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"Last chance" steer wins Farm Show title



Annette Walters, 19, is at the halter of 1,255-pounds "J.D." her Chianina-Angus steer, who was named Farm Show Grand Champion Baby Beef on Thursday. The York County youth is joined in the winner's circle by (from l to r): State Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell; First Lady Ginny Thornburgh; parents Donald and Mary Ann Walters; sister Brenda.

BY DONNA TOMMELLEO
FARM SHOW — The Grand Champion Baby Beef competition, Thursday, ended with a resounding slap on the rump of a 1,255-pound York County steer.

With tears of excitement, 19-year-old Annette Walters, Airville, finished her 4-H career on a winning note, amid bright television camera lights and a galaxy of popping flash bulbs.

"I knew he was good," she quipped, "but I didn't know how good."

Fortunately, judge Donald Boggs did.

"He is a combination steer," said Boggs. "He's a growthy steer with a lot of muscling on a correct structure."

"I look for that animal which can be useful in all segments of the

industry," he continued. Walters' Chianina X Angus, dubbed "J.D." marked the first Farm Show champion for the Walter family.

Annette's mother Mary Ann explained that her five children have been showing Farm Show steers for a number of years. Annette, being the youngest child of Donald and Mary Ann Walters, was the family's "last chance" for the coveted title.

The Red Lion Area FFA member explained that a training regime for "J.D." included a daily mile hike.

Judge Boggs', who went with his heavyweight champ for Grand Champion, tagged his reserve heavyweight champ for the Reserve Grand title.

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Beef judging celebrates outstanding showing year

BY DEBBIE KOONTZ
FARM SHOW — Beef cattle judging celebrated one of its largest years, here, Wednesday, with entries deriving from all four corners of the state.

The seats of the large arena were dotted heavily with spectators from early morning till late afternoon as the seven breeds endured long hours of judging.

With over 60 individuals and organizations registered, the Angus breed began the day with

some competition for picture-taking room and time on the loud speaker from the second largest breed, the Polled Herefords.

Following these contests, the Charolais, Hereford, Shorthorn, Simmental, and Chianina breeds quickly closed another chapter of beef judging for 1983 at Farm Show.

For results of the seven competitions and descriptions of the champions see page A28.

Trophies abound for dairy

FARM SHOW — The state's dairy cattle had their day, Tuesday as hundreds of exhibitors displayed their best bovines.

Judges David Dickson, Mike Stiles and James McCaffree scrutinized five dairy breeds before one of the largest Farm

Show crowds of the week.

Martin Daubert of Pine Grove entered his Brown Swiss string for the first time. When the dust settled, the Farm Show rookie finished with both Premier Breeder and Exhibitor titles.

Rutter Brothers Guernseys of York walked off with the Grand Champion banner, while Snider's Homestead of Bedford County collected a basketfull of ribbons to claim Premier Breeder and Exhibitor honors.

The Milking Shortorn competition was basically a one-man show. James Young, Newville, pulled out all the stops with his award winning cattle.

Dauphin County exhibitors Earl Keefer and Donald Shetterly walked off with all the marbles in the Ayrshire show.

Ralaine Jerseys, Bedford County recorded a junior champion for their efforts and earned the Premier Breeder title, while Karla and Doug Martin, Franklin County put forth their best sibling effort and finished with Grand and Reserve Champion Jerseys, respectively.

The largest show, however, was the parade of black and whites, which ended on a familiar note.

It was like a flash from the past. The big black Holstein from Cumberland County paraded through her 4-year-old class to a blue ribbon and returned later for all the marbles.

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Gov. greets record crowds



A record-breaking opening day crowd at the 67th Annual Farm Show, lined the halls to greet Governor Dick Thornburgh who welcomed young and old alike. Follow the governor as he made Farm Show official on Sunday, by turning to page D20.

Julie strikes again



Julie Kuzemchak, daughter of Richard and Gayle Kuzemchak, Pleasant Gap, showed her 128-pound crossbred wether to grand champion honors Wednesday at Farm Show. Judge Richard Cobb, shepherd at the University of Illinois, Urbana, exclaimed how this lamb was one of the best he's ever handled. See story on page A34.