Check Before Buying Swine Breeding Stock

Farmers buying swine breeding stock should investigate before buying, says Mr. Ron Denniss, Swine Specialist with the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food.

It pays to ask questions, says Mr. Denniss, and suggests some important areas for investigation.

Has the stock been officially weighed and backfat probed? If so, what is the average backfat thickness and age at 200 pounds?

Mr. Denniss submits the following averages for boars and gilts weighed and probed by the Live Stock Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food in 1969, that buyers may use for evaluating breeding stock.

Average Backfat Thickness: Boars, .90 inches; Gilts, .95 inches.

Average Age at 200 pounds: 158 days; 165 days.

What is the significance of the weigh-probe index above 100 means that the boar or gilt is better than average, while an index below 100 means the stock is below average.

The term Specific Pathogen Free (S.P.F.) has been loosely used to determine that a herd is healthy, said Mr. Denniss, so the exact health status of the herd should be checked.

If the herd is enrolled under the Certified Herd Policy supervised by the Veterinary Services Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, it will fall into one of the following herd health categories.

1. Certified free of Atrophic Rhinites and Virus Pneumonia.

2. Certified free of Virus Pneumonia.

3. Enrolled under the Policy.

These categories are based upon postmortem examinations of the heads and lungs.

Because there are a number of other S.P.F. herds not enrolled on the above policy, but which were derived from breeding stock from Certified or enrolled herds, Mr. Denniss notes that the buyer should find out the exact health status of the herd. General herd health can vary considerably.

If the seller quotes the average market index of litter mates or pigs of the same breeding, buyers should ask for the average age at market, as market index figures alone can be very misleading, if the age at market is high.

The guarantee that the seller offers is also important. Both buyer and seller should clearly define their responsibilities in case a boar or gilt does not breed satisfactorily.

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Open House At Hendricks' Nursing Home

Hendriks' Nursing Home is participating in the first Annual Province-wide Ontario Nursing Home Week being sponsored by the Provincial Nursing Home Association. Open house activities are planned for Mother's Day, May 10 from 2 to 4 p.m.

"Nursing Home Week is very important to my patients", Mrs. Hendriks said, "because it means members of the community will be coming in for a visit. When you are ill, aged and lonely, it's essential to have new friends in the community", said Mrs. E. G. Hendriks.

"Too many times our senior citizens who have contributed so much to the community become the forgotten generation in their later years. By members of the community, business and government leaders coming to an open house at the nursing home, the elderly patients overcome their feelings of alienation", she said.

FOREST PROTECTION

Ready access is one of the most important factors affecting size of forest fires. The more remote an area the more likely forest fires will bet out of control before they are reached.

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SUMMERLAND B.C. (CP) – Fesearch scientists at the experimental station here have packed the flavor of 1,000 gallons of apple juice into a new powdered product which has led to high quality dehydrated fruit sauces. When water is added to apple sauce-flakes, it breaks the coating of sugar polymer which protects the flavor.

"The process will likely be used to add flavor to many other foods and could quite literally revolutionize this sector of the food industry", said its inventor, Dr. Hiroshi Sugisawa.

NATIONAL FOREST WEEK

National Forest Week is observed yearly in Canada early in May to remind people of the need for forest fire prevention and the importance of wise use of forests.

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News Spotlight

Specially Written for The Record By Stephen Scott Canadian Press Staff Writer

e United States and h Vietnam stunned their ds, but evidently not enemies, this week by ning into Cambodia in h of Viet Cong and h Vietnamese, their uarters, sanctuaries, unications and other ties.

e world was left to er whether the invasion word rejected by U.S. dent Nixon Thursday – of two Cambodian oppings known as the t's Beak and the Fish signalled the spread of Vietnam war into a al Indochina conflict. critics of the move just that.

teen thousand South amese troops, with rican support, invaded arrot's Beak, only 35 s from Saigon, on nesday and had nced up to 30 miles by y, linking up with odian forces.

Nixon went on sion Thursday night to in and defend his ns to his sometimes led and sometimes countrymen, 8,000 ricans and 2,000 South nemese advanced into ish Hook, 80 miles from n, in search for the munist supreme uarters, among other s.

grim Nixon, who acted he face of an angry gress and who owledged that this hurt his chances for ction, said: "This is not vasion of Cambodia."

said the Fish Hook is letely occupied and trolled by the munists. Once the enemy had been driven out, the Southern Allies would with draw.

The attacks were necessary to protect forces in South Vietnam and to guarantee the success of the U.S. troop withdrawal program, which calls for the sending home of 150,000 Americans by this time next year.

The new Cambodian premier, Lon Nol, who has been crying for help in his fight against the Viet Cong who won't leave his country, said he was not informed of the U.S.–South Vietnamese invasions. But he did not sound very upset.

Initial reports from both areas indicated that the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese had anticipated the attacks and had moved deeper into Cambodia. This applied to the supreme headquarters.

Reaction from stunned Congressmen was mixed, but largely one of anger.

There was widespread criticism from around the world, the most strident from France. There was praise from such Asian allies as Japan, Nationalist China and Thailand.

Communist countries, backing Sihanouk's bid to return to power in Cambodia, said the U.S. committed aggression.

Meanwhile, External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp said Thursday that Canada is not prepared to return the International Control Commission, the three-country agency that was supposed to supervise the neutrality, to Cambodia under the same futile conditions as before. He said there must be agreement among interested parties on the function of the commission.

LIBERALS ELECTED

The Liberal party, under the leadership of political novice Robert Bourassa, won a smashing victory Wednesday in the Quebec elections, crushing the Union Nationale party.

But cheers for the victory of the pro-federalist party were tempered by the fact that there was a massive 35 percent protest vote, including 24 percent for the separatist Parti Quebecois.

Standings in the 108-seat national assembly after the election were: Liberals 72: UN 17: Creditiste, making its first bid in provincial politics, 12; PQ 7. Standings at dissolution were UN 35; Liberals 44; Independent 6; vacant 3.

Bourassa, who at 36 will be Quebec's youngest premier, said after his defeat of Union Nationale Premier Jean-Jacques Bertrand: "The challenge of the Liberal party in the next few years is to demonstrate that Quebec can remain in Canada. This challenge takes into account that Quebec is not a province like the others."

Prime Minister Trudeau was delighted at the result, saying that it was a victory for Canada and "renewed" federalism.

But few looked for easier days ahead between Quebec and Ottawa and even Bourassa himself said his party's victory was not necessarily a definite rejection by Quebec of separatism.

Rene Levesque's Parti Quebecois nearly tripled the vote taken by separatists in the 1966 general election and the 12 percent of the vote achieved by the Creditistes had to be considered a protest.

SOVIETS WORRY ISRAEL

Israel charged the United States confirmed and the Soviet Union denied this week that Soviet pilots are flying over Egypt to protect important areas of the interior from Israili aerial attack.

A concerned President Nixon ordered a study to see if the balance of arms in the Middle East was being affected. It was clear that the move gave Egypt the opportunity for a more aggressive stance on the Suez ceasefire line and allowed her planes to attack deep in Israeli-held territory.

Israel urgently asked the U.S. for more jet fighters.

DOUBTS KENNEDY

A Massachusetts judge cast doubt on the story of Senator Edward Kennedy told after a July accident on Chappaquiddick Island in which Mary Jo Kopechne died.

In an inquest report released Wednesday, Judge James A. Boyle disputed Kennedy's testimony that he took a wrong turn. He also disputed Kennedy' story that the senator and the girl were attempting to catch a ferry. He also said Kennedy may have been negligent.

Kennedy rejected the judge's findings and inferences.

LIBERALIZE MARRIAGES

The Roman Catholic Church announced liberalization of its laws of mixed marriages this week. Protestants welcomed the move but said the Pope did not go far enough.

Rockford Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kenny visited on Friday afternoon with Mrs. David Duncan of Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bryant and sons of Dundas visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Keith Edwards and family and also called on Mr. Bryant's father, M Mr. Stanley Bryant in Norfolk General Hospital, Simcoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Woodley of Mount Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilkes of Brantford were Friday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Golding.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Chambers visited on Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Iva Sloat of Renton.

Robina Bernard of Brock University, St. Catharines is spending several days at her home and Daphne Bernard of Fanshawe College, London spent the weekend at her home. They visited on Sunday with their father, Joseph Bernard in Norfolk General Hospital, Simcoe.

STUDY ROCKS

ST. JOHN'S, NFLD. (CP) – Geologists and geophysicists from the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada plan an entensive study of Newfoundland's rocks this summer to determine continental drifts. The 75 scientiest want to determine whether Newfoundland, at the extreme northeastern tip of North America's ancient Appalachian Mountain system, was at one time an extension of the Caledonian Mountain belt of the united Kingdom and Ireland.

Leaders Conference – Girl Guides

Mrs. John Corbett of Montreal, a former Chief Commissioner of Canada, opened the conference of the Girl Guide leaders of Ontario at the Sheraton-Brock Hotel in Niagara Fall.

She pointed out that the Guide Promise, which every leader makes is a committment to a life style. Emphasizing the need for each person to reach out and share with other human beings, she stated that people are totally dependent on other people. Mrs. Corbett noted that perhaps people in the Guiding Movement are not reaching out for the girls who would really benefit from the friendship and activities that Guiding offers.

In the afternoon of April 30, Mrs. B. M. Russel of Quebec led a session called "Discovery In Song." After listening to folk and protest songs, the Guiding leaders, in groups analyzed the meanings behind the songs.

A banquet was held Thursday evening, at which Mrs. Don Atkinson of Cayuga, Area Commissioner, welcomed the 622 leaders from all parts of Ontario, to the conference, on behalf of the hostess area, Niagara.

Following the banquet, Mr. Tom Thompson, a representative of the Christie Brown Company, presented Mrs. H. F. Crosby, Provincial Commissioner, with a gold cookie box, representing the 1,000,000 boxes of cookies sold in Ontario this year. Mrs. Crosby emphasized that it was the Brownies, Guides and Rangers of Ontario who made this possible. Through the sale of Girl Guide Cookies, Guiding at all levels, including Provincial, Area and Division (Haldimand) and the girls units, is supported.

Entertainment was provided by the Provincial Cadet Choir, a branch of Guiding for older girls, under the direction of Miss Donna Haley.

Friday morning, the leaders were fortunate to hear Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg of the Beth Sed Congregation of Toronto, who writes a daily newspaper column "Lines of Life." In speaking about duty to God, he said each person must have an awareness of "otherhood", or the views of another person; and pointed out that in fighting, all minorities suffer, and all people, in one way – or another, are in a minority. The Rabbi also spoke of interhuman involvement and said that the Fatherhood of God is meaningless without the "otherhood" of the brotherhood of man.

The Provincial Annual meeting was held Friday afternoon and included a pictorial report of the 60 years of Guiding in Canada, which began in St. Catharines.

Sharing in the discussions and learning at the conference were Miss Marilyn Burke, Miss Pat Petracca and Mrs. D. Vanni of Hagersville.

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