# **Limousin Foundation Offers** Gestation Length EPDs

ENGLEWOOD, Colo .-Cattlemen will find a new tool to use for Limousin selection when they open the breed's Fall '95 Genetic Evaluation Manual. The North American Limousin Foundation (NALF) has established expected progeny differences (EPDs) for gestation length.

Measured in days, gestation length EPDs allow cattlemen to select for shorter gestation length and the benefits that go along with it: namely, slightly increased rebreeding performance due to longer post-partum intervals, some decrease in birth weight which equates to more calving ease, especially in first-calf heifers, and heavier actual weaning weights from older calves.

Along with this new EPD, cattlemen will find the latest Limousin Genetic Evaluation Manual one of the most comprehensive to date, including carcass EPDs and

a listing of the breed's Focus Dams, females that have distinguished themselves through production and rebreeding perfor-

"With these comprehensive descriptions of genetic differences, breeders have important tools to produce problem-free cattle," said Dr. Kent Andersen, NALF director of research and education.

In addition to the manual, cattlemen can also request IBM compatible Sire Selector software which gives them the sire and young sire listing on disk with the ability to sort for specific EPD ranges and accuracies by trait, as well as color and polled status.

To request a free manual, or to order the Sire Selector software, contact NALF at (303) 220-1693.

## Growers Prosecuted

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ject to a review referendum every five years, it is a democratic institution that represents the wishes of the majority of growers who participated in the referendums.

The Vegetable Marketing and Research Program has spent more than \$125,000 over the past seven years on dozens of research projects, including major integrated pest management (IPM) research projects on sweet corn and tomatoes. Both of these projects are intended to provide growers with information that enables them to apply pesticides when the disease or insect pressure is greatest instead of on a regular schedule. Some years this decreases the number of sprays applied, thereby decreasing the grower's cost while other years it will increase the number of sprays applied thereby increasing the grower's crop quality. Either way, the grower benefits. This year the program has gone a step further by mailing this IPM information to growers across the state on a weekly basis.

The program has also worked hard at promoting Pennsylvania vegetables. It has created colorful point-of-purchase materials for growers who retail their produce. Each year the program has provided newspapers across the state with news releases on Pennsylvania vegetables throughout the harvest season. This year the program teamed up with the American Cancer Society, the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Philadelphia Eagles to urge consumers to eat at least five servings of vegetables and fruits each day during National 5-A-Day Week in September.

# Pa. FFA Judging Teams Win First Place

SPRINGFIELD, Mass .-Members of Pennsylvania's state winning teams competed recently at the 1995 Eastern States Exposition FFA day contest.

For the first time since 1987, Pennsylvania won the coveted Sweepstakes Award given to the state with the best overall team score. Pennsylvania competed against teams from 15 other eastern states, including Ohio, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, Virginia, West Viriginia, Delaware, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont.

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