

At Empire Polled Hereford Show

# Spring Bottom females sweep champion honors

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(CORTLAND, NY — The grand and reserve grand champion females of the Fifth Annual Empire Classic Polled Hereford Show was exhibited by Pennsylvania breeders Frank and Becky Darcey, Spring Bottom Farm, Fairfield, Adams County.

Before being selected as the grand champion female, judge Phil Taylor of Lawtons recognized the animal's qualities and tagged her as the show's calf champion. Winning the purple rosette found the younger Spring Bottom entry standing over a stablemate that was selected as the senior and reserve grand champion of the female show. Darceys also exhibited the reserve senior champion heifer, and were awarded Premier Breeder and Exhibitor banners.

Doug Stape of Stanley exhibited the champion cow/calf pair and Elm Farm of Richmondville showed the reserve champion pair. Marshall Farm of Graystone Granite progeny.

Elm Farm exhibited both

champion and reserve champion bull calves. Livingston Farm of Central Bridge exhibited the junior champion bull and Marshall Farms the reserve junior champion.

Si-Jo Farm of Fulaski exhibited the senior and grand champion bull and Livingston Farm exhibited the reserve senior and reserve grand champion bull.

Butch Marshall of Fort Bryon exhibited the junior champion heifer and his sister Milinda the reserve junior champion.

The event was sponsored by the Empire Polled Hereford Association with 33 breeders parading 96 head before judge Taylor.

Each entry was weighed, height measured and scanogramed for back-fat. This information was made available to the exhibitor and to those attending the show.

Four animals were singled out for a performance judging contest with participants estimating height, weight, backfat and other measurements and commenting on the conformation of each animal. Feter Comerford, livestock grading specialist for the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, and William Greene, Extension livestock associate at Cornell University, used the same four animals for a performance demonstration. The contest was won by Jerry Mickelson of Newfield with his son Dan winning the junior division contest.

Show chairman was Sue Haynes of Groton.



Spring Bottom Farm of Fairfield, Adams County, exhibited the grand champion heifer, SBF Royal Cheer 2, at the Empire Polled Hereford Association's Fifth Annual Empire Classic Show at Cortland N.Y. The senior heifer calf was also calf champion. From left

are Joe Lewis of Pulaski, president of the Empire Polled Hereford Association, Frank and Becky Darcey, owners of Spring Bottom Farm, Phil Taylor of Lawtons who judged the show and Dave Wise, herdsman at Spring Bottom Farm.



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