

Charolais breeder wins top honor Top cattle shown at Timonium

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TIMONIUM, Md. - Penn State University's renowned master of beef cattle, Herman Purdy, circled five trios of top animals, all the while focusing his sharp eyes on their characteristics. All of the entries in the ring were champions in their own right. At stake was the honor of being "champion of champions." Symbolic of that honor is the Agnes Tilghman trophy, a large silver plate which measures over two feet in length and 17 inches wide. It's presented here annually at the conclusion of the Eastern National Livestock Show.

Purdy, with hands in his pockets, skirted the

champion trios for no more than a couple of minutes. An official at ringside explained that it doesn't take a man like Purdy long to pick out the best.

Stepping up to the microphone, Purdy announced that all 15 of the animals before him showed "economically important traits." Continuing his reasoning, he said "They all have size, thickness, growth, and have done well - it's a little difficult to try and compare breeds. But after having studied all three individuals, the Charolais have to win it again."

T. Courtney Jenkins, chairman of the board of directors for the ENLS,

presented the large silver plate to Riverwood Farms, of Powell Ohio. It was the second year in a row that the Midwestern Charolais farm won the high honor.

The Agnes Tilghman trophy was produced about six years ago in memory of a Hereford breeder by the same name who had the oldest continuous Hereford herd in the United States at that time. Mrs. Tilghman had her herd on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The trophy named in her honor and memory rotates annually to the exhibitor who showed the very finest cattle at the ENLS. Since its origination in 1971, Purdy

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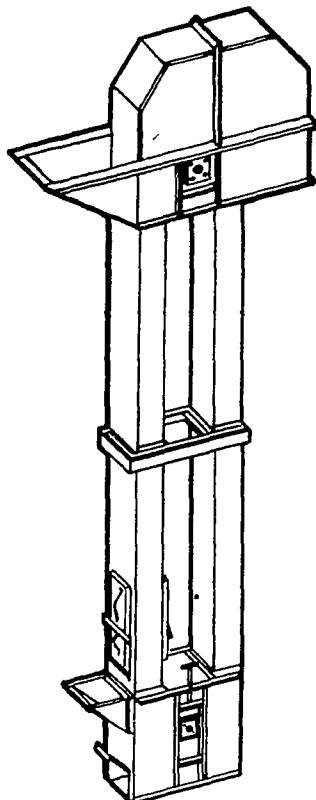
Riverwood Farms of Powell, Ohio, won its second consecutive Agnes Tilghman trophy at the Eastern National Livestock Show last Sunday. Making the presentation to the farm's showman, center, are T. Courtney

Jenkins, left, and Herman Purdy. Purdy judged the prestigious event, which is representative of the finest three beef animals of the entire show. Jenkins serves as the chairman of the board of directors for the ENLS.



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