

Fall series of graded feeder calf sales to begin Aug. 1

The fall season of special graded feeder calf sales in Kentucky will get underway Aug. 1 at Lebanon. A total of 51 sales will be conducted at 23 different locations, according to Everett Mackey, extension manager and specialist at the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture.

Mackey says some 60,000 head of calves will be offered at the fall series of sales, which will close with the Nov. 22 sale at Danville. At the special sales, calves brought in by many different farmers will be sold in large groups which are uniform in size, sex, color and quality.

Mackey cites several advantages for grading and grouping calves for sales:—Larger lots of more uniform calves can be offered to buyers. Seventy-one percent of all calves in the special sales in 1973 were offered in lots of 10 or more. This year, some 75 percent of all

calves are expected to be sold in lots of 10 or more.

—The calves bring higher prices. Marketing studies have shown that calves sold in large lots bring higher prices. A calf sold in a lot of 20 or more averages about \$1 per hundredweight more than a similar calf sold in a lot of five or less.

—Selling time can be reduced because of larger pens. Last year, the selling time averaged about 500 head per hour of sale time. This year, with larger pen sizes expected, buyers may be able to look at over 600 head per hour.

—Producers have an opportunity to understand the advantages of having good quality calves. They can see and compare the quality and other factors that buyers are seeking.

—Producers have an opportunity to work with their auction market and as a result a better understanding develops between the farmer and the auction market.

—Approximately 36,000 steers and 26,000 heifers will be offered in the 1974 fall sales. The estimated numbers by breed are 28,000 Angus; 11,000

Hereford; 7,000 Charolais; 8,000 black white-face; 5,000 other crossbred; and 2,000 Holstein.

Buyers should average about 500 pounds and heifers about 475 pounds, according to Mackey. Almost one-third of the calves will grade prime or high choice. About 45 percent will grade good and another 20 percent will grade good.

A change in grading procedure in 1974 to separate the short, early-maturing calves has made it possible to pretty well eliminate these suspect animals from the choice pens of calves.

Special sales will be held this fall at Lebanon, Danville, Lancaster, Somerset, Springfield, London, Thompsonville, Albany, Cadwellburg, Monticello, Campbellsville, Russell Springs, Richmond, Winchester, Edmonton, Paris, Mayfield, Columbia, Guthrie, Marion and Owensboro. Marlow will have its first special sale, and will have the westernmost of the 1974 special sales. A reorganized feeder calf association will be conducting the sale at Edmonton, and the sale at Springfield will be held in a new auction facility.

Local county extension offices and participating auction markets can provide a list of the sale dates along with detailed information on the number, grade, breed and sex of calves expected at each sale. Farmers interested in selling calves through the special sales should contact their local county extension agent.

The special feeder calf sales are sponsored by local feeder calf associations in cooperation with the livestock auction markets, the Kentucky Beef Cattle Association, and the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service.

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Gov. Ford to speak at Morehead Aug. 1

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Governor Ford, Kentucky's 49th chief executive, will receive an honorary doctor of law degree. The 49-year-old native of Daviess county has served the commonwealth as a state senator, lieutenant governor and governor.

MSU President Adron Doran will award diplomas to 545 degree candidates during the 19th commencement at Wetherby Gymnasium. The list includes 11 associate degree, 226 bachelor's degree and 303 master's degree.

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capacity of about 80 billion cubic feet of synthetic natural gas a year, some 10 percent of the firm's average daily sales in 1972.

If it all sounds just a little crazy—and it is, but that's probably the only way to get the job done and find out if coal can be economically burned into gas to heat the homes and businesses of Kentucky and ultimately the nation.

Ford says the gasification project represents a potentially substantial economic boon to Kentucky and the region, although, like most projects of this magnitude, it will be 100 or beyond before the people begin to see the rewards of their dollar investment.

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And, by making the full \$5 million state commitment here on federal participation, the state has guaranteed only about \$3 million will be spent if the feds decide they don't want to get involved.

Saidly, however, the whole project has been laid by politics in his highly political year and, although it does make good copy, Ford had every right before the agreement was signed.

It makes one wonder why intelligent men of high station spend their public careers trying to act like stenographers only to begin playing childish one-upmanship games when election time comes around. "My daddy's bigger than your daddy," should only be heard on playgrounds.

Ford, himself, is not entirely blameless of the politician's election year reversion to polemicness. The fact that the City of Lexington can have a stand-by water supply that it doesn't even want.

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Births

BARTON

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Barton announce the birth of a daughter, born Wednesday, July 10, 1974 at the Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington.

She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Marguerite George, Route 3, Carlisle and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Barton, Carlisle.

She is their first child and has been named Kristi Lea.

WHITE

Mr. and Mrs. Scotty White of Mt. Sterling are the parents of a son born July 7, 1974 at the Nicholas County Hospital. He weighed eight pounds, 11 ounces.

VAUGHN

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vaughn announce the birth of a daughter, Pamela, on July 5, 1974 at Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington. She weighed eight pounds.

The maternal grandmother is Mrs. Leslie Robin Yates of Lawrenceburg and the paternal grandmother is Franklin Vaughn Sr. of Louisville.

HATTON

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hatton announce the birth of a son, Glenn Wilson, July 4, 1974 at the Mary Chiles Hospital, Mt. Sterling. He weighed eight pounds, five ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sains and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hatton, all of Nicholas county.

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