

New York Beef Producers Association Announces Bull Test Sale

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — The New York Beef Producers' Association (NYBPA) is facilitating a Central Bull Testing program as a tool for evaluating and merchandising potential herd sires.

Following a 112-day feeding period, the top indexing bulls will be presented for sale on April 26 at the NYS Fairgrounds in Syracuse. The 65 bulls, representing

seven breeds, are being fed and managed at Erwindale Farm in Waterloo, N.Y.

The purpose of a Central Testing Program is to compare individual performance of potential herd sires, provide an opportunity for seedstock producers to market individual bulls, provide a source of bulls for commercial and seedstock herds, and provide

an educational opportunity for sellers and buyers alike.

Not all bulls that complete the test will be sold. Of the 65 bulls consigned, no more than 40 will sell. Bulls will not be allowed to sell if they fail either of the following exams:

- Reproductive soundness. Each bull will undergo an internal and external exam by a veter-

inarian to evaluate his potential to breed females. A passing score indicates that from a reproductive standpoint, he is determined structurally fit to breed. Libido, which is his desire to find and service females in heat, will not be determined, nor will semen be evaluated, as the results are inconclusive on young bulls.

- Structural soundness. A herd sire is expected to travel a lot of ground to fulfill his duties in a short breeding season. Therefore bulls will be evaluated for defects in feet and leg structure that may inhibit their ability to service cows. As the evaluation can be subjective in nature, leaving it open to criticism, it will be completed by an individual with no direct ties to the consignors or the NYBPA.

Those that pass the above tests will be ranked by an index which takes into consideration average

daily gain (ADG), weight per day of age (WDA), ultrasound measured backfat (BF), intramuscular fat (IMF) and ribeye area (REA). These factors will be weighted to represent the relative importance to the commercial industry: ADG, WDA, and REA will make up 90 percent of the index, the remaining 10 percent to be placed on BF and IMF. Bulls that rank 95 or better will be eligible for sale.

Following the bull sale, 20 Empire Heifer Development Program certified heifers, and some select purebred females will be offered for sale. This will be an excellent opportunity to improve the genetics of an existing herd or begin a herd with some of the best cattle to be offered in the northeast.

To receive a sale catalog, or for more information contact Connie Kelley, NYBPA Executive Secretary at (315) 245-3386.

Cabinet Secretaries To Speak At Ag Issues Forum

EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture nominee Dennis Wolff and Secretary of Environmental Protection nominee Karen McGinty will be featured speakers at a special meeting of The Agricultural Issues Forum on Tuesday, April 22 at the Gathering Place in Mount Joy. Breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m., with the forum beginning at 8 a.m. and concluding at 9 a.m.

The two departmental secretaries will discuss "The Environment and Agriculture — Plowing Common Ground."

Mike Brubaker, coordinator of the Ag Issues Forum, said this is an unprecedented opportunity for discussing topics of concern for the future of agriculture with

two cabinet secretaries. They were named by Gov. Ed Rendell in January, and are in the early stages of setting policy for their respective departments.

Wolff owns and operates a 700-acre, 500-head dairy farm in Columbia County, and was named a Master Farmer in 1994. He was one of the early successful marketers of embryos internationally. He founded the Nicholas Wolff Foundation and Camp Victory, a nonprofit summer camp for handicapped and chronically ill children. Wolff serves as a committee member of the World Trade Organization, is on the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Dairy Stakeholders, and served as an agricultural representative on the Penn State board of trustees.

McGinty served as counselor to former vice president Al Gore and was President Bill Clinton's senior policy adviser on environment, natural resources, and sustainable development issues. She was vice president for asset management at Natsource LLC, a financial services firm specializing in energy and environment-related transactions. A Philadelphia native, she has extensive experience in both domestic and international environmental policy issues.

Reservations for the breakfast can be made by e-mailing Brubaker at mike@mwbrubaker.com. Cost for the breakfast and meeting is \$15, and payment and registration are requested in advance of the meeting.

Cowboy Poet To Entertain At York Farm And Natural Lands Trust Dinner

YORK (York Co.) — The Farm & Natural Lands Trust of York County has announced that York County native Robert L. Kilgore, rancher, cowboy poet, and story-teller, will be the guest entertainer at a benefit dinner, May 1, at the Valencia Ballroom in downtown York.

Reservations for the dinner should be made by April 18 by calling the Farm & Natural Lands Trust at (717) 843-4411. Cost for this evening of family entertainment is \$32.50 per person and includes a social hour, full course dinner beginning at 6 p.m., and entertainment by Kilgore.

Robert L. Kilgore is a native York Countian who went West in the 1950's to seek "fame and fortune" when the cowboy bug bit him. Unfortunately fame and fortune were not found so he returned to Pennsylvania and spent the next 40 years as a professional horse trainer. Upon retirement, he returned to Southern Arizona to continue his love of the cowboy life on his own ranch south of Tucson. Bob has performed at numerous venues and is well known for his humorous cowboy stories and poetry.

Marty Grey, formerly the host of WSBA's Farm Report, also returns to York to serve as Master

of Ceremonies for the event. Grey served on the Board of Directors of the Farm & Natural Lands Trust for five years prior to his move to St. Joseph, Mo. in 2002. He works at KNAZ Radio in Kansas as their Farm Service Director.

Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the Farm & Natural Lands Trust of York County. The Farm & Natural Lands Trust has preserved over 4,800 acres of farm and natural lands in 18 communities in York County. For more information contact the Farm & Natural Lands Trust at (717) 843-4411 or by e-mail at www.farmtrust.org.

Md., Pa. 4-H Judging Team European Trip Fundraisers Ongoing

FREDERICK, Md. — The Maryland Brown Swiss Association has always been a great supporter of the Junior Brown Swiss Association on state and national levels, as well as working with youth in Maryland and surrounding states.

This year the association recognizes the 2002 Maryland and Pennsylvania 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Teams for their accomplishments.

Maryland and Pennsylvania 4-H team members, along with the Wisconsin 4-H team, have been invited to participate in an international competition at the Royal Highland Exposition in Edinburgh, Scotland this summer. Many different fund-raisers are presently under way to help support the 17-day trip through Scotland, England, Belgium, Germany, and Switzerland.

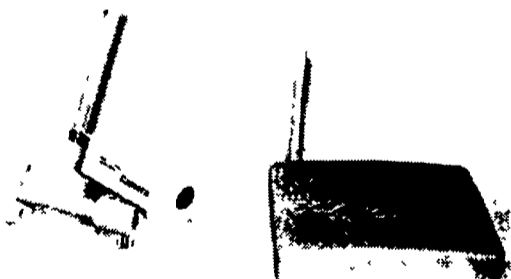
At this year's Mid-Atlantic Brown Swiss Calf Sale, embryos have been donated by

Dennis Smith, Dublin Hills; Mike Birch, Secret Hill; Jeremy Daubert, STOX Farm; and Joshua Hushon, Brothers Three. These four embryos will sell as one package at the sale. Each embryo is a high level offering from the breeder, all of them with All-American in the pedigree.

Proceeds from this embryo package are being donated and divided equally between the Maryland and Pennsylvania Judging Teams. Also highlighting the sale is another donation of a September calf which will benefit the Maryland Judging Team. This calf is the donation of Fair Hill Farm, Mr. Ed Fry, and is a Hilltop Acres PR Dominate ET out of Sunny Acres Precise Darlene. The calf writes a very nice pedigree, and all proceeds from the sale of this calf will go towards the Maryland Judging team of which Mr. Fry's grandson, Dylan Fry is a member.

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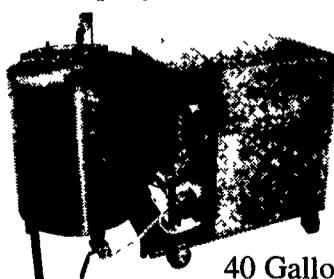


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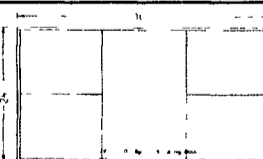
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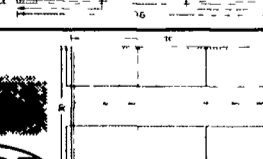
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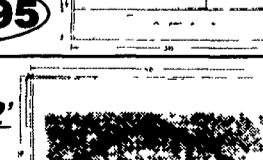
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