

Queen Elizabeth attends World Angus Forum

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — More than 150 U.S. Angus breeders met with Angus leaders from around the world July 17 through 21 at the Fifth World Angus Forum in Edmonton, Alberta.

Highlights of the Forum, sponsored by the Canadian Angus Association, included a special visit by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth of Great Britain, formal presentations by beef cattle experts from around the world and

the World Forum Angus Show. Attendance topped 600 people.

William Conley, president of the American Angus Association and Richard Spader, executive vice president, led the U.S. delegation, and were the official American Angus Association delegates to the meeting of the World Aberdeen-Angus Secretariat. This organization is made up of the various national Angus associations and societies from

around the world.

Secretariat delegates discuss problems, and their potential solutions, that are common to the Angus industry worldwide. Special emphasis is placed on facilitating international Angus germ plasm exchange. The group also attended an informal reception with the Queen Mother after her appearance before the World Angus Forum session on Thursday morning, July 18.

Keynote speaker for the Forum was Dr. Robert Long, professor of animal science at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Long urged the group to abandon many of the traditional beef cattle selection

criteria and to concentrate on just four factors when selecting beef cattle. These he listed as:

1. Reproduction efficiency.
2. Growth rate per unit of feed
3. Carcass Composition-including not just lean but also juiciness, tenderness and flavor.
4. Longevity.

U.S. bulls dominated the 299-head World Angus Forum Angus show at the beautiful Edmonton Northlands Agricom show grounds.

Grand champion bull honors went to MA Rising Star, the junior champion, owned by Morris Angus, Champaign, Illinois, and Weaver Angus Farm, Peoria,

Illinois.

The senior champion, Gallighers Yankee, owned by Wayne Stevenson, Hobson, Montana, was selected for reserve grand champion bull by bull-show judge David Hasson of Ariss, Ontario.

The World Angus Forum, and meeting of the World Aberdeen Angus Secretariat, is held every four years. The previous forum was in 1981 at Christchurch, New Zealand. The Secretariat voted unanimously to accept the invitation of Sr. Marcus Firpo, president of the Argentina Aberdeen-Angus Corp., to have the Sixth World Forum in Argentina in 1989.

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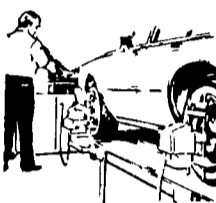
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LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The 38th All American Angus Breeder's Futurity will be held at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center, Aug. 3 to 6, and will honor the "best of the best" Angus, according to Joe Bill Meng, Bowling Green, Kentucky, manager of the Futurity. Said Meng, "The All American is considered the premier showing of the finest Angus cattle in the country."

Prestigious honors also entice Canadian and South American breeders to bring their Angus cows and bulls thousands of miles to Kentucky's River City to show at the Angus Futurity.

Tom Burke, Platte City, Mo., chairman of the Futurity, confirmed that over \$50,000 in premiums and awards will be presented this year. However,

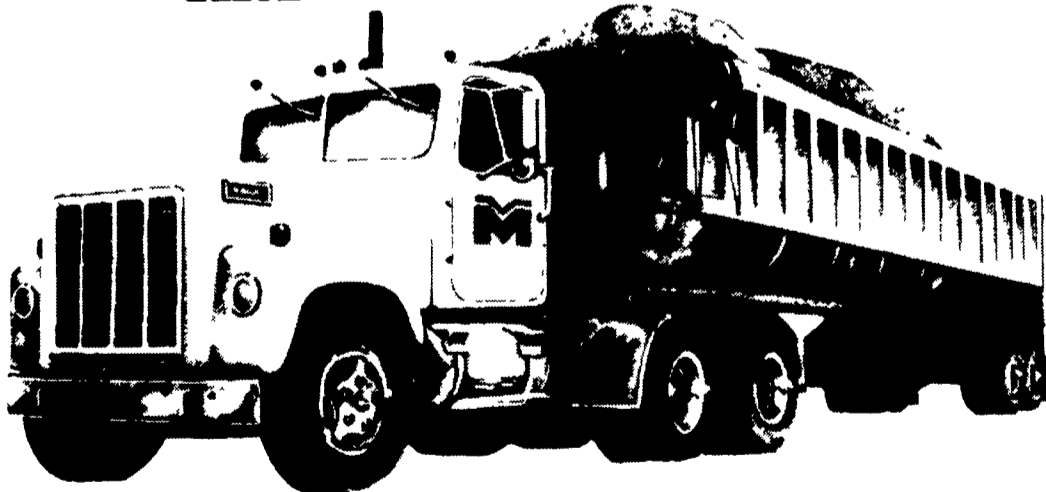
Burke added, "The honor and accomplishment that comes from exhibiting at the All American Angus Futurity means more than money to breeders."

This year will also mark the sixth annual National Embryo Auction at the All American Angus Futurity. The auction draws record crowds of Angus buyers to Louisville, and sales are expected to surpass the \$138,500 total which was achieved last year.

Baxter Black will speak at the Futurity Steak Fry, Sunday evening, August 4. Raised in Las Cruces, New Mexico, Black has worn many hats in the cowboy and cattle industries. He is a cowboy poet, songwriter, author and a veterinary consultant for Wellcome Animal Health.

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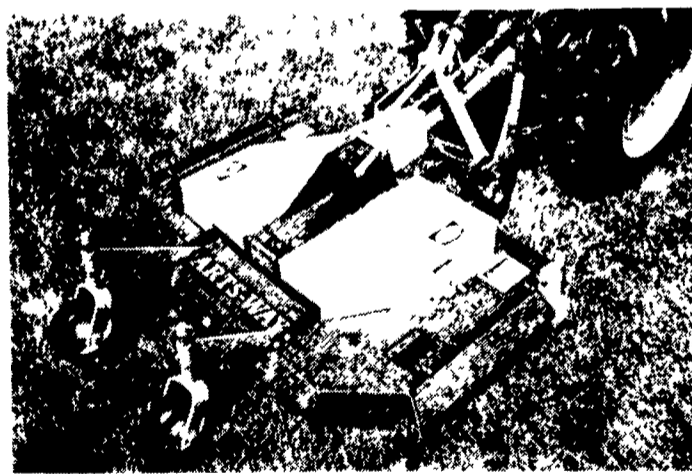
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