

Pennsylvanians Earn Titles in Regional Angus Preview Show

NORTHAMPTON, Mass. — Juniors from nine states brought 80-head of Angus bulls, heifers, steers and cow/calf pairs to the Tri-County Fairgrounds at Northampton, Massachusetts, to exhibit at the 1986 Northeast Regional Junior Angus Preview Show. Bill Conley, Clarksdale,

Missouri, served as judge for this event.

Championship honors in the bred-and-owned heifer division went to Double B Miss Burgess 915. She is a January 1985 daughter of White Hall Walhallo 371, and was shown by Brian Bowman, Waynesboro, Virginia.

Deans Miss Emily 5205 was awarded the reserve champion bred-and-owned heifer title for Bruce Petow, Kensington, Connecticut. This heifer is a May 1985 daughter of Pine Drive Big Sky.

Taking home the purple rosette in the owned heifer division for Mark Moxley, West Friendship, Maryland, was Summitcrest Dixie T238. This March 1985, Cobble Pond New Yorker daughter earlier received the junior champion ribbon from judge Conley.

Erica McClellan, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, led her reserve junior champ, Lady Evelyn 3001 of G U to the reserve champion owned heifer spot. This heifer was born January 1985 and is a daughter of Premier Independence K N.

A 1,230 pound entry of Blake Mahaffey's, Pawling, New York, claimed champion laurels in the registered Angus steer show. Fairfield Amos is a March 1985 son of QLC Winchester.

For reserve champion steer, judge Conley chose Waltz Black Label, a May 1985 son of J&R Bold Image. This steer weighed 1,125 pounds and was exhibited by Nichole High, Lititz, Pennsylvania.

Deans Hedgerow Edetta 381 and her May, Genetics Yukon Jack bull calf were named the champion owned cow/calf pair for Bruce Petow.

Gregory Shaw, Sutton, Massachusetts, exhibited the reserve champion owned cow/calf pair, Fairfield Evergreen 458 and her March heifer calf by Princeton.

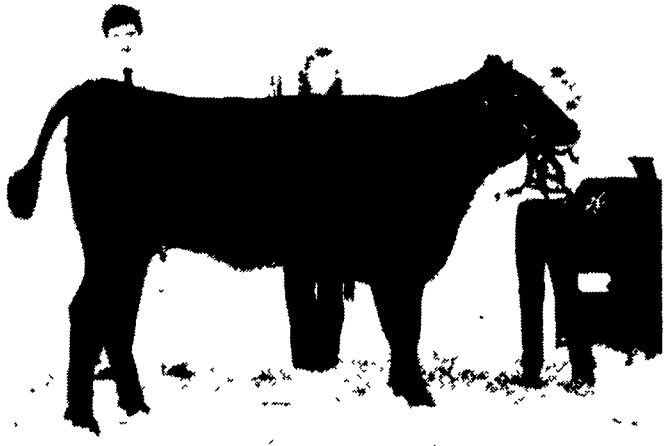
Greg's brother, Martin, led Shady Oaks Pride of Lundell and her March, Cobble Pond New Yorker bull calf to the champion bred-and-owned cow/calf spot.

A group of Maryland Junior

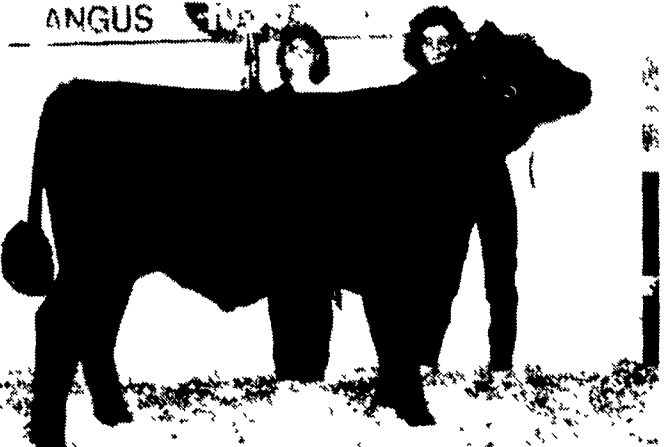
Angus breeders put together the first place group of five Angus.

The Premier Breeder of the

show was Greg Krueger and Family, Coatesville, Pennsylvania.



Reserve champion owned heifer was Lady Evelyn 3001 of GU, shown by Erica McClellan, Kennett Square.



This 1,125-pound J&R Bold Image son took reserve champion honors in Angus steer show for Nichole High, Lititz.



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On-Farm Semen Tanks

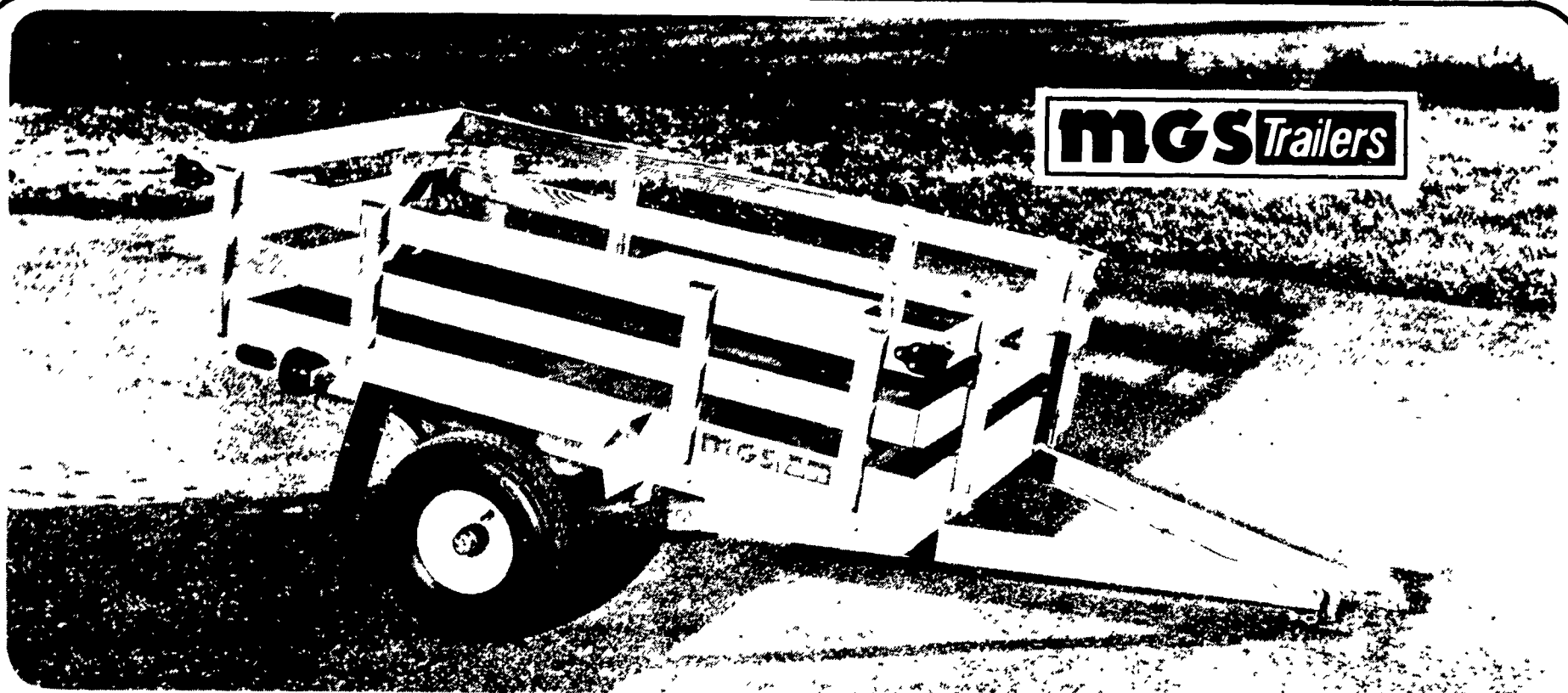
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Transferring semen from one tank to another should be done with the concern for semen damage at all times. Temperatures rapidly rise from the bottom to the top of the neck. Raising the canister well into the neck exposes the semen to temperatures that could decrease quality.

It takes a coordinated effort between two people with tanks side by side to safely transfer semen. Canisters should be raised only high enough to locate the semen to be transferred. The receiving tank should have the appropriate canister ready. Remember not to raise the canister into the neck until the transfer is about to take place. A common mistake when transferring or withdrawing an individual straw for use is that the canister is raised, then held in the neck. This causes damage to the other semen in the canister. If several cones are to be exchanged, canisters should be lowered and allowed to cool between transfers. The transfer should be completed in 10 seconds. Use caution when transferring and storing semen to insure quality.



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