

Dairy Cattle Exporters Use Port Of Philadelphia And Camden



Bred heifers board a ship in the Port of Philadelphia and Camden for the start of a 21-day trip across the Atlantic to Lebanon.

PHILADELPHIA — A shipment of 850 bred Holstein heifers recently left the Port of Philadelphia and Camden for a 21-day trip to the country of Lebanon, marking the second shipment from the port.

State Secretary of Agriculture Samuel Hayes Jr., who has been aggressively promoting exporting activities and opportunities, attended the early morning shipment in order to observe the loading of the heifers for the trip.

"We want to see the Port of Philadelphia used for more and more exports like this," Hayes said, noting that Gov. Tom Ridge and his administration are committed to increasing exporting opportunities for Pennsylvania's farmers and agribusinesses.

The first shipment out of the port was done last October through R.K. Exports Inc., of Culpepper, Va. G. Gordon Thornhill, general manager of the business, assembled both orders, collecting animals from 20 states.

The animals were housed at the Pennsylvania Holstein Association's Middletown farm, used as an official quarantine station.

In addition to serving the PHA for its export shipments, the Middletown facility is also leased for the use of other organizations in preparing animals for shipments and as a quarantine holding area prior to being shipped to ensure that the animals conform to specific biological security measures required by purchasers and those required by United States' regulations.



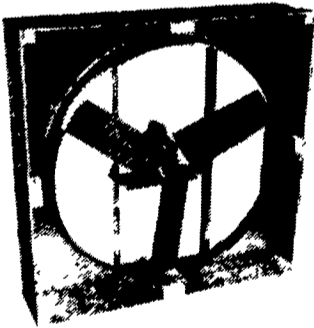
With bales of straw being hoisted onto a ship being readied to export a shipment of bred heifers to the country of Lebanon, from the left, Jamie McDermott, executive director of the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority, which manages the Port of Philadelphia and Camden, stands with state Secretary of Agriculture Samuel Hayes Jr., and is joined by Elizabeth Murphy, Port Authority director of strategic planning.

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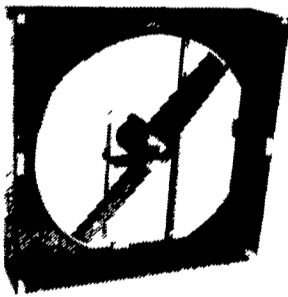
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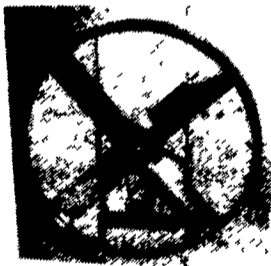
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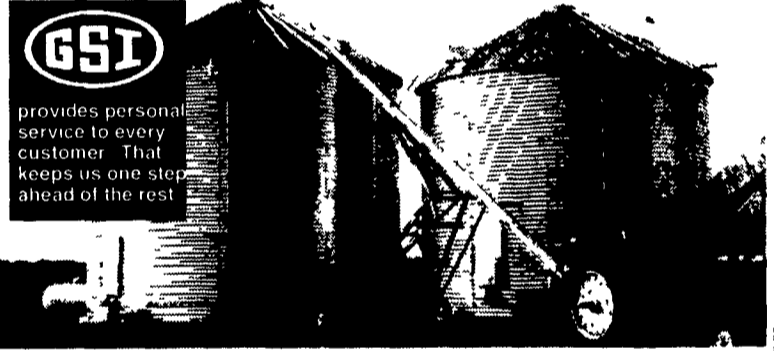
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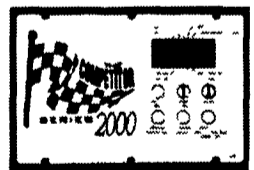
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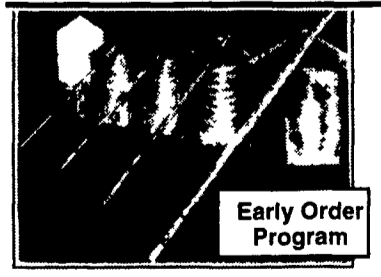


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