

Second annual Watusi cattle convention slated

PUEBLO, Co. — In 1983 the first Ankole Watusi cattle show in the U.S. was held in conjunction with the breed's First Annual Convention and the Colorado State Fair. Over 100 entries gave it the greatest representation of any cattle breed exhibited at the Fair.

August 20, 21 & 22, are the dates of this year's Ankole Watusi International Registry Second Annual Convention. Once again the Convention returns to Pueblo, Colorado during the State Fair. These three days will be packed with events which include an Ankole Watusi ranch tour, membership meeting, banquet, benefit auction and show.

Formed in 1983 the Ankole



Watusi International Registry is dedicated to the preservation and promotion of this ancient, rare and

unique breed of "African Longhorn". These graceful creatures with horns often spanning seven feet and more tip to tip are beginning to make their impact on the U.S. cattle industry. In crossbreeding programs the offspring are eligible for registration by the AWIR as half bloods, three-quarter bloods, seven-eighth bloods and finally fifteen-sixteenth bloods which are termed native pure.

These cattle are best known for traits of calving ease, disease and pest resistance, longevity and doability. They are "survivors", doing well on marginal pasture and range land. Uses include beef, deluxe rodeo stock and novelty.



Shorthorn juniors hold elections

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — State junior Shorthorn associations were represented at the 1984 National Shorthorn Youth Conference. Elected delegates representing 18 states met at the Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center in Louisville, Ky., for the annual meeting. This year, as in the past, the meetings were held in conjunction with the breed's national junior heifer and steer show.

Major business for the association dealt with the election of officers and board members for the American Junior Shorthorn Association (A.J.S.A.) for the upcoming year. Gip Gafford, Garden City, Tx., was elected to the presidency for 1984-85. Serving as vice president for the organization will be Shad Marston, Canton, Ks., with Rob Johnson, Frederickstown, Oh., as secretary-treasurer and Rodney McAnear, Clarendon, Tx., will fill the post of public relations director.

Board members elected by the delegates to fill three-year terms were John Paul Bedwell, Okeene,

Ok.; Lydia McGill, Starr, S.C.; and Brent Milleson, McPherson, Ks. Pat McLaughlin, Woodsfield, Oh., will serve the organization for one year. Janet Jordan Leemon, Hoopston, Il., completes the A.J.S.A. board of directors.

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born April 12, 1983. Following Swalve with the reserve champion finished steer was Jeff Jordan, Rensselaer, Ind., on a son of Waukaru Cinnation. Born April 6, 1983, this steer weighed 1,150 pounds, had a hip height of 53.50 inches, and posted a WDA of 2.47 pounds.

Champion pair of females in the junior national was exhibited by Sarah Schilling followed by Rachel Schilling, Lake Fork, Ill., and Mark Jordan, Rensselaer, Ind.

In the state group competition, the top display of females was shown by Illinois, followed by Texas and Indiana.

Kentuckian receives Polled Hereford award

DES MOINES, Ia. — Gregg Thornton of Butler, Ky., received the prestigious National Junior Merit Award during the 11th National Junior Polled Hereford Show and Forum, July 22-26, in Des Moines, Iowa.

The 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Thornton was honored as the nation's most outstanding junior Polled Hereford breeder during the awards banquet at the conclusion of the week-long activities.

Thornton received an APHA Foundation \$750 scholarship plus a week-long trip to the Polled Hereford operation of his choice sponsored by Harding and Harding Livestock Insurance.

The award is based on a applicants achievements in the beef cattle industry, citizenship activities and personal development. Each candidate for the national award was first named a winner in his or her home state.

Thornton will enter his senior year at the University of Kentucky this fall. He has paid for much of his education in agriculture economics with the income from

his cattle. His start in the Polled Hereford breed was in 1974 with a heifer received as a gift. Since then Thornton has increased the value of his inventory eight-fold.

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KALAMAZOO, MI. — A handbook on the use of prostaglandin for more efficient beef cattle breeding is available from the Upjohn Company.

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