

Swatara Springs 'Belties'

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slapped as tops of the show, beating the grand champion bull for the honor.
"Rowina was nervous, like a race horse. She was a two-

year-old and had her calf waiting for her in the barns. She bellowed the whole way around the ring.
"The judge kept looking at her—he couldn't take his

eyes off her. The more she went in the ring, the better she got. And, he picked her as the best."

Stein's showring peacock has been a successful mother in his herd ever since. And this year she gave birth to her first set of twins.

One of Stein's pet peeves is the fact that most breeds give most of the credit of top performance to the bulls. "A cow means an awful lot," he said emphatically.

In his herd, Stein is aiming for improvement. He keeps most of his registered females for replacements in his cow/calf operation. "And, I don't register them unless they're good. I wait until they're almost a year old so that I can see how they grow, culling them out if they don't make the grade."

Stein's policy of not wanting his name on anything that isn't top-notch carries through to his bull calves. "I don't raise bulls unless they're exceptionally good, and I won't sell them unless they're real good."

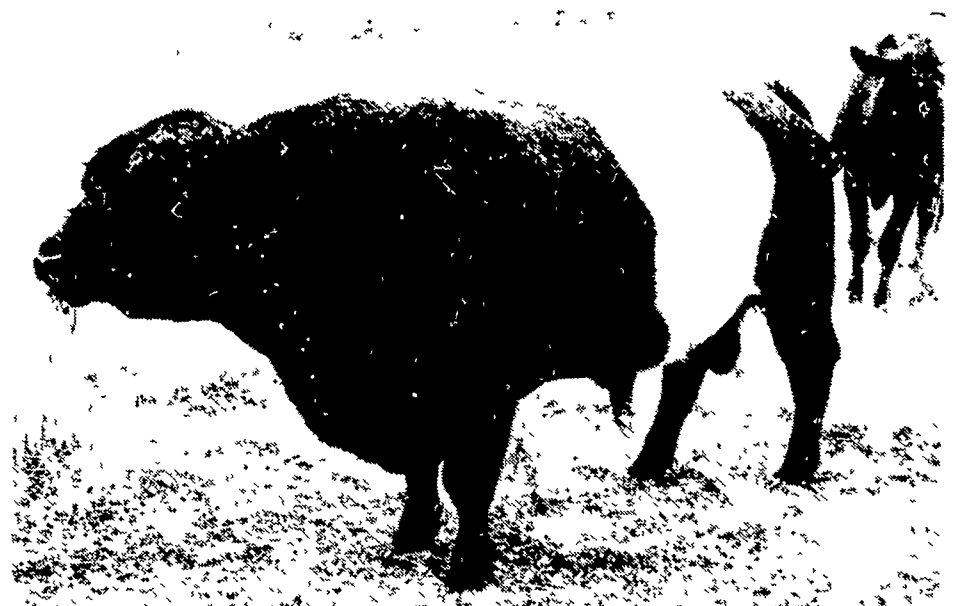
To see how his bulls stack up against the competition from other breeds, Stein has entered several animals in bull tests at Penn State and the University of Maryland. His bull, Swatara Springs Boas Chimes, was the first Belted Galloway to officially complete the Penn State Bull Performance test in 1976, he boasted.

In his efforts to improve the breed, Stein began crossbreeding three years ago. He introduced his purebred bulls to cows of

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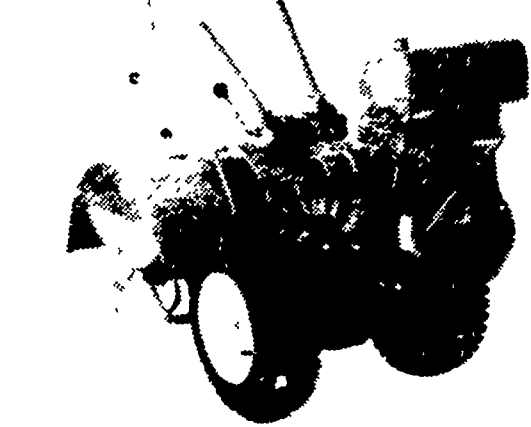


It's hard to believe, but this day old calf belongs to this protective Brown Swiss mother. The perfectly marked heifer calf is by Richard Stein's purebred Belted Galloway bull, Swatara Springs Boas Chimes.



Casually munching some hay, Boas Chimes displays the characteristic shaggy coat and white belt of his breed. In 1976, this bull was the first Belted Galloway to officially complete the Penn State Bull Performance Test.

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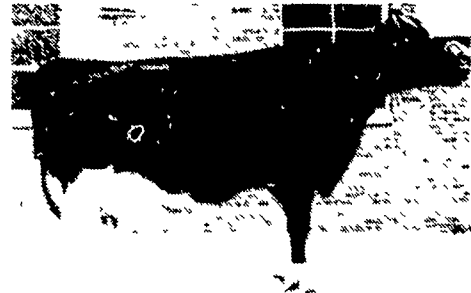
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