

Chianina Assoc. holds 9th Annual Field Day

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YORK — Virginia may be for lovers but it's a good place for raising championship beef cattle, too. And anyone contesting that statement wasn't on the sidelines last Saturday as Andrea Richards of Boyce, Virginia, led her 3/8-Chianina steer named Jumper to the grand championship at the Northeast Region Chianina Field Day at the York Fairgrounds.

Bred by P.T. McIntyre of White Post, Virginia, Andrea's steer was sired by 3/4 Chianina bull, DB Silver Mist, and an Angus cow.

Cambria County's John McKotch of Ebensburg took reserve champion honors with his Ohio-bred steer, sired by a Lombard son.

Lancaster County juniors were off to a running start in the steer competition, taking first place in the first four of the nine steer classes, but bowing out in the heavier classes.

First-place wins in classes five and seven went to Dauphin County, with Cumberland County taking class six, and Virginia successful in classes eight and nine.

A total of 68 exhibitors from four states brought 80 head of cattle to Saturday's festivities. In addition to the steer show, the day's events included a Chianina heifer show, competition in judging and showmanship, a fund-raising auction and a noonday Chianina beef barbeque.

In order to expand the number of entrants in heifer competition, the

field day committee elected to combine the American Chianina Association's Fullblood and American Purebred classifications. The Association recognizes only those animals of direct Italian descent as being Fullblood Chianinas. The American Purebred classification is applied to those cattle of at least 7/8 Chianina breeding.

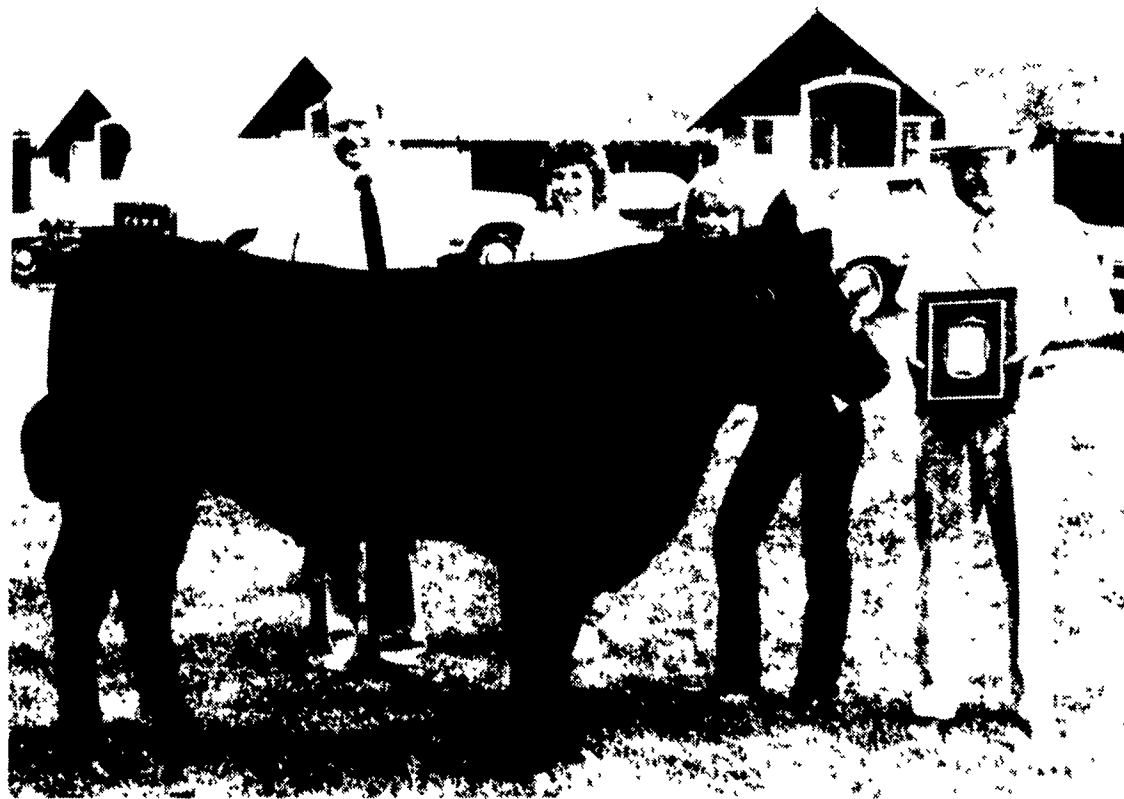
In heifer competition, a female named Lauxmont's Lady "J" exhibited by Jamie Kohr of York, received judge Bill Henning's vote as grand champion American/Fullblood in the white division.

Reserve grand champion American/Fullblood went to M's Empress, owned by Eugene Moore of Warriors Mark.

Since their importation little more than a decade ago, Chianinas have been bred with a number of colored breeds, resulting in a colored, or black strain being recognized by the Association. The blacks were well represented at the show, with grand champion honors going to DP Roda, a March 1983 heifer owned by Donald Sheiss of Chambersburg.

The show's reserve champion black was FCF Foreman's Penney, a March, 1983 female exhibited by Tim Foreman of Hershey.

Three divisions of showmanship competition were recognized, with Chris Hopple of Mechanicsburg topping the senior division, Windsor's John Eaton placing first in



Grand champion steer at the American Chianina Association's Northeast Region Field Day was exhibited by Andrea Richards, Boyce, Virginia. Pictured with Andrea at halter are (left to right) Penn State meat specialist and show judge Bill Henning, Pa. Cattlemen's Queen Heather Schofield, and Northeast Region director Jim Glass.

intermediate, and Darby Smith of Red Lion winning the junior division.

In the judging contest, Lance Kauf placed first in the men's division, with June Sunday winning the ladies competition. Junior division judging winner was Chris Hopple.

Cumberland County fielded the top judging team made up of Chris Hopple, Kim Hopple and Allison Shaffer.

This year's Field Day committee was made up of Margie Brothers, Jim Foreman, Jim Glass and Jim Kohr, with Larry Moore acting as Field Day chairman.

According to the American Chianina Association's chief



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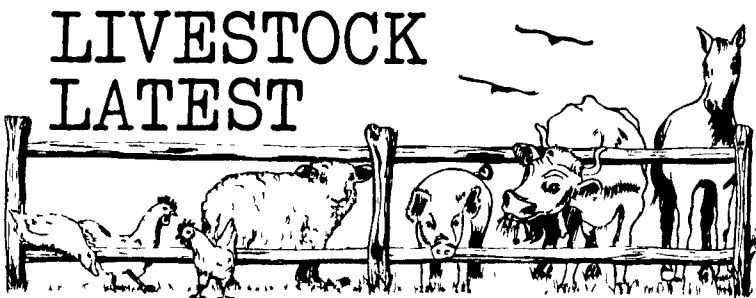
executive officer, Bob Vantreas, the ACA currently lists about 3,000 active and 1,000 junior members, accounting for approximately 140,000 Chianina cattle, the largest beef breed in the world.

Following are more show results:

- Heifer Classes**
Class 1 Full Blood/American
 1 Kenianne S Rarick
Class 2 Full Blood/American
 1 Jamie D Kohr 2 Eugene R Moore 3 Kenianne S Rarick
Class 3 Black
 1 Dwayne Messick 2 Douglas R Moore
Class 4 Black
 1 Tim Foreman 2 Ann Louise Kincaid
Class 5 Black
 1 Donald Sheiss 2 Ann Louise Kincaid
Grand Champion FB/AM
 Jame D Kohr

- Reserve Grand Champion FB/AM**
 Eugene R Moore
Grand Champion Black
 Donald Sheiss
Reserve Champion Black
 Tim Foreman
Steer Classes
Class 1
 1 Fred Weaver 2 Lee Hitz 3 Leigh Ann Templeton
Class 2
 1 Jeremy Longenecker 2 Christine Hopple 3 Darby L Smith
Class 3
 1 Margaret Hess 2 Heather Heisey 3 John Hess
Class 4
 1 Dwayne Messick 2 Eric Sheirs 3 Lidie Weaver
Class 5
 1 Sarah Messick 2 Eddie Livingston 3 Douglas Hertzog
Class 6
 1 Sandy Hopple 2 Jamie Kohr 3 Kim Davis

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Among Lancaster County's first place finishers in steer classes at the Chianina show were (clockwise from upper left) Margaret Herr of Narvon, Fred Weaver of Ephrata and Jeremy Longenecker of Lititz. Pictured with Jeremy is his father and number-one fan, Barry.



Taking top honors in showmanship at this years Chi Field Day were (left) John Eaton, Intermediate division; Chris Hopple, senior; and Darby Smith, junior.