

Kruegers and G.U. win in Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS, IN — When judge Ed Winters of Red Lodge, Montana went shopping for a grand champion heifer at the recent Indiana State Fair, he looked to the East for his winner.

Parkers Miss Blackbird 503, owned by George Parker and Family of Barnesville, Maryland, and Greg Krueger and Family of Coatesville, won the purple rosette and was also awarded the junior champion title.

Judge Winters followed suit when he pointed to the reserve junior champion, Premier Blackbird 4565Y, and named her the reserve grand champion female. She was shown by Premier Angus Inc.

Senior titlist, Greenbrae Chairman, was announced as grand champion bull for his owners, Chairman's Board of Directors, Cloverdale, Ind. Judge Winters then went to the intermediate bull division and named the intermediate winner, J K Pine Tar, reserve grand champion bull. He is owned by Jerry Williams, Lockney, Texas; Pine Tar Associates, Lockney, Texas; and Premier Angus Inc., Cloverdale, Inc.

Premier Angus Inc. took home more honors in the group competition. They exhibited the first place get and junior get-of-sire with progeny of Pine Drive Big Sky and were named the Premier Breeder.

The reserve senior champion

bull title went to Shadymere Designer 3JS, owned by Kevin Swaim and Family of Marshall, Ind., and James Sipe, Carmel, Ind.

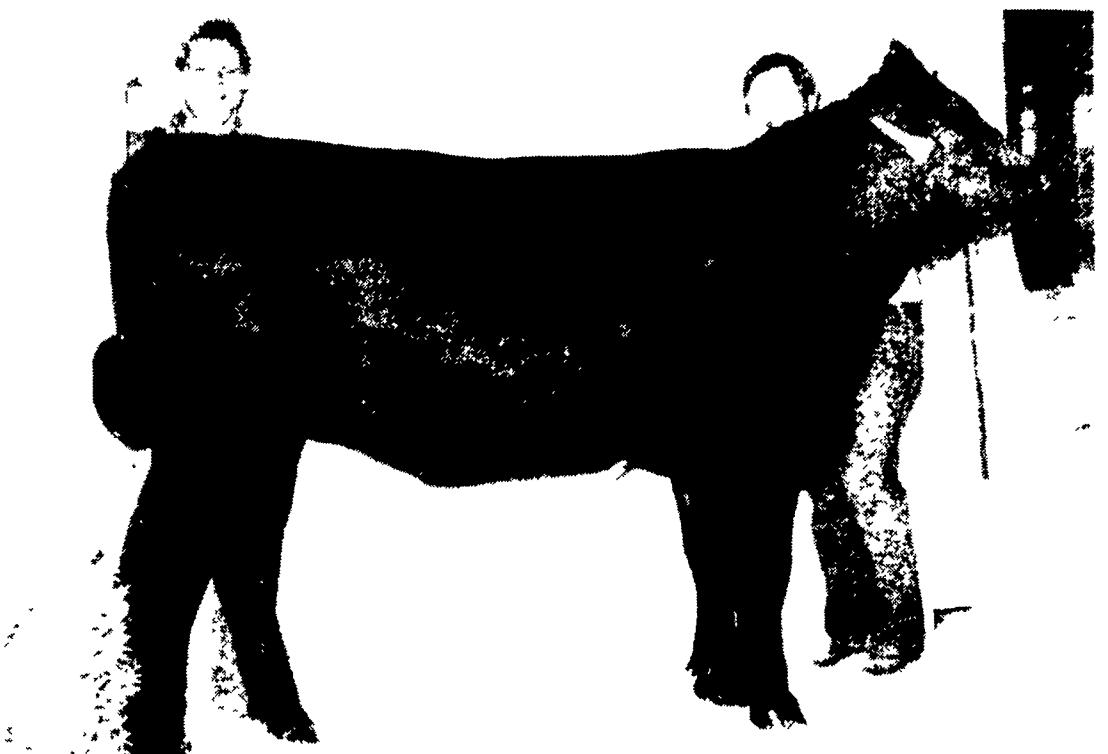
Premier Angus Inc. along with Nick Brost, Oxford, Ind. led out the junior champion bull, Brost Power Drive. The reserve junior champion bull ribbon was presented to SS Rising Sun 64R, shown by Stewart and Sons, Greensburg, Ind. They also put together the best pair of bulls, SS Power Play 124R and SS Rising Sun 64R.

Heritage Sky Marshall claimed the reserve intermediate champion bull spot for M.L. Haggard and Sons, Losantville, Ind.

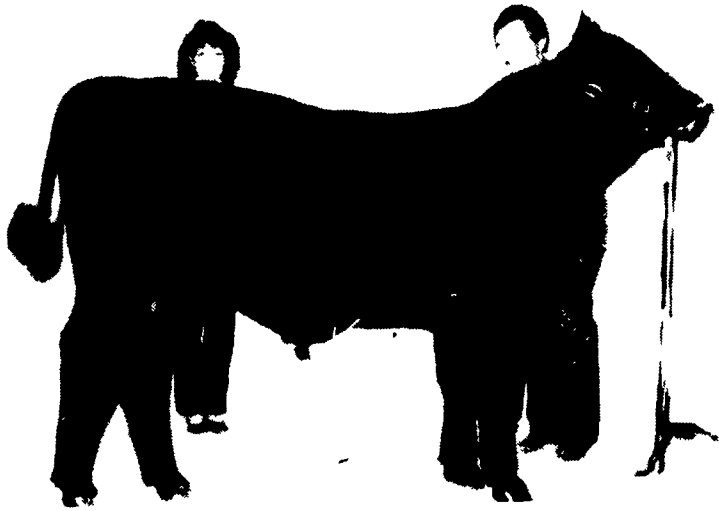
The bull calf champion, Premier Charger, won another ribbon for his exhibitor, Premier Angus Inc., and the reserve calf champion, Aggression of GU&K, was shown by Greg Krueger and Family, and Genetics Unlimited Inc., West Grove.

Premier Angus Inc., then led Premier Elba 4586Y to the intermediate champion heifer spot and was followed by Heritage Sky Queen Ruth, owned by Joshua Haggard, Farmland, Ind., to the reserve intermediate position.

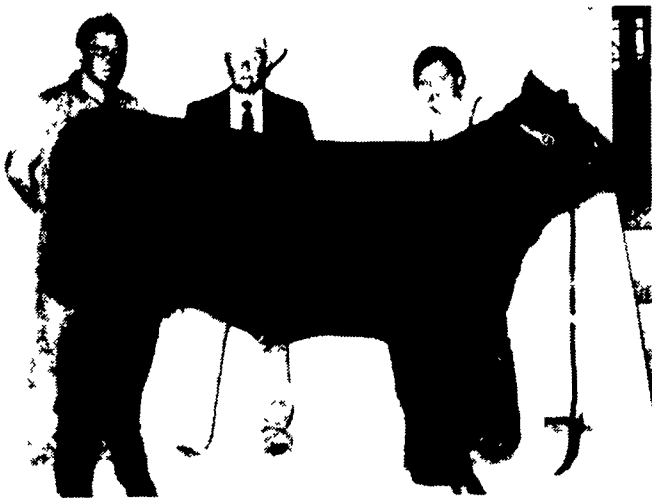
In the heifer calf division, the champion was Prides Blackbird 991 of G.U., owned by Genetics Unlimited, Inc. and LaVern Krueger and Family, LaCrosse. Reserve honors went to Independent Lady IA 184, owned by Price Irving, Greenfield, Ind.




Grand champion heifer of the 87-head Angus show at the 1984 Indiana State Fair, Indianapolis, was the junior titlist, Parker Miss Blackbird 503. She is owned by George Parker and Family, Barnesville, Maryland, and Greg Krueger and Family of Coatesville. (American Angus Assoc. photo).



Aggression of GU&K was presented the reserve bull calf title at the Indiana State Fair. He is owned by Greg Krueger and Family, and Genetics Unlimited Inc., of West Grove. (American Angus Assoc. photo).



Prides Blackbird of G.U. claimed heifer calf champion honors for LaVern Krueger and Family of LaCrosse, Indiana, and Genetics Unlimited Inc. (American Angus Assoc. photo)



Livestock Ledger

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Local cattle feeders are again preparing for the fall rush of new calves arriving into Pennsylvania feedyards. While much of the talk currently in associated with the price feeder cattle will command this season, I often wonder whether this is the most important factor involved in successful cattle feeding.

Most likely the cattle feeder will buy steers at the going price unless it is drastically unreasonable. For instance, whether steers sell in the 60's, 70's or 80's, the farmer must still pay in the going price range, high or low. Making the best buy not only involves price, but takes into consideration as well, cattle quality, weight, and most important health.

In recent years, the approach to animal health has switched from treatment of disease to prevention of disease. Cattle producers who realize that preventive care saves time and money in the long run are concerned about how management practices and environmental conditions affect animal health.

One practice that produces stress in feeder cattle is removing them from the familiar maternal environment to the competitive feedlot. Because this transition is unavoidable under most feeding systems, cow/calf producers must devote considerable effort to preparing animals for the change, benefiting the cattle feeder. Some

stressful environmental conditions and procedures include dehorning, castration, weaning, changes in feed and water intake, loss of familiar surroundings, poor sanitation, transportation, exposure to bad weather, and exposure to new disease producing agents.

Most animals can withstand one or more of these stresses simultaneously and remain healthy because they have a variety of self-regulating controls

that keep their body system functioning normally. One such control, the immune system, protects the animal against potential disease producing agents during periods of stress. Numerous stresses acting at one time may overwhelm the immune system, resulting in disease outbreaks such as "shipping fever" in Pennsylvania feedlots.

Authorities generally agree that as much as 75 to 80 percent of health problems in feeder cattle are related to shipping. Once cattle have adjusted to their new environment, health maintenance should require less attention. Cattle feeders should search for and remember cow/calf producers who supply an annual supply of good quality, healthy cattle that are properly prepared for the feedlot.

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NY now accepting Bull Test nominations

ITHACA, NY — One hundred young registered bulls (born between Feb. 15 and April 30, 1984) that meet the specified requirements will be accepted for the 1984-85 New York Bull Test.

The New York Bull Test will again be conducted at the Cornell University Livestock Teaching and Research Center at Harford. It will be jointly sponsored by Cooperative Extension, the State Department of Ag & Markets, the animal science department at Cornell University, and the New York Beef Cattlemen's Association.

Nominations are open to out-of-state producers as well as New York cattlemen and will close Oct. 8. They will be accepted on a first come-first served basis. Test requirements and rules and entry blanks are available from William Greene, 130 Morrison Hall, Cornell

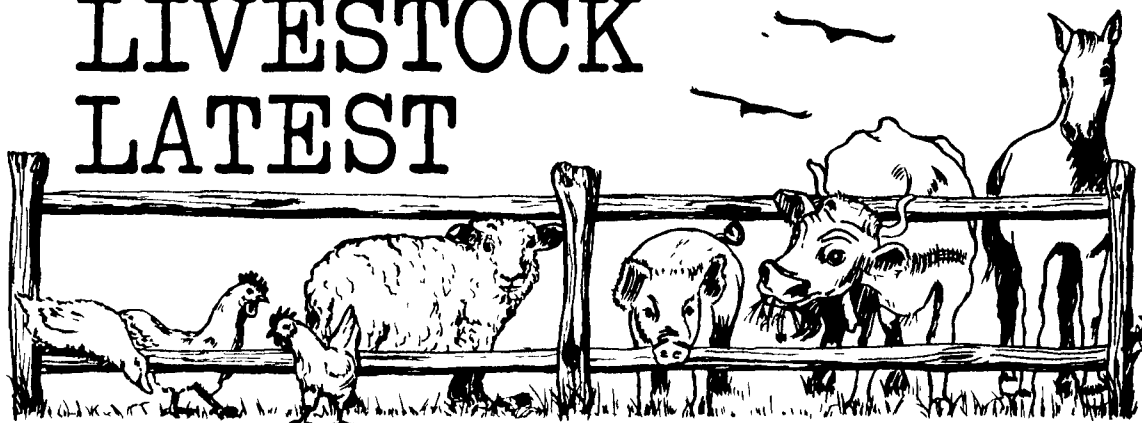
University, Ithaca, N.Y. 14853.

The annual performance testing program is conducted to evaluate bulls under unbiased, uniform conditions and to make these performance tested bulls available to beef cattle producers.

Each year the concept of performance testing gains greater acceptance. Several sons of previous performance tested bulls were enrolled in the 1983-84 Bull Test. Bull that meet the New York Bull Test certification standards are branded with an outline of New York State and these "branded for performance" bulls have gained acclaim in the show ring. Others have sired banner winning pens of feeder calves.

Each year the monthly performance test reports are awaited not only by Bull Test consignors but by interested cattlemen as well.

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