

## PDA Beef Bull Testing Program Begins

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA) has announced the start of the 2003-2004 Pennsylvania Performance Bull Testing program at the Samuel E. Hayes Jr. Livestock Evaluation Center.

Producers from Pennsylvania and surrounding states have consigned 131 beef bulls to participate in the first bull test in Pennsylvania's new livestock testing facility. The bulls will complete a 112-day growth trial to evaluate rate of gain during the test. Following the test, these animals will be scanned by ultrasound for loin-eye and fat thickness, and

the bulls will undergo a comprehensive breeding soundness exam.

The top bulls from the test will be offered in Pennsylvania's 31st Performance Tested Bull Sale on Friday, March 26, 2004 at the Livestock Evaluation Center. The information from this test will enable producers to identify bulls to improve their herd, their profits, and ultimately improve the quality and consistency of the products to the consumer.

Eight different beef breeds are represented at the facility this year, including 75 Angus, 33 Simmentals, eight Charolais, seven Herefords, four Red Angus,

two Shorthorns, one Maine Anjou, and one Belgian Blue Simmental Crossbred.

"Through the efforts of our staff and our partners in the livestock industry, we are able to supply consumers with high-quality meat products. The annual bull test helps make this possible," said Dennis Wolff, Pennsylvania secretary of agriculture.

For more information about bull testing or other Pennsylvania Performance Testing Programs at the Livestock Evaluation Center, please contact Glenn Eberly, director, at (814) 238-2527 or email to [HYPERLINK](mailto:HYPERLINK) "mailto:geberly@state.pa.us" geberly@state.pa.us.

## Food Industry Alerted About New Bioterrorism Act Regulations

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Agriculture Secretary Dennis C Wolff last week reminded food-industry executives to follow new regulations created by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as part of the 2002 Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act.

"To ensure that our nation's food supply is secure, it is essential for those involved in the food supply chain to understand the implications involved with the new bioterrorism regulations," Secretary Wolff said.

Under the new regulations, all domestic and foreign food facilities that manufacture, process, pack or hold food for human or animal consumption in the U.S.

are required to register with the FDA. Beginning Dec. 12, the FDA will also require advance notice of any shipment of human or animal food imported or offered for import.

Food facilities affected by this change will be able to access the regulations and register online by Dec. 12 at [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov). To register via mail or fax, call the FDA Industry Systems Help Desk at (800) 216-7331.

Saint Joseph's University Center for Food Marketing is offering Bioterrorism Regulations Educational Seminars. For additional information, contact Patty Smith, Center for Food Marketing, Saint Joseph's University, at (610) 660-1623 or [pasmith@sju.edu](mailto:pasmith@sju.edu).

Presentations will focus on four categories: building partnerships between agricultural, grazing and urban communities; successful cutting-edge management technologies for grazing practices; economic and public policy

implications of grazing; and optimizing grazing land health for environmental and social benefits.

For registration information, visit [www.glc.org](http://www.glc.org), and click on the "grazing conference" link.

## National Grazing Conference Set For Nashville

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The second national conference on grazing lands is set for Dec. 7-10 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Hosted by the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative, the conference is designed to provide a forum for exchange of information and to increase public awareness of the economic and environmental benefits of grazing lands.

Government and research leaders scheduled to participate in the conference include U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman; Bruce Knight, chief of the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service; Dale Bosworth, U.S. Forest Service chief; Kathleen Clarke, director of the Bureau of Land Management; Colien Hefferan, Cooperative

States Research Education and Extension Service administrator; and Ed Knipling, director of the Agricultural Research Service.

The conference format includes more than 200 presentations about grazing management from a variety of sources, including farmers, ranchers, and representatives of several universities and agricultural agencies.

### LAND & MINERAL AUCTION

135 ACRES, KNOW TOWNSHIP, CLEARFIELD COUNTY, LOT IN HYDE, PA MINERAL RIGHTS FRIDAY, NOV. 28, 2003 AT 3:00 P.M.

Sale will be held at Clearfield Bank & Trust Company (Main Office) at 11 North Second Street (Downtown), Clearfield, PA, Second Floor (Training Room) at 3.00 p.m. sharp.

**LOT 1:** 2 Parcels comprising approximately 135.7 acres more or less (by assessment) in Knox Township, Clearfield County, Kellytown Area. Tax Map Parcels 122-J 12-20 (124.7 acres) and 122-J 12-22 (11 acres) sold together by Quit Claim Deed with minimum starting bid \$75,000. Subject to Dean Coal Company Lease and reserving all advance royalty payments made prior to closing. Petition and Order for sale, coal contour map and proposed deed available for inspection.

**LOT 2:** Parcel of real estate with depth 100 ft. x 75 ft. road frontage more or less, on Route 453, Tax Map 122-J 12-36 and assessed, at different times to Maple Run School or Knox Township. Perhaps once part of Tax Map 122-J 12-20. (To be sold by Quit Claim Deed only - Buyer to pay all sale costs and transfer taxes.)

**LOT 3:** Lot No. 9, Block 12, Hyde, PA, Clearfield County, Tax Map J-9-610-00017. Sold by Fiduciary Deed and subject to extended closing.

**LOT 4:** 2 Parcels of coal rights comprising approximately 77 acres more or less (by assessment) in Bell Township, Tax Map B-11-000-00023MN and B-11-000-00011MN. Minimum starting bid \$250.00, plus all real estate taxes in arrears, including penalty, plus all sales costs and transfer taxes.

**LOT 5:** Cambria County Coal Rights - Parcel of coal rights in Barr Township, Cambria County. Approximately 55 acres more or less. Cambria Map No. 06-005-065. Minimum starting bid \$250.00, plus all sales costs and transfer taxes.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** 15% down day of sale, balance in 45 days by Quit Claim Deed, split transfer taxes, pro-rate real estate taxes (unless otherwise stated), no other contingencies. All properties offered "As Is". Sold with confirmation of seller. Statements made auction day take precedence over any contained in advertising. **Proposed deed and inspection through Pat Errigo, Auctioneer only 814-236-3403. PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT BANK.**

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