussed during Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's annual Washington Tour will be the following: 1995 Farm Bill, Clean Water Act/Wetlands Reform, Regulatory Reform, Health Insurance Tax Deduction, Property Rights, Property Rights, and Capital Gains/Estate Taxes.

Association Forms To Support Composting

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.)—A statewide steering committee composed of representatives of composting companies, producers of organic material used in composting, researchers, educators, agricultural producers, and industry consultants and suppliers has formed the Pennsylvania Composting Association (PACA).

Serving as the association's interim chairman is Daniel J.

Eichenlaub, president of AgRecycle Inc. in Pittsburgh.

The association will work with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture to oversee efforts to create a legislative and regulatory climate that supports composting as a responsible business venture.

PACA's objectives are to create a cooperative atmosphere among industries and organizations inter-

ested in composting; to enhance public and market acceptance of composting processes and products; to encourage the use of science-based processes, product standards, and guidelines; and to coordinate efforts with other state, regional, and national organizations.

The association has unanimously adopted a set of bylaws and will move toward incorporation as a non-profit organization as soon as possible. The current steering committee will serve as an interim board of directors until nomina-

business. They also milk three times per day in a double-eight herringbone parlor.

The brothers have also make distinct separations of responsibility within the farm and each specializes to a good degree.

Tom Barely is in his second year as a dairy producer, in partnership with a brother and cousin. They milk 75 cows three times daily in a tie-stall barn.

Steve Hershey is an independent producer and family farmer who overall appears to practice more traditional production techniques, but who also uses BST, prostaglandin and a totally mixed ration.

The producers were asked to serve on the panel because each has experienced a measure of success, and because each represents a different strategy toward dairy production.

Topics covered ranged to tunnel ventilation, BST use, feeding, and management decision-making.

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