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56 elected officials from New York and Pennsylvania in Washington, D.C. This means 71 percent of them are committed to really helping their dairy farmers. Also, more New York legislators may support the dairy provisions.

Dairy farmers must make phone calls to their House Representatives. Information we receive is that many of the House members of the joint conference are not interested in doing any-

thing for dairy farmers. In all probability, we are in good shape with the majority of Senate conferees.

The Order #1 Market Administrator has announced the Class I price for April to be \$14.42 per CWT (\$1.27 per gallon). This means the price for April will be \$2.22 per CWT below the \$16.94, which will cost the dairy farmers \$1 per CWT in lost revenue just on the Class I price. For April, local dairy farmers will lose at least \$1 per CWT because of the

low value of manufactured dairy products.

Many dairy farmers have called us wondering why the statistical price is declining and wondering where it is going to go. Remember, the statistical price is a price illustrated by the market administrator to show dairy farmers what their blend price would have been before the so-called order reform was implemented on Jan. 1, 2000. The statistical price was \$13.81 in January but dropped to \$13.48 in February. The price could drop at least 20 cents more for March's milk and drop some more for April's milk. Unfortunately, with cheese and butter prices hovering at \$1.18-\$1.25 per pound, dairy farmers cannot expect any upward movement in their prices.

— Arden Tewksbury Manager
Progressive Agriculture Organization, Meshoppen

Adams County Beef Ball April 20

BONNEAUVILLE (Adams Co.) — The 26th annual Adams County Beef Producer (ACBP) Beef Ball will be conducted April 20 at the Bonneauville Fire Hall.

The grand and reserve champion steers will take part in the parade of bulls during the beef ball the following weekend. The beef ball will begin with hors d'oeuvres at 4:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5 p.m.

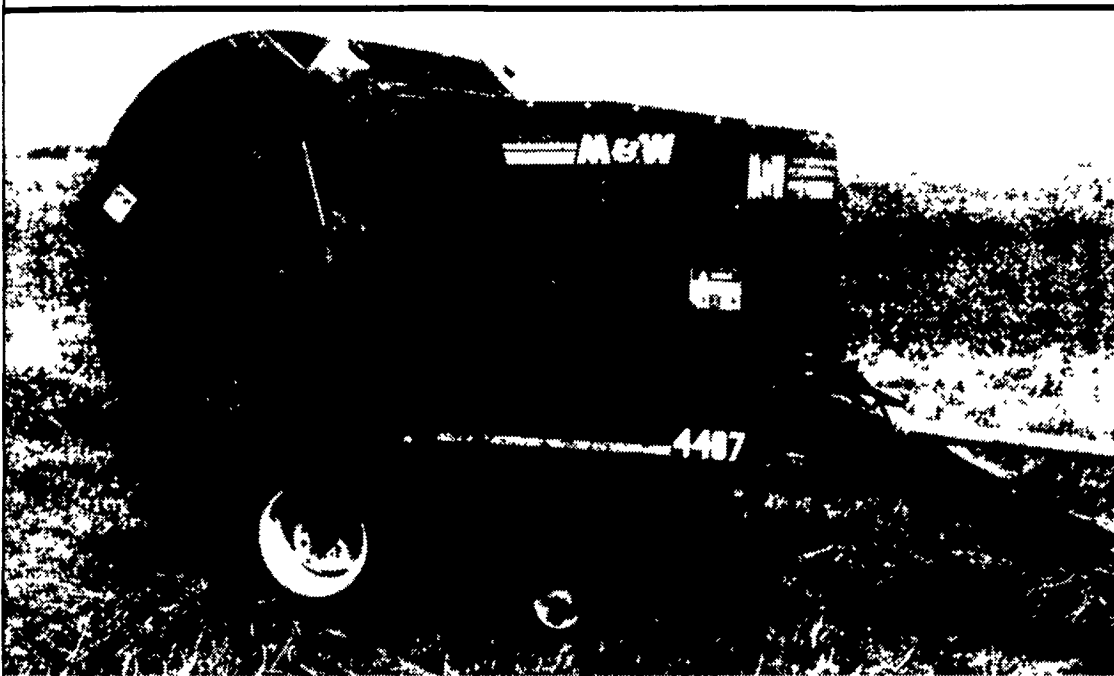
In conjunction with the beef ball, the ACBP will be hosting their second Junior Steer Preview Show at the South Mountain Fairgrounds. The preview show will be conducted on April 13 at noon.

Tickets for the beef ball will be \$17 in advance and \$20 at the door. To buy tickets in advance, please contact Donna Byers (717) 337-3921 or Mary Grimes (717) 334-1022.



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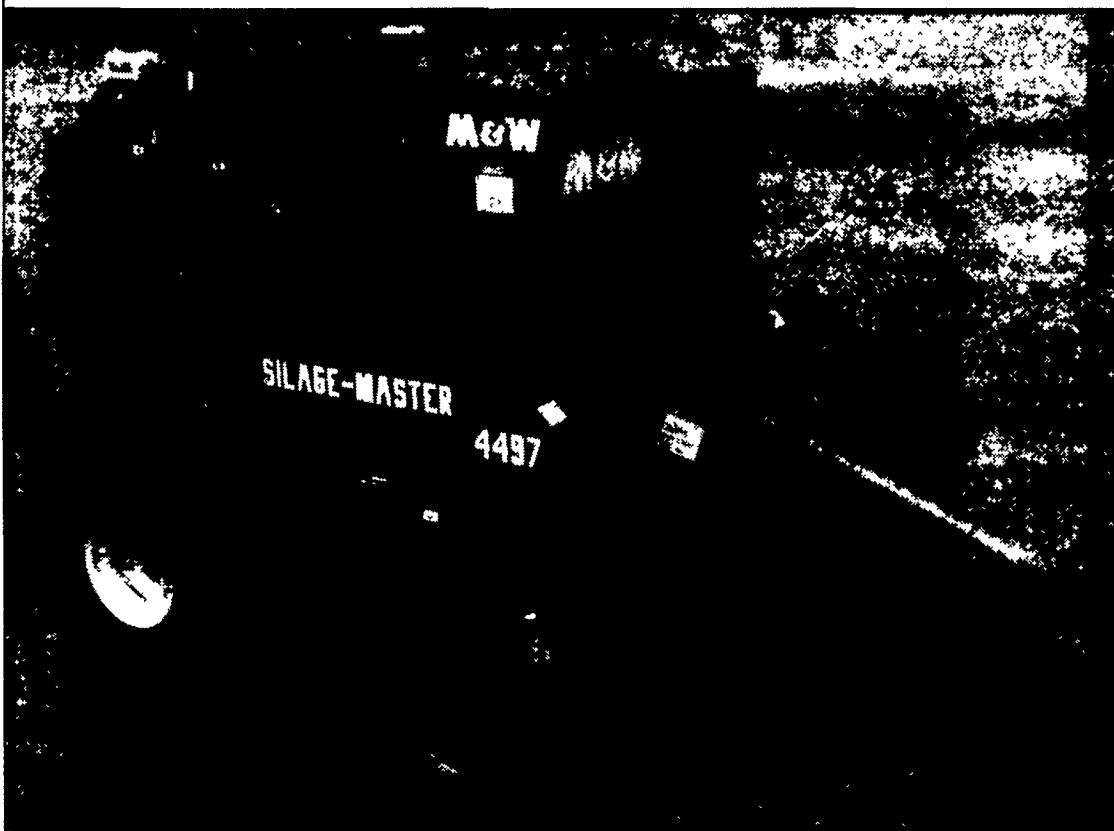
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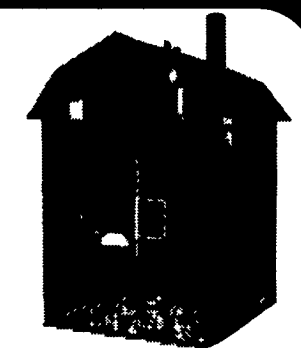
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