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Livestock Evaluation Center Announces Bull Test Results

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Livestock Evaluation Center has announced the final results for Pennsylvania's Bull Testing Program.

The group of bulls that have completed the testing program consist of 39 Angus (5 of which are Red), 24 Simmentals, 6 Herefords, 4 Charolais, 1 Limousin and 1 Shorthorn.

Through 112 days the 39 Angus bulls have maintained an average daily gain of 4.01 pounds per day with a lifetime weight per day of age of 3.37 per day.

The top-gaining bull is an Angus bull, an Ankonian Elixir 100 son consigned by Joe and Bobbi McMullen, which gained 5.30 pounds per day and has maintained a lifetime weight per day of age of 3.88 pounds per day.

The second fastest-gaining bull of the Angus breed is the WVFHB Atlantic National Merit son consigned by Weaverland Valley Farms, which gained 5.01 pounds per day on test.

The 24 Simmentals have a breed average daily gain of 3.71 pounds per day on test, and a lifetime wt. per day of age of 3.46 pounds per day.

The top-gaining Simmental bull, a son of STF Added Dimensions consigned by Jack Herr has gained 4.74 pounds per day, with the second fastest gaining Simmental bull from James Cowell Jr., with an average daily gain of 4.60 pounds per day.

This year, there are six Herefords on test which have gained, on average, 3.44 pounds per day. The top-gaining Hereford is consigned by Eugene Sapp.

The top Charolais bull, consigned by Ray Bratton, has gained 4.35 pounds per day on test and has maintained a lifetime weight per day of age of 3.81 pounds per day.

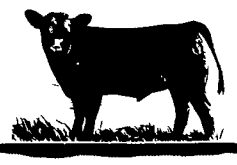
The Limousin bull is consigned by David and Lynda Miller, and the Shorthorn bull on test is consigned by Rinkhoff Agr. Entp. LLC.

The bulls were weighed off test February 18, and have had their final average daily gains and lifetime weight per day of ages calculated. The bulls have also been scanned ultrasonically to obtain fat thickness and loin-eye areas.

Adjusted yearling weights and final index ratios were derived from gained data. All bulls have undergone a comprehensive breeding soundness exam, including a semen evaluation.

After all of the evaluations, the sale committee selected 63 of the bulls to offer in Pennsylvania's 30th Performance tested bull sale, March 28 at 11 a.m.

The bull sale on March 28 will be followed by the annual Pennsylvania Simmental Female Sale. For more information, please contact Glenn Eberly, director, Livestock Evaluation Center, 651 Fox Hollow Road, State College, PA 16803, phone (814) 238-2527 or (814) 865-5857 message and/or fax. E-mail to geberly@state.pa.us.



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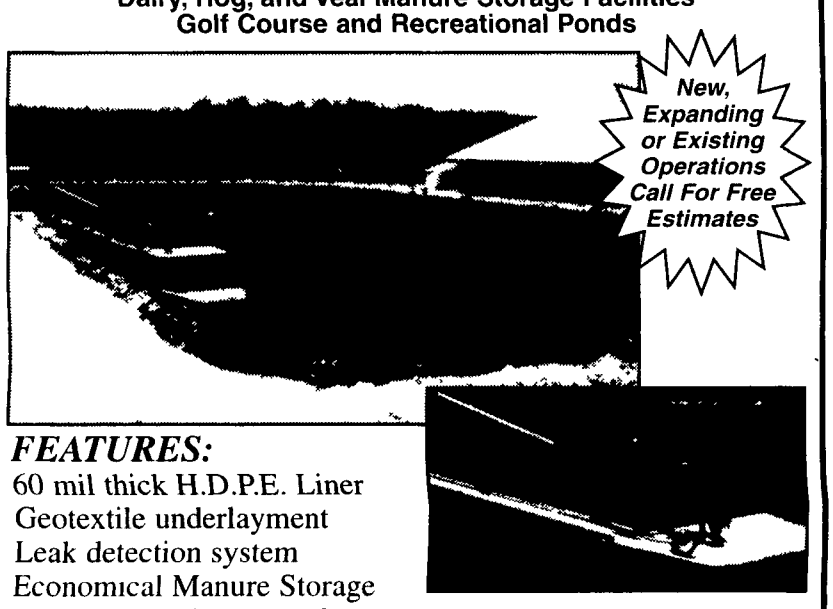

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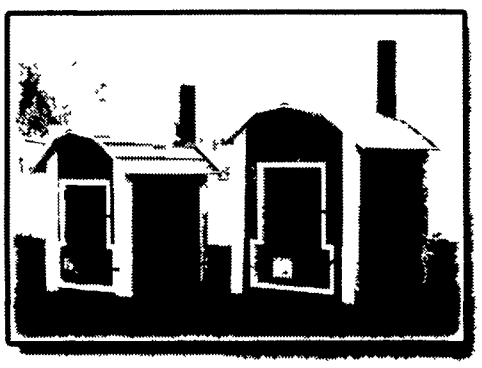

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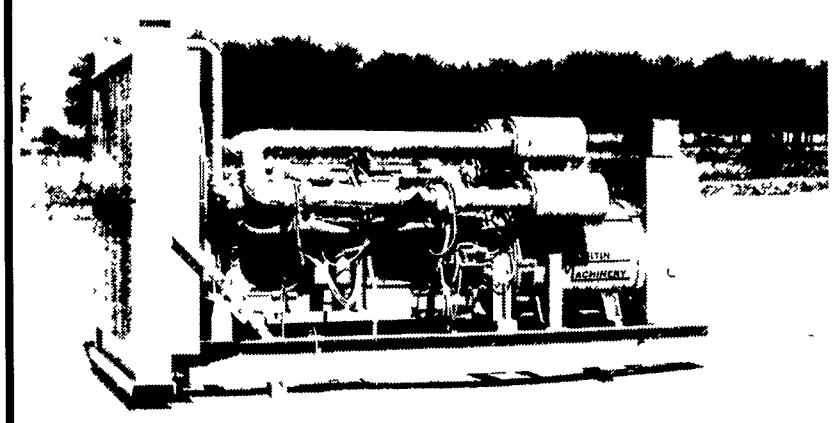

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