

# Jacki Kirschner wears crown at Hereford Field Day

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**DOVER** — Jacki Kirschner was crowned 1981 Polled Hereford Queen last week at the annual Pennsylvania Junior Polled Hereford Field Day held here at JDH Farm, owned by John and Joanne Hausner.

Jacki is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kirschner of Monongahela, Washington County. The new Polled Hereford queen owns six head of the registered breed she will now represent throughout the coming year. Jacki's cattle share the pasture with her family's herd of Polled Herefords. The 35-acre family farm also raises market steers and capons.

Along with the excitement of the crowning, the field day also provided participants with some basic management skills to take home to the farm.

A judging contest was held in the morning under the direction of Merrill Crone and Don Sunday, both of York. The Polled Hereford breeders practiced their 'skills' in

placing three classes — steers, heifers, and a cow-calf class.

Official judge for the contest, Don Sunday, stressed breed character and size and scale per day of age in the animals when stating his reasons for placing the classes. One Polled Hereford breeder, Junior Kosner of Smithsburg, Md., was in complete agreement with the judge, having a perfect 150 points after the scores were tabulated.

Taking first prize in the Women's Division was Sue Hafer, Williamsport. Kathy Snook, of Jersey Shore, placed first in the Over 15 age division, while David Shultz, Mechanicsburg, topped the Under 15 division.

The afternoon consisted of a number of management demonstrations performed by local cattlemen.

Don Sunday discussed and demonstrated foot trimming, using hooves from slaughter cattle. "It is easier this way," he quipped. "The help doesn't get kicked as quick."

Trimming hooves is often not

needed because the cattle will wear their feet down naturally, Sunday said. He advised the cattle breeders to watch out for foot rot, with its distinct odor, and treat it as soon as it is noticed to prevent serious problems later.

Terry Shearer, manager of Pigeon Hill Farm in Abbotstown, discussed methods of cattle identification. He named a number of ways in which cattle can be identified including: ear tags, tatoos, neck chains, freeze and hot iron brands.

Shearer demonstrated tattooing on ears from slaughter cattle. The position of the tattoo gun in relation to the ear is important, he stressed.

"Make sure the ink you use when tattooing is good," he said. "This prevents having to repeat the process later."

The process of fitting show cattle was discussed by two recent graduates of Penn State, Tim Livingston and Bill Fairbain.

"Your goal should be to show your cattle with as much hair as possible," stated Livingston, explaining that working with the animal's hair will help it break evenly and will make clipping easier when the time comes.

The two fitting experts said there is nothing magical about fitting cattle, especially in doing the tail. Practice was stressed as the way to become good at fitting cattle.

Sam Hunter of Huckleberry Hall Farm in Smithsburg, Maryland, discussed what a judge looks for in the show ring and how to select cattle for the herd.

In the show ring the animal is placed against a "commonly accepted ideal," he stated, and noted that some of the best cattle are not always the show champions.

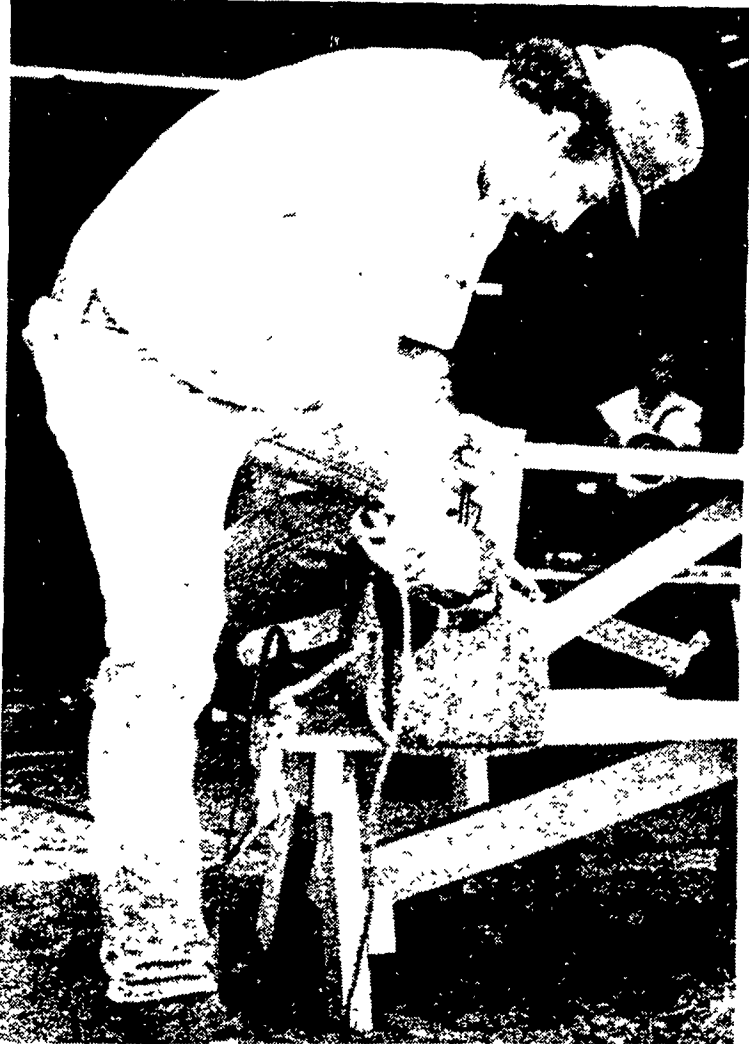
When buying cows for your herd some things to consider are: pedigree, sire, dam, siblings (including both full and half brothers and sisters), and the animal itself, Hunter stated.

In the business session of the field day, Blake McCleary of Biglerville was elected president of the Junior Polled Hereford Association. Other officers included: Jay Kirschner, Monogahela, vice president; and Jacki Kirschner, secretary.

During the meeting, last year's Polled Hereford Queen, Jane



Jacki Kirschner, the 1981 Polled Hereford Queen, receives her tiara and leather banner from the 1980 Queen, Jane Sikorski.



Don Sunday of York demonstrates hoof trimming to the enthusiastic Polled Hereford breeders on hand for the Pennsylvania Junior Polled Hereford Field Day held at JDH Farm in Dover.



The newly elected officers of the Pennsylvania Junior Polled Hereford Association are: Jacki Kirschner of Monogahela, secretary; Blake McCleary of Biglerville, president; and Jay Kirschner of Monogahela, treasurer.



Concentrating on clipping the belly of this steer is Tim Livingston, during his demonstration on fitting cattle for the show ring during the Polled Hereford Field Day.

Sikorski spot of her royal activities which included handing out ribbons at the York and Dayton shows, Keystone International Livestock Exposition and Farm Show, and attending the National Show in Denver, Colorado, where she competed for the national title. Jane is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sikorski of Emmaus.

John and Joanne Hausner, hosts for the field day, have been raising Polled Hereford cattle since 1968, and currently has 90 head of registered stock. The 250-acre family farm is owned by the Hausners and Mrs. Hausner's parents.

In 1980, the farm had "a good year," according to Joanne Hausner. They exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion Heifer at the Pennsylvania Farm Show. In addition, they had the best 6 head of Polled Herefords in the show. And, son John had the Grand Champion Polled Hereford Heifers in the Junior Show.

Judging contest results are as follows:

**Men's Division**

1. Junior Kosner, Smithsburg,

- Md. 2. Doug Shearer, Abbotstown
3. Raymond Glessner, Waynesboro
4. Robert Hafer, Williamsport 5. Terry Shearer, Abbotstown.

**Women's Division**

1. Sue Hafer, Williamsport 2. Carlene Hafer, Williamsport 3. Jean Froy, West Chester 4. Anna Cummings, West Minister, Md. 5. Gale Hunter, Smithsburg, Md.

**Junior Division**

**15 years and over**

1. Kathy Snook, Jersey Shore 2. Marian Cummings, West Minister 3. Mike Cummings, West Minister 4. Lynn Stoner, Waynesboro 5. Jane Sikorski, Emmaus 6. Andy Zeigler, Duncannon 7. Judy Johnson, Williamsport 8. Ken Sunday, York 9. Jacki Kirschner, Monogahela

**15 years and under**

1. David Shultz, Mechanicsburg 2. Becky Froy, West Chester 3. Marcia Gray, Loysville 4. Duaine Glesner, Waynesboro 5. Lisa Hoover, Mt. Wolf 6. Connie Hoover, Mt. Wolf 7. Andy Froy, West Chester 8. Jay Kirschner, Monogahela 9. Jeff Stoltfus, Loysville 10. Kathy Whitmore, Liverpool.