

# Angus queen easily transfers interest

**FARM SHOW** — With her crown barely eight hours old, Pennsylvania Angus Queen Chris Shive from York County entered the show ring early Wednesday morning for the annual Farm Show Angus competition to begin her 'official' year of promoting her favorite breed, posing for pictures and handing out ribbons.

But whereas most queens are content to view the event from the sidelines, Chris just had to get involved by juggling her 'queenly' duties with her desire to show her own animals.

So between the distribution of ribbons and the fever of the competition, and the speedy switching of a crown for an exhibitor's number, Chris had little time to reflect on her achievement from the night before — namely, her crowning.

"I'm still surprised. It's just something I've always wanted to do," she answers when asked how she feels about her new role. "I go to the banquet every year and I've known for quite a while I wanted to try for the title."

Chris, the 16-year-old daughter



Chris Shive

of Gordan and Dianna Shive of Seven Valleys, is quick to credit her parents with the support she needed to reach this honor, but it was her grandfather, Daniel Shive, which first instilled the 'Angus affair' into her heart.

"One night when I was really young, my grandfather stopped by on his way home from a 4-H meeting and announced he had enrolled me in the club. So that year I participated in the beef and beef breeding projects, and I've kept with it ever since," she remembers.

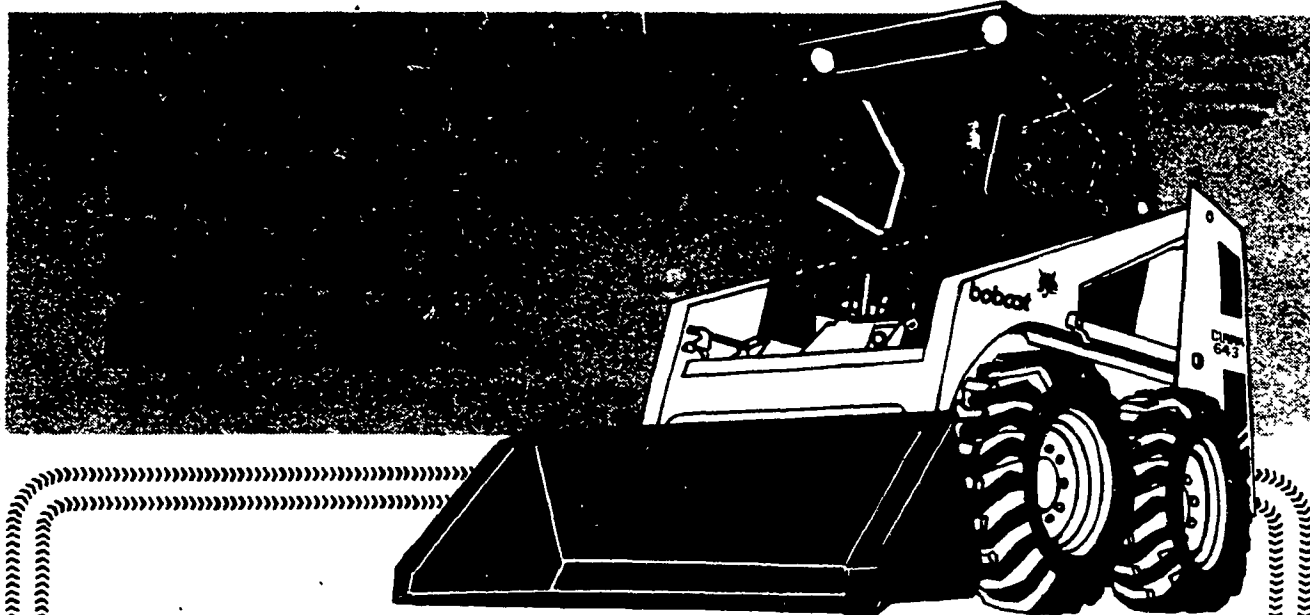
But that one project nine years ago, has since turned into 11 projects for this year alone.

"I'm involved in so many projects, but the main three are beef, public speaking and poultry," she explains.

Now with a herd of nine cows, Chris stays active as a director of the Pa. Junior Angus Association, the National Honor Society at Susquehannock High School where she is currently a junior, and the all-school play.

In the future Chris hopes to become a medical secretary and an adult 4-H leader. But for the near future, she wants to remain a teen leader, and promote her favorite breed as best she can.

"I'd like to attend all the shows I can and I'd like to inform everybody about beef. I think the industry needs to promote beef more," she says. And with a smile, she adds, "I eat a lot of beef." — DK



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