

4-H competition

(Continued from Page 18) a good crossbred bull. There he met Herman Purdy, Alexander, Va., and he ended up with a purebred Angus bull. Then Monique got the idea that she would like to try and show heifers. So the family became involved in the purebred Angus business.

As a result next week Monique will be showing four purebred heifers in the Angus show, competing in both the open and the junior divisions.

Although last year was the

first time she showed any heifers, she has travelled extensively since then, going to the National Angus Show in Iowa, where at a show with 650 animals, she brought home a fourth and a sixth. She also exhibited at the Eastern National Livestock Show, Timonium, Md. and the Keystone International Livestock Expo in Harrisburg.

This is Monique's fourth year in 4-H and she will be also competing in the 4-H classes with her steer, Pete,

an Angus-Chianina crossbred from Missouri.

But, she stated, that she likes to show heifers better, because those "you don't have to sell".

Already next year she is planning to show in the Eastern Angus Show, which will be held in York; and at the National Junior Heifer Show, to be in Indianapolis.

Monique told that right now she is concentrating on learning how to get the animals ready for a show,

including the washing, grooming, and brushing. Soon she will tackle the job of clipping the steer, but right now the family is helping her with that. And, you get the impression that the desire to show animals runs in the family.

Her younger brother, while not a cattle showman yet, is already showing that he too shares the family's involvement with animals.

Garth, age five, showed his first pig this year at a

special beginner's showmanship class held at the Dauphin County hog roundup. And he won the class. He, too, his father stated, has a special love for animals.

Monique, too, has shown hogs, and her father is the present hog leader in the local 4-H club. She had the champion hog at the 1977 County Roundup and told that only because of the Farm Show schedule she

decided against showing hogs this year.

Looking ahead to Pa. Farm Shows of the future, Eugene Sweigard told that he'd like to see a longer show, with the activities and competitions going on both weekends. He believes that a better beef barn is needed, and added that he thought scheduling all the junior shows in one day made it kind of hard on a child who wanted to show different projects.

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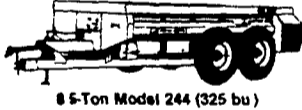
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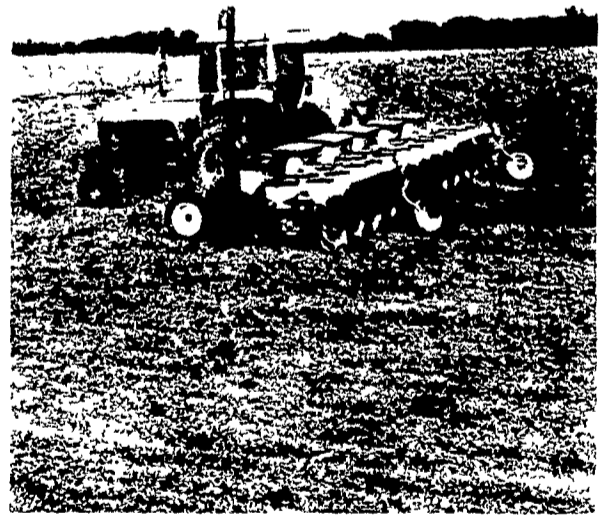
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