Southern Wayne Conducts Junior Livestock Sale

NEWFOUNDLAND (Wayne Co.) — On Labor Day Weekend here at the Greene-Dreher-Sterling Fair, local youth successfully offered market hogs, steers, and lambs for sale at the Southern Wayne Junior Livestock Sale.

The sale's volume buyer was Waymart Milling Company, followed by Blooming Grove Sand and Gravel, John Petroski and Rob Flynn, livestock dealers, and Overboard's Restaurant. In addition, auctioneers Dan Naylor and John Regan volunteered their services for the benefit of the young people.

The first animal presented for auction was the 270 pound grand champion market hog raised by Nick Nebzydoski. Nick is a member of the Pleasant Mount Go-Getters and a junior at Forest City Regional High School. Nick's hog was purchased by Honesdale National Bank for \$2.75 per pound.

The reserve grand champion hog, a homebred animal that was a littermate to the grand champion, was raised by Kathryn Nebzydoski. Kathryn is a fifth grade member of the Pleasant Mount Go-Getters 4-H Club. Waymart Milling purchased this hog for \$1.45 per pound.

Dana MacDonald took grand champion honors to this year's market lamb competition. He sold his 129-lb. grand champion lamb to John Shipsky for \$2.95 per pound.

Mike Korb of the Cherry Ridge 4-H Club sold his 110pound reserve grand champion lamb to Dr. Henry Nebzydoski for \$2.10 per pound. Mike is a student at Honesdale High School.

Luke Megivern's grand champion market steer was a 1997 Calf Scramble steer that was bought by Waymart Milling Company for \$2 per pound. Luke is a member of the Pleasant Mount Go-Getters and a student at Forest City Regional High School.

Another 1997 Calf Scramble steer took reserve grand champion honors for Matt Hauenstein of the Creamton 4-H Club and Western Wayne Middle School. Matt sold his 1,375-pound steer to Blooming Grove Sand and Gravel for \$1.20 per pound.

Eight animals were resold to benefit other individuals or an organization. Honesdale National Bank returned the Grand Champion Hog for the benefit of the G.D.S. Agricultural Fair Association. Honesdale National Bank also resold one lamb with proceeds to go to the Southern Wayne Junior Livestock Sale.

Dr. Henry Nebzydoski donated the reserve grand champion market lamb for resale to benefit the Green-Dreher-Sterling Fair Scholarship Fund. Corey Keating gave his sale proceeds to Tiffany Swingle, a local 4-H member in critical condition in Geisinger Medical Center.

Josh Zeiler donated the proceeds of one of his hogs to Tiffany Swingle, and the proceeds of his second hog to his brother Stephen, a recuperating accident victim. Carroll and Dawn Krautter donated the choice of a beef feeder calf to the highest bidder and returned the bid payment to Tiffany Swingle.

Northeastern, PennWest York Stockholders Vote To Consolidate

LEWISBURG (Union Co.) — Northeastern Farm Credit, PennWest Farm Credit, and York Farm Credit stockholders overwhelmingly voted their approval to consolidate into one new Farm Credit association.

The three Farm Credit associations conducted special stockholder meetings during the first week of November to vote on the consolidation. Each association approved the consolidation resolution by a considerable margin.

The consolidation will become effective on Jan. 1, 1999. The new association will be named AgChoice Farm Credit, ACA and headquarters will be located in Mechanicsburg at the Rossmoyne Business Park. Allyn L. Lamb, chief execu-

tive officer of the three associations, commented, "We are very pleased that the stockholders have taken action to pass this consolidation resolution. AgChoice will be culmination of the best three Farm Credit associations have to offer into one association that will be poised to help our customers to further their business objectives and achieve their dreams into the next century."

Scholarships Available Through Keystone Farm Credit

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Keystone Farm Credit has announced the availability of two \$1,000 scholarships which will be awarded in 1999

Phil Kimmel, president of Keystone Farm Credit, comments that he believes these scholarships are an investment in the future of agriculture and is pleased that Keystone Farm Credit is able to offer financial support to students who seek to further their education in this field.

Applicants must be high school seniors who plan to attend a four-year college on a full-time basis and major in agriculture or agribusiness. Another requirement is the applicants parent(s) or guardian(s) must reside in Keystone's servicing territory which includes the counties of Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Delaware, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia, Pike, and Schuylkill.

Notification of the availability of the two \$1,000 scholarships was sent to both public and private schools as well as vo-tech schools in fifteen counties listed above. Interested students should check with their guidance counselors to secure an application form.

Applications are also available at any of Keystone's offices or by calling Donna Dawson at (610) 268-3864, ex 21. Deadline for submission of applications is Feb. 1, 1999.

Red Angus Top-Selling Lot

BOONES MILL, Va. — The first offering of Red Angus certified feeder calves in a Virginia Cattlemen's Association sponsored Tel-O-Auction was Nov. 17. There were approximately 1,000 mostly black and black white-faced feeders in that sale, but the top selling lot was a group of Red Angusinfluenced steer calves.

Then on Nov. 2, the second appearance of Red Angus certified feeders in a Virginia Tel-O-Auction had history repeating itself. Red Angus sired steers (average weight 500 pounds) were the top selling lot from about 700 predominately black Angus feeders. The single lot of Red Angus heifers were also the top selling heifers.

Red Angus excel in the feedlot and on the rail, and are eligible for numerous premium branded "Angus" beef products. (Such as "Imperial Angus Beef," "Supreme Angus Beef," "Premium Gold Angus," "AngusPride," "Sterling Silver," etc.) Of additional interest, the feedlot owner who bought last year's top-selling lot returned this year. After spirited bidding, he bought every Red Angus-sired steer offered in the sale. Red Angus breeders welcome commercial cattlemen into this "win-win" program. If you currently produce red-hided cattle, you know what the red-hide discount is. The simple switch to using a registered Red Angus bull in your herd may move your calves from discount to premium. The Tel-O-Auction format is ideal for the breeder with a small number of calves. These calves are graded on the farm and delivered to a central location after the sale to be commingled with those of similar weight from other producers. It gives everyone the advantage of selling their cattle at load lot prices. For information on the Red Angus Feeder Calf Certification Program, contact Joyce Tice, Mason-Dixon Red Angus Association, at (540) 334-5323 E-mail: deerwood@Roanoke. infi.net or The Red Angus Association of America, Marketing Dept., (940) 387-3502, Email: info@redangus1. org.

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