

Index Rating Of Bull Calves Will Determine Price

"This dairy bull calf has an index rating of 460 pounds of butterfat and is priced at \$290; this one with a rating of 575 pounds is priced at \$400. Take your choice."

This imaginary sales statement, or something like it, will soon be a reality in connection with sales of bull calves from the dairy herd at Oregon State College where men in dairy husbandry department have decided that sale of bull calves for breeding purposes throughout the country is not done on a scientific basis. They have worked out a plan for production. To arrive at this plan to improve the situation and are going to put it into practice immediately in the college herd of Jerseys and Holsteins.

Under the new plan, prices for dairy bull calves will be set entirely in accordance with a mathematical index figure showing the inheritance each calf possesses figure all records in the first three generations of the pedigree will be converted to a 305-day ma-

ture equivalent basis, with two-time milking.

Thus the highest record of the first three dams on the sire's side will be averaged, as will the first four dams on the dam's side. These two figures will then be averaged to give the inheritance index of the calf to be sold.

Whenever a tested sire enters into the pedigree its equal parent index will be used in place of all preceding dam records. The same procedure will be followed for tested dams.

A scale of prices has been agreed upon for calves under six months of age starting at \$150 for those with an inheritance index of 449 pounds or less, and increasing by \$50 or \$100 steps up to \$600 for those with an index of 650 pounds or more. Thus a calf between 450 and 499 pounds will sell for \$200, while one with an index between 550 and 599 pounds will sell for \$400. For calves more than six months old an additional \$50 will be charged.

The program is intended to give greater assurance that any bull calves sold from the college herd will transmit a high level of production.

Colors may be divided into warm hues—red, orange and yellow—and cool hues such as green, blue and violet.

Gloom Produced By Findings Of Air Policy Board

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WASHINGTON (NEA)—President Truman's Air Policy Commission report, "Survival in the Air Age," makes some of the gloomiest reading in a long time. It says the United States had better get ready for war by Jan. 1, 1953, which is called A-Day.

The honorable Commission says we can blunder into a war before that time. But the five-year interval between then and now is all the time in which the U.S. may be reasonably sure of having a monopoly on the atomic bomb.

If this report had been written by a bunch of admirals, generals and representatives of the aircraft industry, it might be discounted as so much propaganda from the militarists and the manufacturers who want a subsidized industry. That report was written by five distinguished, and presumably disinterested, private citizens after exhaustive investigation is merely evidence of the seriousness of the situation.

The five were: Chairman Thomas K. Finletter, lawyer and special assistant to the Secretary of State from 1941 to 1944. Vice Chairman George P. Baker was an Air Force colonel during the war, then head of international aviation affairs in the State Department and is now with the Harvard business school. The 3 members were Denver newspaper publisher Palmer Hoyt, Dun and Bradstreet's Arthur D. White and John A. McDone of the Joshua Hendy Iron Works, who replaced Henry Ford.

Couple their findings with the heavy preparedness outlays in the President's budget message and you really get the glooms.

The Finletter Commission estimates that, for the past year, military expenditures have been roughly \$3,000,000,000 for the Army, \$3,000,000,000 for the Navy, \$4,000,000,000 for the Air Force plus naval aviation.

This \$10,000,000,000 total, says the Commission, should be increased to \$11,600,000,000 for the calendar year 1948, and \$13,200,000,000 for 1949. Of this last total, \$3,500,000,000 should go for a strong defensive and counter-attacking air force. In short, air power must be the future first line of defense, instead of a strong Navy. The projected total cost of Army, Navy and Air Force in 1952 would be 18,000,000,000.

All this talk of increased military appropriations will probably be used by the Moscow radio, Henry Wallace and the American Communist as evidence that the U. S. is preparing for another war. Such arguments will have to be taken cautiously.

The Finletter Commission apparently approached its job with the idea that it wanted to work for peace. But the farther the commission pursued its studies, the more convinced it became that the only way to keep the peace was to make the U.S. strong in the air. The outlay it recommends for building up U.S. air power is therefore the price of keeping the peace.

If this is correct, it leads to a number of sobering thoughts. If the U.S. taxpayer is ever to get out from under this burden of maintaining huge military establishments, the U.S. governments must dedicate itself to a number of parallel courses of action.

It must work still harder towards international control of atomic energy and the outlawing of the atomic bomb. Its ultimate goal must be world disarmament, and the leaders of both political parties should be on record to that effect.

There should be still more determined efforts to make the United Nations work. There should be renewed efforts and constant pressure to conclude peace treaties with Austria, Germany and Japan. And the Marshall plan for European recovery must succeed.

The most valuable contribution of the Finletter Commission, therefore, is something not stated in its report at all. It is that, before 1953, the U.S. must find some way to bank its now airborne ship of state, and do a 180-degree turn in the direction of peace, instead of heading for even a defensive war.

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