

Pa. Performance Tested Bull Sale Posts Results

ROCKSPRING (Centre Co.) — The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Meat Animal Evaluation Center wishes to announce the results from Pennsylvania's 28th annual Performance Tested Bull Sale.

Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Samuel E. Hayes addressed the crowd with a welcome from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and expressed his continued support for the performance testing programs and his commitment to the completion of the new testing facility at Rockspring.

The dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences, Dean Robert Steele, welcomed everyone to Penn State University and to the facilities of the college.

The 151 registered bidders from nine states and Puerto Rico were first offered the Angus

bulls. The lot number one Angus bull, the top-indexing Angus, consigned by Marlin and Steve Paul, was a full brother to the top-indexing Angus bull in last year's sale.

These bulls were sired by a top-performing bull that was purchased in the 1997 Performance tested bull sale. This accomplishment is a testament to the value and to the high heritability of growth rate of performance testing.

This bull and the lot number 10 was selected by George Hempt of New Cumberland for the winning bid of \$3,100 each. These \$3,100 bids were the second highest prices paid for an Angus bull. The lot number 10 bull was consigned by John Corle.

The highest-selling bull overall was lot number six Angus bull

consigned by Monica Feeser. Mark Sanders, Gettysburg, offered \$3,500 for this popular selection. The 29 Angus bulls sold for an average of \$2,105.

Seven red Angus bulls sold for an average of \$1,386. The top-selling red Angus, consigned by John Myers, sold to Brown's Ranch of Gettysburg for \$2,000.

The top-indexing and the top-selling Simmentals consigned by H. Robert McQuiston of Haven Woods Farm sold for \$2,600 to Deer Pond Farm of Port Matilda. This bull received the award presented by the Pennsylvania Cattleman's Association for the top-indexing bull of all breeds.

This bull also set a new all-time record for Pennsylvania in average daily gain on test. He gained 6.32 pounds per day through the 112-day test. The second highest selling Simmental was the moderately framed bull

consigned by Robert Simpson. This bull sold for export to Puerto Rico for \$2,400.

The 20 Simmental bulls sold for a total of \$30,700 to record an average of \$1,535.

Five Herefords in the sale sold for \$7,500, to average \$1,500. The award winning Hereford, the top-indexing bull of the breed, was nominated by Eugene Sapp and sold to Russell Robinson of Buckhannon, W.Va. for \$1,500.

The top price paid for a Hereford was \$1,650. Matthew Martin, Tafton, offered this bid for the bull bred by Paul and Bette Slayton of Bedford.

In the ring next was the very popular Charolais bull. After spirited bidding, the bull sold for \$3,300 and was bought by Frank Valentin Balaguer, of Anasco, Puerto Rico.

This bull had the heaviest lifetime weight per day of age and the largest adjusted loin-eye over all bulls on test this year. This 1,500 pound plus yearling weight bull was bred by Raymond Bratton, McVeytown, who is the longest active participant in the bull performance testing programs.

The final bull offered for sale was a Limousin owned by Dave and Lynda Miller of Bedford. This red Limousin is also bound for Puerto Rico on the winning bid of \$1,500.

For more information about Pennsylvania testing programs, contact Glenn Eberly, director, Meat Animal Evaluation Center, 651 Fox Hollow Road, State College, PA 16803, (814) 238-2527 (phone) or (814) 865-5857 (phone/fax) or e-mail: geberly@psu.edu.

Great Lakes Grazing Network Launches Website

MONONA, Wis. — The Great Lakes Grazing Network has recently launched the Website, www.gln.org, to provide information targeted to grazers in the upper Midwest and Northeast.

The site features a publications section which includes listings of books and manuals that provide comprehensive information on grazing and pasture management as well as listings of fact sheets and articles on specific topics.

The specific topics include infrastructure, pasture/forages (grasses and legumes), animal husbandry, financial considera-

tion, business planning, and environmental aspects of grazing livestock. Most of the resource information is available for viewing or downloading — if not, then there is information on how to order. There also is a section on teaching aids, including Power-Point presentations.

Also included on this Website is information on how to contact grazing advocates in the Great Lakes region, the benefits of management intensive grazing, the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative with national, regional and state contacts, direct marketing, links to other Websites,

farm tours, grazing schools, and upcoming conferences.

The Great Lakes Grazing Network is a coalition of farmers and agricultural professionals from university, government, and environmental groups organized as independent working groups in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin, to assist with the improvement and advancement of managed grazing systems. Regional activities are coordinated to share information from research, education, training, policy, and outreach activities.

World Dairy Expo Not Canceled Because Of Foot And Mouth

MADISON, Wis. — The 35th World Dairy Expo will be Oct. 3-7 here at the Alliant Energy Center.

The World Dairy Expo Executive Committee concluded there was no reason not to proceed with the show despite the recent outbreak of foot and mouth disease in the United Kingdom and Europe.

World Dairy Expo is aware of the serious outbreak of foot and mouth disease in Europe and will implement a biosecurity system to lessen dairy cattle exhibitors' concerns. World Dairy Expo is in the process of working with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, the USDA, and the Immigration Service to encourage appropriate steps are taken to protect the health of all animals at the show.

Foot and mouth disease has been found in many countries for decades. The development of the disease in the United Kingdom and Europe has focused attention on the continual need for the U.S. to be proactive in protecting domestic animal health. It is important to note that any infectious disease can be devastating to the dairy industry and appropriate steps should be taken to minimize that risk. Additional information regarding foot and mouth disease can be found at the USDA Website <http://www.usda.gov/special/fmd/fmd.html>.

For more information, contact World Dairy Expo at (608) 224-6455 or go online at <http://www.worlddairyexpo.com>.

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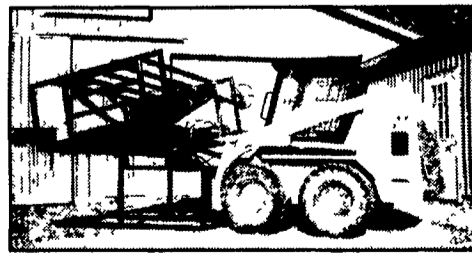
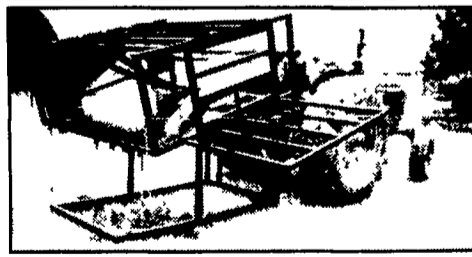
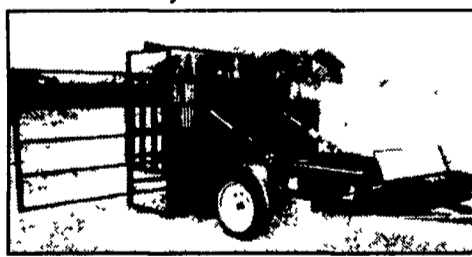
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