

Pa. Angus take honors at 37th Angus Futurity

LOUISVILLE, KY — Again this year, the supreme champion of the 150-head 37th American Angus Breeders' Futurity held on July 30 and 31, came from the bull entries. Judge Herman Purdy, Alexandria, Pennsylvania, eyed the grand champion bull and female as they were paraded around the show ring at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville, and then pointed toward Cobble Pond New Yorker as supreme champion of the Futurity.

This February 15, 1983 son of Pine Drive Big Sky was first awarded the early junior and grand champion bull banners. He is owned by Cobble Pond Farm, Sharon, Connecticut, and Gallaghers Farm, Inc., Ghent, New York.

New Yorker weighed 1,630 pounds before entering the show arena, stood 56.75 inches at the shoulder, 60.00 inches at the hip and measured 59.50 inches long.

Grand champion laurels in the 81-head female show went to R&J Sybil 2003, a daughter of R&J Austion 13. First named the intermediate champion, she is owned by R&J Ranch, Briggs, Texas. Sybil was born July 4, 1983, stood 51.25 inches at the shoulder, 54.50 inches at the hip and was 51.25 inches long.

For reserve grand champion bull, judge Purdy selected his senior winner, Greenbrae Chairman. Owned by Chairman Board of Directors, Cloverdale, Indiana, Chairman is a May 10, 1982 son of Fairfield Hi Guy.

The reserve grand champion heifer banner went to the reserve intermediate titlist, Windac Tiara F460, owned by Bard L Properties, Shawnee, Okla., and Windy Acres Angus, and Bert Skou, Harrison, Nebr.

In the cow-calf division, grand champion was the champion cow with an embryo calf, Kruegers Scaara of Sayre and her September 12, Progression heifer calf. This pair was shown by Greg

Krueger and Family of Coatesville, and Rolling Oaks Ranch, Burkett, Texas.

R&J Blossom 1361 and her October 9, Progression bull calf won the reserve grand champion cow-calf title. Earlier named the champion cow with a natural calf, this pair is owned by R&J Ranch.

A new division was added to the Futurity this year, the best udder division. Taking top honors in it was Creek Side Evergreen 284, owned by Sherri Rentz, Coldwater, Ohio. Kendall Kovergirl was awarded the reserve title and she is owned by Scott Talbott Jr., Versailles, Kentucky.

Junior bull calf champion was Sir Wms Black Magic 119B, owned by Sir William Angus, Hillsdale, New York. Genetics Unlimited Inc., West Grove, Pennsylvania, won the reserve junior bull calf title with Genetics Proton.

Early junior champion heifer honors went to SAF Big Sky Miss 331. She is owned by Windy Acres Angus and Weaver Angus Farm, Peoria, Ill.

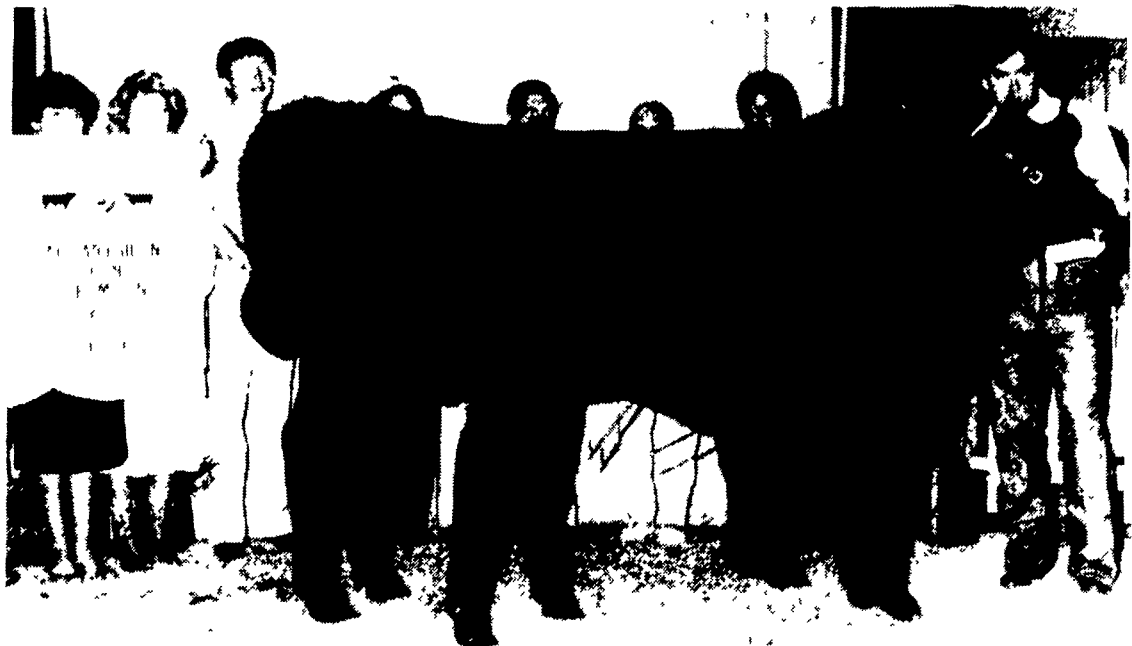
Victoria Johnson, Summitville, Ohio, led her entry, Summitcrest Miss Angus R003 to the reserve early junior champion heifer spot.

Late junior champion heifer, Princess Jamie 1R, was shown by Brad Worthington, Princeville, Illinois. Greg Krueger and Family together with George Parker, West Grove, won the reserve late junior champion heifer title with Parkers Miss Blackbird 503.

Ricks Juanadabury 3116 took the blue ribbon in the senior heifer calf division for Rick Blanchard, Mendota, California.

Coleyhill Misty Lass claimed the junior heifer calf ribbon for Coleyhill, Statham, Georgia. In the get-of-sire competition, Pine Drive Big Sky progeny placed first. This bull is owned by Premier Angus Inc., Leroy Billman, Ostrander, Ohio, and Big Sky Associates, Cloverdale, Indiana.

Progeny of Dr. Spock won the junior get-of-sire class with Pine



Grand Champion cow-calf honors at this year's American Angus Breeders Futurity went to Kruegers Scaara of Sayre and her September 12 heifer calf by Progression. The pair was shown by Greg Krueger and Family of Coatesville, and Rolling Oaks Ranch, Burkett, Texas.

Drive Big Sky calves placing second. Dr. Spock is owned by Windy Acres Angus, Erdmann Angus Ranch Inc., Wetonka, South Dakota, and Dr. Spock Syndication, Brenham, Texas.

A calf get-of-sire class was added to the get division. Winning the blue ribbon in it were calves by Premier independence KN. This bull is owned by Premier Beef,

Summitcrest Farms, Summitville, Ohio, and O'Neill Angus Farm, Logan Iowa.

The premier sire of the Futurity was Pine Drive Big Sky, as he sired the three highest placing progeny at the show. This bull is owned by Premier Angus Inc., Leroy Billman and Big Sky Associates.

R&J Ranch took home the

Premier Exhibitor banner and the Premier Breeder award which is the best six head of breeding cattle, bred-and-owned or co-owned by the exhibitor.

Ernie Wallace, herdsman at R&J Ranch won the Robert L. Asher Memorial Trophy. This award is a traveling trophy presented to the outstanding herdsman at the Futurity.



Senior research associate John Yocum (right) briefs farmers on the tobacco research currently being conducted at Penn State's Southeastern Field Research Lab near Landisville.

Penn State's SE Lab holds Field Day

BY JACK HUBLEY

LANDISVILLE — This year's wet growing season was a popular topic of conversation among the dozen scientists and over 200 farmers who converged on Penn State's Southeastern Field Research Lab near Landisville to

review the latest research findings on grains, forage crops, tobacco and flowers.

Though the humidity and temperature seemed determined to outdo each other on Thursday, conditions were far more favorable for this year's event than last year, when a choking drought gripped the county and forced cancellation of the Field Day.

Sitting atop tractor-drawn wagons, farmers toured the farm's numerous research plots, stopping along the way to listen to presentations by Penn State specialists.

John Yocum, the facility's senior research associate, briefed farmers on weed and insect control in their tobacco fields, and reviewed a number of new hybrids being developed at the research farm. Outlining his techniques for developing new crosses, Yocum pointed out that about 10 to 12 years will go by before varieties now under experimentation will become available to the farmer.

Nitrogen application was a popular research topic, with agronomy research aid Bill Piekielek discussing N applications in no-till corn farming. Piekielek noted that no-till farming is an excellent alternative for Lancaster County farms where loss of soil and fertilizers due to

runoff can be a problem.

An important research topic, Piekielek stated, involves the search for more efficient N application methods under no-till conditions. This is especially important when using urea fertilizers where the potential for loss through volatilization is great. The researcher pointed out that dribbling has been shown to be a more efficient application method than spraying.

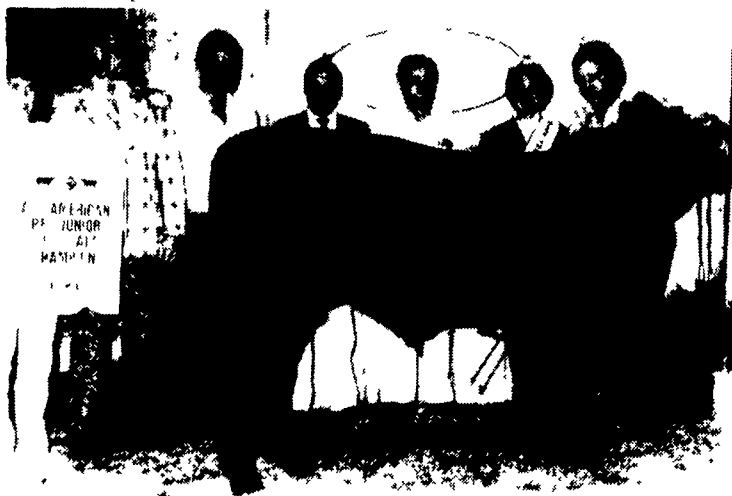
Agronomist Kevin Ganoie also touched on nitrogen, discussing its application for corn production using plowing, chiseling and no-till systems. Turning to cover crops such as rye, sweet clover and hairy vetch, Ganoie pointed out that the latter has been shown to be a poor nitrogen producer for corn planted at the normal time in this area.

Dr. Doug Beagle provided more information on nitrogen, discussing its application under conventional tillage conditions.

Turning once again to no-till farming, Jerry Rodgers reviewed various herbicide combinations for weed control in no-till soybeans.

Farmers also had the opportunity to preview many new crop varieties currently under evaluation, with Robert Oberheim discussing clover and alfalfa, Dr. Elwood Hatley highlighting new

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Reserve junior bull calf was Genetics Proton owned by Genetics Unlimited, Inc., of West Grove.



Parkers Miss Blackbird 503, owned by Greg Krueger and Family and George Parker of West Grove, was the Futurity's late junior champion heifer.