

Stonylonesome Farm hosts Pa. Angus Field Day

By JOANNE SPAHR

STAHLSTOWN—The breathtaking green landscape of the Laurel Mountains in Westmoreland County was the setting for this year's Pennsylvania Angus Field Day held on July 21 and 22 at Stonylonesome Farm, Stahlstown, Pa.

An educational and social gathering hosted by William H. Rea, owner of Stonylonesome Farm, the weekend featured cattle judging contests, square dancing, panel discussions, and the group's annual meeting — not to mention good old-time visiting among members.

Among the main attractions of Saturday morning's program was a heifer judging contest. Sarah Fretz, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Fretz, Zionsville, Pa., Lehigh County, was the highest overall individual judge in the 4-H division with 191 out of 200 points. All totaled, 38 individuals from eight counties competed in that contest.

Miss Fretz also placed highest in the oral reasons segment of the judging contest. To demonstrate this part of the competition, the Pennsylvania Angus Queen recited her reasons to the approximately 300 Pennsylvania Angus Association members present.

The top team in the judging contest came from Westmoreland County. Fayette County's group came in second and Beaver, third.

Gilman Stewart, president of the National Angus



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Association, was also part of Saturday's program. Stewart touched on the enthusiasm now being generated in the industry stating that increased prices and a need for the product have spurred cattlemen on. He reported that some breeders have sold all their bulls and have even exhausted their supply of yearling bulls.

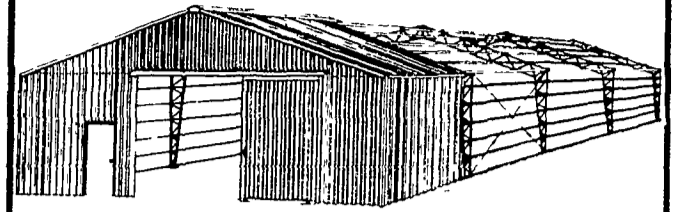
Stewart also cautioned the group to keep the Angus breed image the way it is to keep the price.

"The Angus breed has the reputation for good marbling and for being the best mothering breed," he said. "If we get away from that it will hurt us."

During the day the breeders were also intermittently encouraged to

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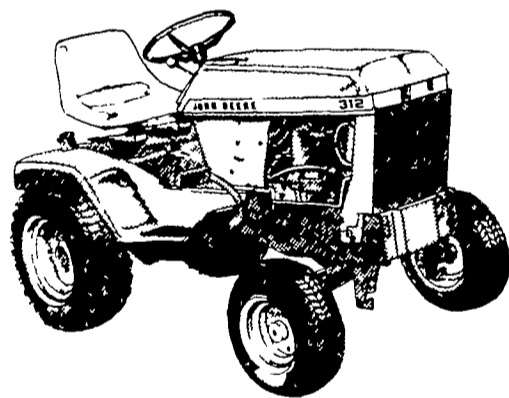
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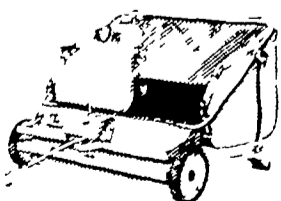
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