

Maryland Angus breeders hold annual meeting

LISBON, Md — The Maryland Angus Association is one of the oldest active Angus Associations in the county.

In fact, it may be the oldest as far as could be ascertained by Jerry Lipsey, Director of Junior Activities of the American Angus Association, St. Joseph, Missouri. Lipsey was guest speaker at the annual meeting of Maryland Angus Breeders held last Saturday at Lisbon, Maryland.

In their 51st year, the Association now numbers over 100 members and has an active Women's Club, Junior Association

holds two sales per year, an annual Breeders Show, annual Field Day, publishes a directory of breeders periodically, and sponsors numerous other activities throughout the year.

Lipsey painted a grim picture of the beef industry's problems but was still optimistic and enthusiastic.

"The first function of a beef producer," he told his audience, "is survival — and we have survived and we will survive, mainly because of the caliber of the people involved in livestock production.

The reason for his optimism

about the future of the industry is the young people. He charged breeders to meet the challenge of keeping our youth involved in spite of the constant outside pressures of our civilization and pointed to the many youth programs of the American Angus Association including heifer shows, the summer job placement program, and award programs.

He spoke with anticipation of the Eastern Regional Junior Angus Heifer Show to be held at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds in Gaithersburg, June 27 and 28, 1982, and the persistence of Maryland Angus Breeders that led to the choice of our state for the

Regional Show

Highlighting the afternoon program was crowning of the 1981 Maryland Angus Queen, Karen Holloway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Holloway of Darlington. Two Annual Awards were also presented as part of the afternoon program. The Augie Velisek Family of Woodbine, was presented the 1980 Maryland Angus Family Award and Bill Canby, Moreland Farm in Brookeville, was presented the 1980 Maryland Angus Breeder Award.

Dean Considine, Middletown, was elected to a second term as President of the organization and

Augie Velisek, Woodbine, to a second term as Vice-President.

Sam Riggs of Olney, was elected to fill the office of Secretary-Treasurer vacated by George Hodges, who retired after six years of service in that office to take on the job of Membership Chairman.

Five Directors were elected to three year terms. They are: Bill Canby, Brookeville; Dr. Lee V. Leak, Dickerson; Dr. Tom Michael, Woodsboro; Jim Weld, Rockville and Dick Whaley, Queenstown.

The next event for the Association is the Spring Sale May 22 at 7 p.m. at the Frederick, Md fairgrounds.

Group asks legislation to cut ag's dependence

WASHINGTON, D C — The nation's largest farm organization today called for legislation that would make agriculture less dependent on government farm programs.

Speaking before the Senate Agriculture Committee, Robert B. Delano, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, said that a market-oriented agricultural system should minimize the need for government intervention with price and income support programs.

Delano, a Virginia grain farmer, said a new four-year farm program should move away from dependence on target price, avoid support loan rates that would stimulate overproduction and protect farmers from any future commodity embargoes.

The farm leader said Farm Bureau generally accepts the farmer-held grain reserve concept

with reservations and favors administrative changes that would give market prices a wider range of movement to reflect supply and demand and minimize the impact of the reserves on market prices.


We believe a market-oriented agriculture is the most efficient means of production agricultural products and provides farmers with the greatest opportunity for economic well-being," Delano said. Farmers must be granted the freedom to produce for a profit, and government intervention should be eliminated to allow market forces to function.

Delano added that Farm Bureau, which has endorsed President Reagan's economic recovery plan, believes that any farm program is doomed to failure unless the government comes to grips with the basic problems of runaway federal spending and inflation.




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