

Mifflin Holstein Sale

Grosses \$70,975

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HUNTINGDON. (Huntingdon Co.) — Fifty lots sold during the recent Mifflin County Summer Classic sale grossed \$70,975, for an average of \$1,420.

Held at the Mifflin County Youth Park in Reedsville, the highest selling lot was a cow, Blessed-Acres Mascot Patches, consigned by G. Sheldon Peachey of Belleville. It was purchased for \$3,300 by Bruce Snider of Imler.

The second highest selling lot, Y-Brookside Queen, was consigned by Darwin and Loren Yoder, of Bellville. It sold for \$2,600 to Robert Peachey, of Belleville.

Kara Tussey of Huntingdon consigned the third highest selling cow. It was bought by Scott and Julicann Longenbach of North Hampton for \$2,475.

Steven and Barbara Wilson of Port Royal sold Rose-Edge F P Marisa for \$2,000 to Theodore and Patricia Miller of Pilesgrove, N.J.

Ken Raney, director of member service for the Pennsylvania Holstein Association, said that Paul Neer, of the Mifflin County Holstein Club, should be complimented on his efforts in selecting animals for the sale.

Raney said he was pleased with the local support of the sale in providing consignments and purchasing animals.

In addition to the sale of animals, a pre-sale chicken barbeque and an auction of donated items was held to support the county club, the county Dairy Princess Committee, and the county 4-H dairy judging team. Included in the items sold was a Bonnie Mohr print purchased by Danny Albright for \$180.

\$12.37 For August Milk

ALBANY, N.Y. — Dairy farmers who supplied regulated milk dealers (handlers) under the New York-New Jersey marketing orders during August 1995 will be paid by handlers on the basis of a uniform price of \$12.37 per hundredweight (26.6 cents per quart).

The price for the corresponding month last year was \$12.44 per hundredweight, according to Market Administrator Ronald C. Pearce. He also stated that the price was \$11.99 in July 1995.

The uniform price is a market-wide weighted average of the value of farm milk used for fluid and

manufactured dairy products.

A total of 11,347 dairy farmers supplied handlers regulated under the New York-New Jersey marketing orders with 1,002,799,267 pounds of milk during August 1995. This was an increase of 3.2 percent (about 31 million pounds) from last year.

The gross value to dairy farmers for milk deliveries was \$123,687,606.91. This included differentials required to be paid to dairy farmers but not premiums, deductions authorized by the farmer, or assessments.

Grange Provides Look At Constructed Wetlands

LEWISBERRY (York Co.) — For several years the Valley Grange wanted to build a meeting hall on its property in Warrington Township.

However, soils on the site were not suitable for conventional septic tanks, and public sewers weren't available.

So the Grange decided to build a "constructed wetland" engineered to treat effluent from septic tanks. The wetland would be environmentally safe, provide long service life, and provide wildlife habitat and other aesthetic considerations.

Last week, Valley Grange provided a tour of the constructed wetlands. The Grange was able to demonstrate the benefits of the site.

At the location, wastewater is first collected and treated by a series of two septic tanks. The effluent from the septic tanks is pumped to a subsurface-flow, lined wetland cell containing cattails and bulrushes. The roots of the aquatic plants provide oxygen to bacteria for treatment of the wastewater below the surface of the treatment cell.

Effluent from the treatment cell is discharged to a bermed, unlined area planted with water-tolerant grasses for groundwater recharge. Evapotranspiration, occurring in both the treatment and disposal cells, also serves to reduce discharge from the treatment process.

After receiving planning

approval from the township, the Grange received the proper permits and construction was completed earlier this year. A groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the construction was held late in July.

The wetland system consists of cattails and bulrushes whose roots provide oxygen to bacteria for treatment of the wastewater below the surface. The system was designed by CET Engineering Services, Harrisburg.

William Traver, Valley Grange

president, believes the system meets many needs.

Traver said, "Constructed wetlands provide simple, low cost and flexible treatment, independence from site soil characteristics, long service life, and indirect benefits such as wildlife habitat and aesthetic considerations, in addition to upholding values that are precious to Grange members."

The new 60 by 100 foot Grange hall will be multipurpose facility with a kitchen and meeting rooms.

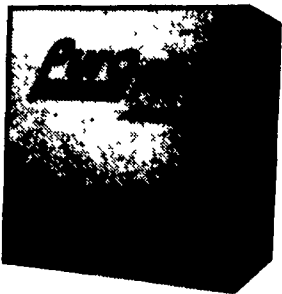


Last week, Valley Grange provided a tour of the constructed wetlands. Engineers and Grange members inspect bulrushes and cattails at the wetland site. From left, Tom Whittle and Anita Stable, CET environmental engineers, and Earl Calhoun, chairman, Valley Grange building committee and Bill Traver, Valley Grange president.

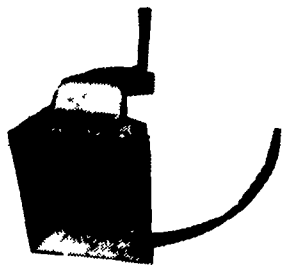
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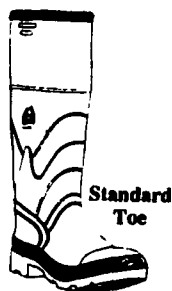


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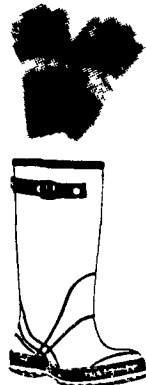


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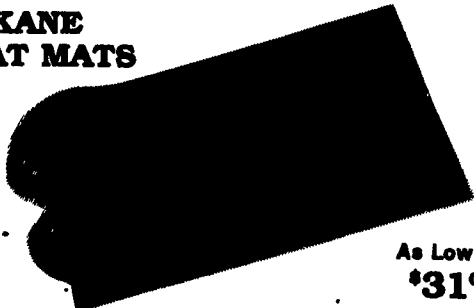


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