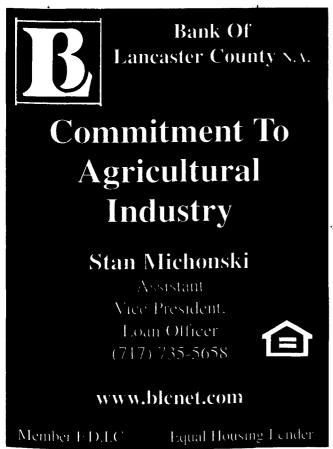## Sexed Semen

of "regular" semen. This higher cost will discourage many producers from adopting the technology when it first becomes commercially available. However, the price of technology tends to fall over time. If this happens, then it should spark more interest from producers.

Sort Accuracy. Current technology has a sorting accuracy of approximately 90 percent. While this may not seem like a disadvantage, it is important to realize that the sorting technology is not foolproof. Therefore, it shouldn't come as a complete surprise if a cow bred with sexed semen to produce a female calf has a male calf instead.

The bottom line when it comes to the incorporation of sexed semen in the reproductive programs of commercial dairies is whether it is economical in the long run. Research is just beginning to address this issue and more is being done. The use of sexed semen requires good reproductive management, so it should not be viewed as a cure to all reproductive problems. Farmers will need to analyze their business and production performance to determine whether the advantages from the use of sexed semen will offset the disadvantages.

Business News

Aaron Gable Guernsey Sire To Enter A.I.

PLAIN CITY, Ohio — 7GU395 Sniders Option AARON-ET, a Guernsey young sire bred by Aaron Gable, New Enterprise, has been chosen to enter Select Sires' Program for Genetic Advancement™ (PGA™) sire-sampling system.

This young sire also has been identified as a SUPER SAMPLER™. With this designation, his semen is available to all Guernsey breeders.

AARON is sired by Jensgolden Bionic OPTION and his dam is Cedar Fringed Altann, Excellent (95), Gold Star Dam. Altann, three-time national grand champion, produced 3-11 320d 23,380 4.4% 1,034F 3.1% 731P. Altann's two daughters made up the 2002 honorable mention All American produce of dam award, with one of her daughters earning an All American nomination. AARON's grandam is Cedar Fringed Aggie, who produced 4-0 305d 21,020M 4.6% 962F 3.3% 695P.