

# Pennsylvania Grazing and Forage Conference To Focus On Pastures

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GRANTVILLE (Dauphin Co.) - The 1998 Pennsylvania Grazing Conference March 4 and 5 will feature numerous presentations and discussions focusing on pastures.

If you have interest in parasite buildup in pastures, poisonous weeds in pastures, pasture production during the "summer slump", applying manure to pastures, no-till renovation of pastures, or which pasture plant species are best for your farm, make plans to attend the Grazing Conference at the

Holiday Inn in Grantville.

In addition to these topics, many of which will include experience grazers as presenters, Sinclair Mayne, a scientist from Northern Ireland, will be the keynote speaker.

Dr. Mayne's grazing research with dairy cattle and beef at the Northern Ireland Research Institute is some of the strongest in the world. Sinclair Mayne's research has emphasize improving grazing management to increase intake and utilization of pasture. In addition,

he has been involved in a long-term study to evaluate the optimum genetic merit of various cow breeds for grazing management systems.

At informally structured evening sessions on March 4, there will be the opportunity to ask questions and discuss with fellow farmers current concerns on your farm or the grazing industry. There will also be an evening demonstration about using the Internet to obtain access to a whole range of grazing information from your computer.

In addition to the structured educational program, there will be a trade show with company representatives available to showcase the latest in grazing technology. If it is New Zealand-style milking facilities or fence insulators that you are interested in, you can learn about it and purchase it at the trade show.

INCLUDED 46 PERCENT SLAUGHTER STEERS, 7 PERCENT SLAUGHTER HEIFERS, 41 PERCENT COWS, 3 PERCENT BULLS, WITH THE BALANCE FEEDERS.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: HIGH CHOICE AND PRIME 2-4 1250-1480 LBS. 63.75-67.75. CHOICE 2-3 1150-1450 LBS. 62.00-64.75; 1450-1600 LBS. 58.00-62.75. SELECT AND LOW CHOICE 2-3 1000-1500 LBS. 57.25-63.00; 1500-1700 LBS. 55.00-60.00. SELECT 2-3 1050-1400 LBS. 54.00-58.75.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: CHOICE 2-3 1185-1750 LBS. 53.35-60.25. SELECT AND LOW CHOICE 2-3 1180-1785 LBS. 58.75-67.00. SELECT 1-2 1000-1800 LBS. 43.25-52.25.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: CHOICE 2-4 1150-1440 LBS. 60.00-64.50. SELECT AND LOW CHOICE 2-3 950-1450 LBS. 54.50-60.75. HEIFERETTES: COMMERCIAL AND STANDARD 2-3 900-1250 LBS. 44.00-50.75.

COWS: BRKG UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 2-3 LOW DRESSING 35.25-38.00, BULK 37.25-43.75; CUTTER AND BONING UTILITY 1-3 LOW DRESSING 32.00-36.50, BULK 35.50-40.75, HIGH DRESSING 39.00-43.50; CANNER AND LOW CUTTER 1-2 LOW DRESSING 26.00-33.75, BULK 32.00-37.75.

BULLS: YIELD GRADE 1 1150-2100 LBS. 46.50-56.00, FEW TO 59.76; SOME OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS EARLY 1250-1420 LBS. 63.75-67.25. YIELD GRADE 2 1000-2300 LBS. 42.25-48.50.

CALVES: COMPARED TO LAST WEEK'S CLOSE, VEALERS FINISHED MOSTLY STEADY AFTER SELLING MOSTLY 5.00 HIGHER THROUGH MIDWEEK. SLAUGHTER CALVES WERE NOT WELL TESTED. DEMAND FOR CALVES RETURNING TO THE COUNTRY WAS NOT NEAR AS GOOD AS LAST WEEK WITH PRICES CLOSING 10.00-15.00 LOWER.

VEALERS: GOOD AND CHOICE 70-110 LBS. 20.00-38.00, LATE IN THE WEEK MOSTLY 20.00-30.00. STANDARD AND LOW GOOD 65-85 LBS. 11.00-23.00.

SLAUGHTER CALVES: FEW GOOD AND CHOICE 200-350 LBS. 75.00-85.00; 300-500 LBS. 60.00-75.00. FEW UTILITY AND GOOD 175-400 LBS. 50.00-67.00.

RETURNED TO FARM: HOLSTEIN BULLS 90-125 LBS. 90.00-125.00; 80-100 LBS. 75.00-100.00. SMALL FRAME CALVES 70-125 LBS. 40.00-80.00, FEW 25.00-55.00. HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 90-125 LBS. 70.00-137.00. SMALL FRAME CALVES 90-115 LBS. 40.00-80.00; 70-90 LBS. 25.00-40.00.

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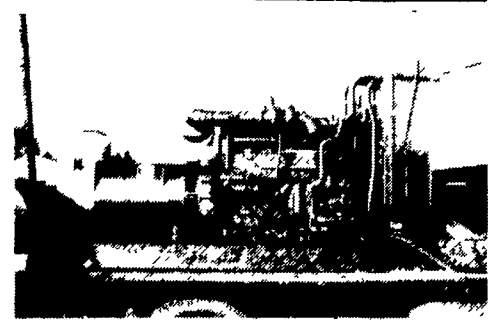
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