

FARM CALENDAR

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Most From the Drive-Through Auction, Kutztown Produce Auction, 7 p.m.

Friday, January 9

Schuylkill County Dairy Day, Penn State Schuylkill Campus, Schuylkill Haven, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Basics of Managing A Dairy Farm Business, Lancaster Farm and Home Center, Lancaster, 10 a.m.

Saturday, January 10

Pa. State Farm Show, Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, thru Jan. 15.

Sunday, January 11

American Farm Bureau Federation Convention, Charlotte Convention, Charlotte, N.C., thru Jan. 15.

Monday, January 12

Tuesday, January 13

Reducing Risk On The Farm Seminar Series, Morrison's Cove Memorial Park, also Jan. 20 and Feb. 10, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Wednesday, January 14

Farm Production Management Workshops, York County Extension, thru Jan. 15.

Thursday, January 15

Risk Management/Grain Marketing Seminar, Adams County Extension Office, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Weed Management School, Lebanon Valley Ag Center, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Basics of Managing A Dairy Farm Business, Stephen S. Stoltzfus Farm, New Holland, also Jan. 22.

Friday, January 16

Franklin County Holstein Association annual meeting, Gibbles Restaurant, 7 p.m.

Saturday, January 17

Susquehanna County Holstein Association annual meeting.

Sunday, January 18

Monday, January 19

Beef 2000 Seminar, Penn State, thru Jan. 21.

New Holland Vegetable Day, Summit Valley Elementary School, New Holland, 9

a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Commodity Futures Basics, Lebanon Valley Ag Center, 1 p.m.-3 p.m., also Jan. 26 and Feb. 2 and Feb. 9.

Tuesday, January 20

New Jersey Annual Vegetable Meeting, Trump Taj Mahal, Atlantic City, N.J., thru Jan. 22.

Nutrient Management for Vegetable Crops, University of Maryland Plant Science Building, College Park.

Pa. Lime, Fertilizer, and Pesticide Conference, Nittany Lion Inn, State College, thru Jan. 22.

Forage School Level 1, Lebanon Valley Ag Center, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 21

Passing On The Farm Workshop, Union/Northumberland counties, St. John's United Church of Christ, Lewisburg.

Lameness In Cattle Seminar, Milton All-American Restaurant, Milton, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Thursday, January 22

1998 Pa. State Association of County Fairs Convention, Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, thru Jan. 24.

No-Till Conference, Westin Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., thru Jan. 24.

Lawrence County Fruit Growers Dinner, New Wilmington Grange Hall, dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m.

Capitol Region Greenhouse Seminar, Lantern Lodge, Myerstown.

York County Ag Recognition Banquet, Wischaven Hall, 7 p.m.

Friday, January 23

Lycoming Crops and Dairy Day, Picture Rocks Fire Company, 9:50 a.m.-3 p.m.

Centre/Clinton Crops Day, Logan Grange Hall, Pleasant Gap, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 24

Huntingdon County Holstein Association annual meeting, Marklesburg Fire Hall, Marklesburg, 7 p.m.

Sunday, January 25

37th Annual Meeting of the National Mastitis Council, American Society of Ag Engineers, International Dairy Housing Conference, Adams Mark Hotel, St. Louis, Mo., thru Jan. 28.

FARM FORUM

Editor,
The Nov. 29, 1997 issue of Lancaster Farming contained an article from a university scientist who claimed that venison is not a low cholesterol meat, and went on to "show" in a tabulated form, that venison contained significantly higher cholesterol than a comparably-sized portion of beef.

As a veterinarian with good knowledge of meats (and as a deer hunter as well), let me firmly state that his facts are in error. I enclose a copy of compared analyses for several sorts of meat; it is very clear that venison is truly a lower fat, lower cholesterol meat, such that it is recommended as part of

the diet for people requiring low fat/cholesterol, such as heart patients. This table of analysis is from "The Complete Venison Cookbook" by Harold W. Webster (Quail Ridge Press, P.O. Box 123, Brandon, MS 39043). Mr. Webster's source is cited as D'Artagnan, which is a noted purveyor of exotic and game meats (399 St. Paul Ave., Jersey City, NJ 07306), and I should say that they certainly would know what they're talking about!

I enjoy reading Lancaster Farming every week. Keep up the good work!

Dr. Wendy Furie

First Internet Jersey Silent Auction A Success

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio - The 1997 edition of the Jersey Silent Auction made history as the first auction to be held and accept bids via the Internet.

Sale catalogs and pedigrees were made available online and bidders registered for bidder numbers and passwords. Bidders from as far as Australia and South Africa joined with others for a total of 10 registered internet bidders.

Three lots sold over the internet, two going to Australia and one to Virginia.

Silent Auction bids were accepted from Saturday morning, Nov. 8 until 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10 for the lots being offered.

Fifteen lots averaged \$3,166.67 with the top lot bringing \$6,200.

Lisa Kunz-Womack made the final bid to purchase the top selling consignment of Phillip Hulse, Cedartown, Ga. The contending bidder was Graeme Horne, Victoria, Australia, via the Internet.

The buyer will select first choice female sired by either Altheas Les Pitino Al-Top-ET, PTI +314 or Altheas Select-ET, PTI +345 out of Excellent - 90% Poplar Top Oh Baby Baby.

"Baby Baby" is the number one cow on the November 1997 PTI list at +588. Her dam, Poplar Top Baby Brass ranks third on the same list and the third dam, Sooners Yankee Brass ranks sixth. "Baby Baby" is a daughter of Mason Boomer Sooner Berretta with a one lactation mature equivalent (m.e.) of 28,660 lbs. Milk, 773 lbs. Fat, and 1,075 lbs. Protein.

The resulting heifer from the "Pitino" mating will have a Parent Average (PA) of +1,891M, +56F, +84P, +270P\$, +306CY\$, +2.4 Type, and +454 PTI, the "Select" heifer will have a PA of +2120M, +57F, +84P, +278P\$, +2.5 Type, and +464 PTI.

L&H Jerseys, Crockett, Va, paid the second highest price

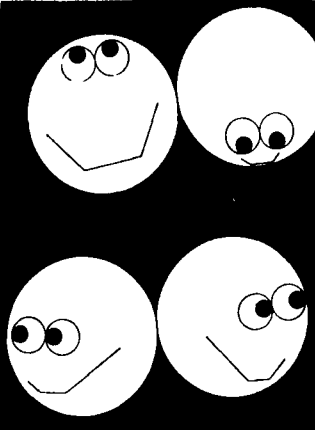
when they bid \$4,400 to buy the consignment of Eric Silva, Turlock, Calif. L&H will select first choice female sired by HL Lester Pointer, PTI +349, by Excellent - 90% Sunset Canyon MBSB Pop-ET.

"Pop" is ranked 85th on the November 1997 PTI list and a daughter of Mason Boomer Sooner Berretta. She has a first lactation record at 1-10 305 days of 19,210 lbs. Milk 4.6% 881 lbs. Fat 3.8% 731 lbs. Protein. There are two heifers to choose from, Sunset Canyon Pointer Snap-ET and Sunset Canyon Pointer Snap-ET, were born September 28 and have a PA of +1,698M, +41F, +68P, +221P\$, +245CY\$, +1.7 Type, and +363 PTI.

The third highest bid was made by Cory Cleveland, Osyka, Miss., for the first choice female or five embryos by Altheas Les Pitino Al-Top-ET out of Queen-Acres Boomer Celeste. The choice was consigned by James L. and Sharon L. Osborne, Keymar, Md.

"Celeste" earlier this year broke the United States milk record with a 365 day record at 6 years, 7 months of 38,030 lbs. Milk, 4.6%, 1,732 lbs. Fat, 3.5% 1,333 lbs. Protein. The resulting heifer will have a PA of +1,419M, +46F, +50P, +180P\$, +191CY\$, +1.5 Type and +285 PTI.

The Silent Auction is held each November in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition and is managed by Jersey Marketing Service, an affiliate of the American Jersey Cattle Association.



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