



Jason Weaver, Quarryville RD2, applies the working end of a freeze brander to a 4-H steer bound for the Pennsylvania Farm Show. Keeping

track of the seconds elapsed is Wilmer Nissley, Mt. Joy. Both men are 4-H leaders.



Frost, not smoke, is the stuff you see when cattle are freeze branded. The "FS" being applied to this steer's hide stands for Farm Show. Penn-

sylvania Farm Show regulations say that all steers entered in the baby beef contest must be on feed and freeze branded by June 1.

116 4-H Farm Show Steers Freeze Branded

Some 116 members of the Red Rose 4-H Baby Beef Club brought their hopes for the Pennsylvania Farm Show to Myers Black and White Holstein Barn the other Saturday. That's the number of steers that were freeze branded with an "FS"

- for Farm Show - mark in preparation for their trip to Harrisburg next January.

This marks the second year in a row for the freeze branding operation. Farm Show regulations say that all steers to be entered in the Junior Baby Beef contest must be on feed and branded by June 1. The young cattlemen have been in the process of choosing their steers since last October. Now, with their animals branded, they're locked into their choice.

The freeze brander marks the cattle with intense cold rather than searing heat. Instead of a scar, freeze branding produces an area of lighter colored hair. It takes 50 seconds to freeze brand a colored animal and 75 seconds for an animal with a white coat.

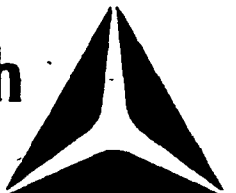


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