

# 'Aged' Longhorn takes Denver championship

DENVER, Col. — The Mountains and Plains Texas Longhorn Association awarded the coveted bronze trophy, "Driften Home", to the owner of the Grand Champion Texas Longhorn Steer in their 8th Annual Steer Show to Joe Muggenborg, Piedmont, Oklahoma, and his 10-year-old steer, Freckles.

Each year the MPTLA highlights the National Western Stock Show rodeo performance with their colorful array of Texas Longhorn steers herded into the arena and judged from horseback. This annual event represents the historic trail drives that lead the Texas Longhorn from Texas to the East.

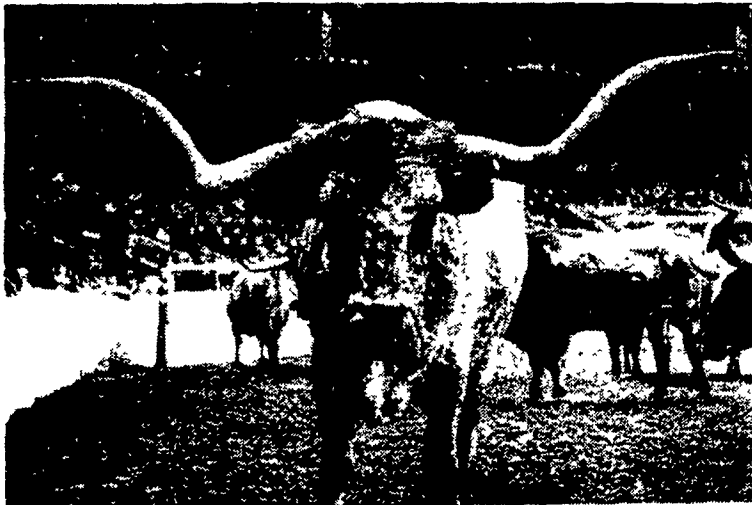
Over \$8,000 dollars in prizes including the \$5,200 dollar bronze sculpture by Leoti, Kansas western artist, Charlie Norton were handed to the winner during the last two rodeo performances of the National Western.

Reserve Champion steer and a pair of trophy spurs from Garcia Bit and Spur Company were awarded to the Baker's Safari B Ranch, owners, Dr. L.V. and Pat Baker, Elk City, Oklahoma, with their nine year old steer, Oklahoma Heritage.

Steers were judged by Hap Magee, Danville, California, owner of one of the largest Texas Longhorn Ranches in the country. He is the owner of the famous 43-year-old Texas Longhorn steer, Scoop, and has supplied television with Texas Longhorns over the years.

This year's winners divided over \$2,500 in individual categories. In the Best Horned Trophy Division, first place went to a 15-year-old steer, Big Red, owner Bob Shultz, Franktown, Colorado; Second place, T.D. and Sid Kelsey, Ramah, Colorado with Pansy's Pride 68; and Third Overall Grand Champion, Freckles.

In the Most Spectacular Colored




Freckles, a 10-year-old Texas Longhorn steer was tagged grand champ by the Mountains and Plains Texas Longhorn Association during the 8th annual steer show at the National Western Stock Show. The Grand Champion was judged in three classes, horn, color, and historical conformation.

Steer Division, First place went to the Overall Grand Champion, Second, Jean Wickland, Castle Rock, Colorado with her 9-year-old steer, John Denver, and Third, C.J. Frantz, Perryton, Texas.

The most Historical Conformation Steer was captured by Baker's Safari B Ranch, Reserve Champion Steer. Second place went to T.D. and Sid Kelsey,

Ramah, Colorado with their 14-year-old steer, Pansy's Pride 68, and Third, Overall Grand Champion.

Steers will again be judged at the National Western Stock Show in 1983. Anyone interested in showing should contact: Lowell Goermer, MPTLA President, P.O. Box 25, LaVeta, Colorado 81055.



## Chicken Coop News

Update on the poultry industry  
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4-H capons have now been raised and sold in Pennsylvania for 50 years.

Annually about 350 youngsters grow, process and sell 30,000 capons for about \$500,000, at 10 pounds dressed weight each. Youngsters can bank about \$100,000 of this money. County leaders, agents and 4-H agents plan, organize, and carry out this program in each community.

Recently, 200 dressed birds have been sold at auction after being judged at the 4-H Roundup. One grand champion bird and one reserve champion are chosen, while other carcasses get blue, red or white ribbons. Auction prices recently brought 6-35 dollars a pound for the grand champion pair of birds and an average of 2-5 dollars per pound of capon for all other dressed birds exhibited. County Agent John Schwartz of Adams County holds both high records.

In 1932, L.A. Harteis of Cambria County sold his 7 1/2 lb. dressed blue ribbon capon at auction for 75 cents a pound. This was the heaviest bird in the show. He said recently at the Roundup in the Ebsenburg High School, it gave him the inspiration to start farming. Gerry McCammon, County

Agent, lead this 4-H roundup in Cambria County.

A capon is simply a de-sexed cockerel or male chicken at about 14 - 24 days of age at time of surgery. After surgery they get fragile and hard to raise, so the 4-H'er must be a good manager. It takes a youngster who can manage work well to be successful raising capons.

Capon meat gets tender, juicy, tasty, and more moist than other poultry as the bird grows. Most 4-H capons are sold for \$1.40 a pound at 8 to 11 pounds dressed, while many commercial capons sell for prices over \$1 a pound for dressed carcasses weighing 5 - 7 pounds. The younger the bird sold, usually the more profit made per bird.

Youngsters who manage projects well can earn 2 to 4 dollars per hour spent or about \$5-7 net income to labor and management per bird, if all goes well.

Twenty-five counties in Pennsylvania report 4-H members and their families in this project. Most of the 4-H capon members are in Susquehanna, Beaver, Wayne, Lancaster, Washington, Fayette, York, Huntingdon, Westmoreland, Franklin, Cambria, Carbon, Allegheny, Adams and Chester counties.

## Pa. announces livestock marketing program

HARRISBURG — A state-industry cooperative program designed to sell more Pennsylvania beef, pork, lamb and veal has been announced by State Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell.

"The Livestock and Livestock Products Marketing Program, will include consumer education on the nutrition, versatility and economics of red meats, along with producer education programs and

promotion of their products," Hallowell said.

"Meats will be promoted both 'generically' and specifically as Pennsylvania beef, pork, lamb and veal," Hallowell said. "Livestock producers will be assisted in using improved, more uniform marketing systems. Packers and processors, wholesale and retail food distributors and the consumer will be encouraged to buy Pennsylvania livestock and products."

The program is staffed by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and financed 80 percent by the Department and 20 percent by livestock and industry groups through the Livestock and Livestock Products Marketing Council, an executive council under the Pennsylvania Livestock Association. Joan L. Liesau, Chester County, will coordinate the program, working with the livestock industry.

"The Livestock and Livestock Products Marketing Program will compliment existing programs," Hallowell said.

Voluntary contributions are invited for promotion and educational costs of the program. Salary, benefits and travel ex-

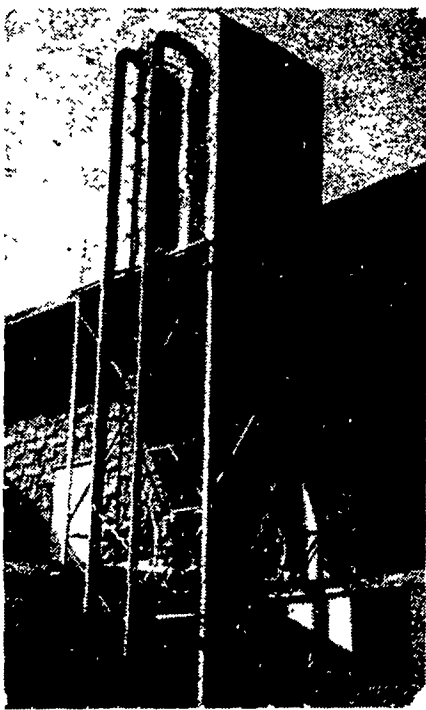
penses are covered by the Agriculture Department. For more information, contact: The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Livestock Products Marketing Program, Room 100, 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110; phone, (717) 787-5086.



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