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## Garden Spot Angus tops at Garden State show

By DIETER KRIEG  
 NEWTON, N.J. — Fred Frey, a well-known southern Lancaster County cattleman, knows a good beef animal when he sees one. At the New Jersey Angus Field Day held here last Saturday, he scored a couple of indirect victories. They were indirect in the sense that he owned none of the animals, but he was instrumental in encouraging a couple of young showmen to enter the animals. On two counts it meant Garden Spot Angus cattle beating the best in the Garden State.

Owner of Twin Oak Farms, south of Quarryville, Frey had a couple of his nephews enter their show animals. One of them came away with the trophy for the grand champion female. The show, which was open to competitors from the Keystone State, was judged by Conrad

Grove of Deaveraux-Soleil Farms, Downingtown.

The grand champion female was shown by Ernie Frey, 13, who raised the heifer out of one of his own cows. He has plans for taking the 14-month old animal to the Farm Show in January, with in-between appearances at a few other fairs and shows.

Two other Freys also came back with awards. Fritz, 10, was named champion fitter of the show, and Billy, 11, came up with a third-place steer in a class of 12 mediumweights.

Fred Frey's other big indirect victory came when the grand champion steer was chosen. According to Ron Zimmerman of Ephrata, owner of the 1250-pound steer, Frey saw his animal several weeks ago when the Red Rose Beef and Sheep Club was meeting at

his home. Very much interested in 4-H Club work, Frey encouraged Zimmerman to take the steer to the New Jersey show. The steer won and was described as the thickest, meatiest steer of the show.

Zimmerman, a 1977 graduate of Ephrata High School, purchased his champion steer last Fall at the Eastern National Livestock Show in Timonium, Md. Born and raised in West Virginia, the blue-ribbon steer weighed 600 pounds when Zimmerman purchased it. He's been feeding the animal an average of 10 pounds of silage and eight pounds of grain per day, along with giving him daily access to a pasture.

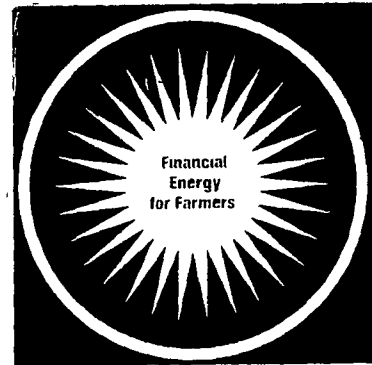
Zimmerman's steer was

born in January of 1976, and the New Jersey show was the first the animal has been in since coming out of the Timonium feeder calf ring last November. Zimmerman hopes he has a winning streak started with his purebred Black Angus and has plans for entering a couple of Lancaster County fairs this Fall. His goal is to show the steer at the Keystone Exposition, where it will likely be sold afterwards. He has no plans to take the champion to the Farm Show, although he's already grooming a Limousine-Angus crossbred for that event.

A showman since the age of 10, Zimmerman has had two champions, one reserve champ, and a lot of firsts at the Ephrata Fair. "The most

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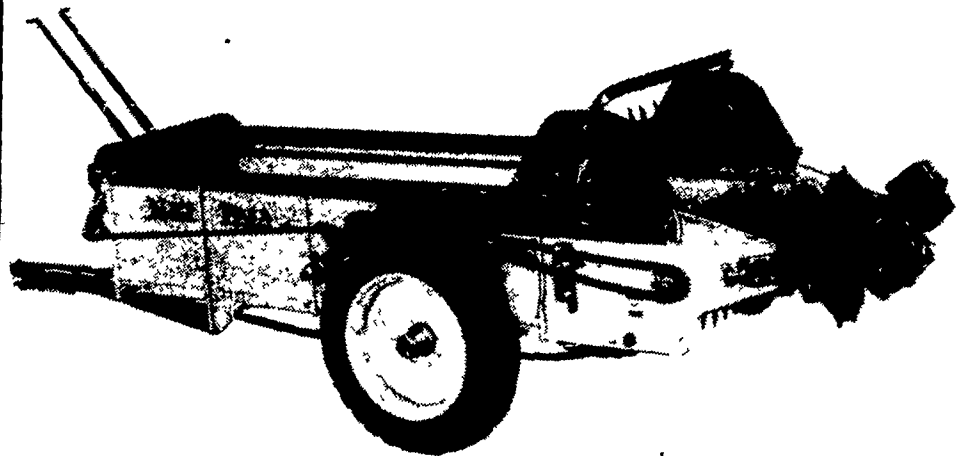


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