

# Area Angus juniors attend N.E. conference

MILLBROOK, N.Y. — A total of 30 junior members of the American Angus Association and parents from seven states gathered here in Millbrook recently to participate in the Northeastern States Youth Conference.

The two-day leadership conference was designed to make young people better leaders in their state and local livestock groups, and attracted participants from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Connecticut, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York and Virginia.

Friday afternoon, the group visited Rally farms, Millbrook, for a study in cattle production hosted by Fred Smalstig, manager of the Angus operation.

Smalstig discussed the importance of performance records in the Rally herd. His son, John, displayed a cow, purchased as a heifer for a youth project, that had produced an outstanding group of offspring.

Recently this cow was classified a Pathfinder, an award bestowed on top Angus brood cows by the American Angus Association.

In a judging contest held at Rally's, two youth tied for the first place position. Sharing the honors were Susan Holston, Derwood, Maryland; and Charlene Reynolds from Wilton, New Hampshire.

Dale Rains, Mercer, Pennsylvania, took the third place spot. Dan Loper, Sykesville, Maryland, came out fourth; Ted Teaford, Trappe, Pennsylvania, stood in fifth.

Rally Farms and the Smalstig families provided an evening meal. Later that night, the group traveled to



Pennsylvania youth who participated in the Northeastern States Youth Conference, an Angus leadership conference, held in Millbrook, New York, are Ted Teaford left, Trappe; and Dale Rains, Mercer. Teaford was winner of the speech contest and placed fifth in the judging contest held at the conference. Rains was third in the judging contest.

the Dutchess County Extension Center where everyone participated in an Angus Bowl, a new form of educational competition.

The Angus Bowl is a question-answer contest dealing with facts about the cattle and livestock industry and specific questions about Angus and the production of purebred Angus cattle.

Five youth teamed up to win the contest. Team members were: Laura Buss, Dutchess County, New York; John Robertson, Rhinebeck, New York; Ken

Blennings, California, New Jersey; Susan Holston; and Jennifer Smalstig, Millbrook, New York.

Saturday morning's speech contest, involving one representative from each state, was topped by a Pennsylvania Angus enthusiast, Ted Teaford.

A panel discussion on personal and group goals followed. Workshops gave participants a chance to submit ideas about communications, activity planning for state associations, planning field days, choosing adult advisors and fund raising.

Later, an open-idea session on planning new activities and events for Northeastern states junior Angus members was held.

leaders of the livestock industry in their states.

By improving their abilities, he said, the youth would not only benefit Angus, but would be better prepared to serve the nationwide livestock industry.

Susan Holston was voted the outstanding junior member of the conference and received a framed print of the Angus bull head used on the cover of the Association's first Angus Journal.

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