

Genetics, Huntingdon Share Top Breeders Show Honors

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CENTRE HALL — The 4th Annual Pennsylvania Angus Breeders Show in Centre Hall's Grange Fair Grounds again proved that Pennsylvania has cattle that are growing each year in quality. Chuck Chapman, president of the Pennsylvania Angus Association said that historically, Pennsylvania has the best Angus.

To prove Chapman's statement, Genetics Madison Avenue, owned by Warren Angus and Genetics Unlimited of West Grove, captured grand champion bull honors. The winner, also the junior champion, is an April '85 bull sired by Cobble Pond New Yorker. The breeder was Genetics Unlimited and the dam was Premier Annie 063E.

The reserve grand champion bull honors went to Huntingdon Farm, Byrnley Farm, and W. Craeger. Also the reserve junior champion bull, HF Banbury 542 is the son of HAR Bang 1774. The April '85 bull's dam is Fairfield Evergreen 271 and was bred by Huntingdon Farm.

The female classes, with 69 of the 115 total entries, gave judge Bill Gray a real workout. Gray, manager of Graystone Farm in Schellsburg, praised exhibitors on the quality of their animals.

H. F. Katie B527, owned by Huntingdon Farm, Whitestone, and Greg Untied, captured the grand champion heifer honor. The champion and also junior champion heifer was born on March 7, 1985 and is the daughter of HAR Bang 1774. The dam, HF Blackbird 165, was bred by Huntingdon Farm.

Greg Krueger and family of Coatesville captured reserve grand champion heifer honors with

Kruegers Scaara Empress. The May '85 heifer, also named intermediate champion, is the daughter of New Yorker and Kruegers Scaara of Sayre. Krueger was also the breeder.

Krueger, chairman of the show, says Pennsylvania will be taking six animals to the All American Angus Futurity on Aug. 2-5 in Louisville, Kentucky. In the past, three supreme champions, a reserve champion, and a calf champion have gained national honors from Pennsylvania.

The junior show champion heifer award went to Jennifer Calderazzo showing her Premier Lass 6257A. This May '85 heifer was sired by Greenbrae Chairman. The dam was Premier Lass 4265X and the breeder was Premier Angus.

Byrnley Blacklock Queen 3375, owned by John P. Hausner, was named the junior show reserve champion heifer. The sire for this May '85 heifer was Pine Drive Big Sky. She is the daughter of Sir Wms. Blacklock Queen 114. The breeder was John Kent Cooke.

The bred-and-owned junior champion heifer honors went to Cathy Shive of Seven Valleys, with her March '85 heifer, BV Elba 335. The heifer's sire is Premier Independence KN and the dam is BV Elba 393.

The reserve bred-and-owned junior champion was shown by Eric Ligo of Mercer. His May '85 Rains Skylight A318 is the daughter of R&J Austin 13 and Rains Skylight BP8.

The juniors will represent Pennsylvania at the National Junior Heifer Show. The show is July 16-19 at Springfield, Ill.

The six steer classes produced quality competition. The grand champion steer went to Kruegers Black Tower, a 1,090-pound son of Cobble Pond New Yorker owned by

John McKotch. The May '85 steer's dam was Kruegers Belle 10N. The breeder was Greg Krueger.

Reserve grand champion steer honors went to Paige Templeton, the owner of Mr. New Yorker 1613. The 1,100-pound April '85 steer was also out of Cobble Pond New Yorker. The dam, Kruegers Scarra of Sayre, was bred by Krueger.

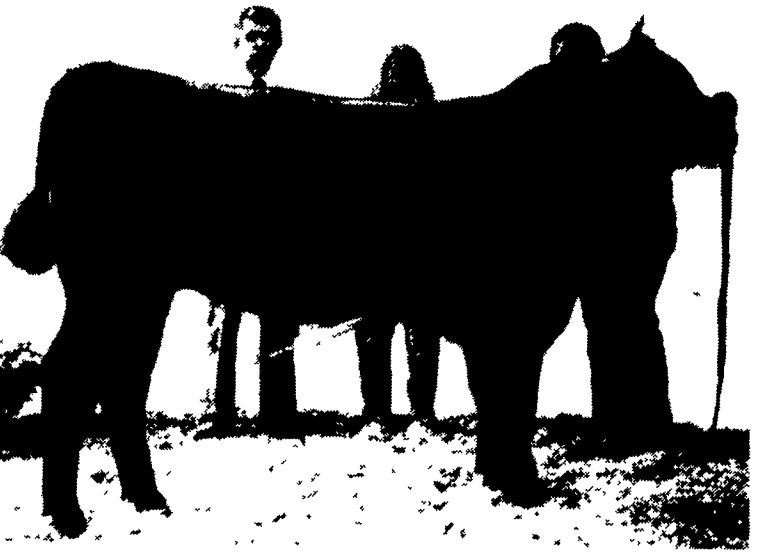
This year's breeders' show, with Dick Beck of Smithville, Missouri as master of ceremonies, had a full schedule of events on July 11 and 12. Besides the show, an "Angusfun" recreational event, a fun auction by the ladies auxiliary, and an Angus judging contest rounded out the activities. And, of course, a beef barbecue was held. Next year's show is scheduled for June 26-27.

"The support of the sponsors this year is phenomenal," said Chapman. "I wouldn't be surprised if we have some Futurity champions."

- ANGUS BREEDERS SHOW**
- Bull Show**
Bull Calf Champion
Premier Angus Genetics Unlimited Greg Krueger & Family
Reserve Bull Calf Champion
Huntingdon Farm
Intermediate Champion Bull
Herr Angus Farm
Reserve Intermediate Champion Bull
Lee E. Miller
Junior Champion Bull
Warren Angus Genetics Unlimited
Reserve Junior Champion Bull
Huntingdon Farm Byrnley Farm & W Craeger
Senior Champion Bull
Fox Hill Angus Genetics Unlimited Atoka Angus
- Reserve Senior Champion**
Huntingdon Farm/Summitcrest
Grand Champion Bull
Warren Angus Genetics Unlimited
Reserve Grand Champion Bull
Huntingdon Farm Byrnley Farm & W Craeger
- STEER SHOW**
Grand Champion Steer
John McKotch
Reserve Grand Champion Steer
Paige Templeton
Bred-and-Owned Champion Steer
Thomas Bross IV
Bred-and-Owned Champion Steer
Kenneth Walker
HEIFER SHOW
Heifer Calf Champion
Huntingdon Farm T&J Angus
Reserve Heifer Calf Champion
Fox Hill Angus
Intermediate Champion Heifer
Greg Krueger & Family
Reserve Intermediate Champion Heifer
Frank B. Walton & Cypress Creek
Junior Champion Heifer
Huntingdon Farm Whitestone Greg Untied
Reserve Junior Champion Heifer
GH, Angus
Grand Champion Heifer
Huntingdon Farm Whitestone Greg Untied
Reserve Grand Champion Heifer
Greg Krueger & Family
Junior Show Champion Heifer
Jennifer Calderazzo
Junior Show Reserve Champion Heifer
John P. Hausner
Bred and Owned Jr. Champion Heifer
Cathy Shive
Reserved Bred and Owned Jr. Champion Heifer
Eric Ligo
Get of Sire
Rocky Forge Farm Hagerstown MD
Junior Get of Sire
Mar Lee Farm Woodsboro MD
Breeder Six Head
South Branch Farm York PA
Pennsylvania Special
Greg Krueger & Family Coatesville PA
Premier Breeder
Greg Krueger & Family Coatesville PA
- Judging Contest**
- Ladies**
1 Elene Hitz Annville 2 Nancy Waltz Manheim 3 Dianna Shive Seven Valleys
- Mens**
1 Guy McKean Mercer 2 Abe Flory Lititz 3 Roy Thompson



Grand champion female at the '86 Angus Breeders Show was HF Katie shown by Huntingdon Farm, Whitestone and Greg Untied.



Genetics Madison Avenue, shown by Genetics Unlimited and Warren Angus was top bull at the Angus Breeders Show.

- Weight Guessing**
1 Scott Templeton 2 Larry High 3 Sandy Eisenhour
- Junior Division**
1 Frity Frey 2 Kristin Chupp 3 Daryl Baumgardner
- Teams**
1 Lancaster Team #3 (Fritz Frey Nancy McCauley Kristin Chupp) 2 Lebanon (Kelly Bachman Leigh Hitz Darryl Baumgardner 3 Lancaster Team #1 (Fred Weaver Tiffany Rohrer Tracey Landis)



Two New Yorker sons swept the steer show. Reserve champ, left, was shown by Paige Templeton, while John McKotch had grand champion.



Jennifer Calderazzo's Premier Lass was junior show's top heifer.

Floriculture Blossoming

UNIVERSITY PARK — Pennsylvania does not spring to mind as a major flowering plant producer, but in fact, the state does rank as one of the top five floriculture sellers in the country.

Even after many horticulturists fled to the south in the wake of the 1970s energy crisis, and even with the dark and chilly winters, Pennsylvania greenhouses supply enough bedding plants to satisfy eight percent of the country's total floricultural sales, says a Penn State floriculturist.

"Pennsylvania is now ranked fifth in production, behind Ohio, New York, Michigan and California," says Dr. Robin Brumfield, assistant professor of floriculture at Penn State University.

But, she points out, the ranking could be stronger if greenhouse growers began to think like economists, engineers and retailers. "Instead, they often choose what to grow simply because that is what they like," she says.

Brumfield is in the midst of a three-year economic analysis of the state's greenhouse industry, which she says may help growers make business decisions based on more than "what they like."

The first step of her analysis of the industry required knowing just who the industry is, a question that no one seemed able to answer, she says.

From the responses to a 12-page questionnaire of all known greenhouses, Brumfield estimates that the state has about 800 greenhouses, in varying sizes.

"We really have two different industries in this state," she maintains. "There are the largest growers, with as many as 10 acres, and then there are the Mom-and-Pop operations with less than

15,000 square feet."

The growers that are no more than one-quarter to one-third of an acre in size make up 70 percent of the industry in the state, she says. But almost 30 percent of the plants produced in the state are coming from the 13 largest greenhouses, which account for less than 2 percent of the state's greenhouses.

"It will be difficult to make determinations that will apply to both sizes of growers," she says.

The second phase of the economic analysis is to explore in detail the costs of producing various crops with different technologies and greenhouse sizes, she says.

Brumfield says the most popularly grown plants are the bedding plants. The \$17-million industry includes flowering or vegetable annuals. "These are the plants which are often sold in plastic trays or packs. The consumer then plants them and grows them for seasonal display," she says. Almost 90 percent of the growers sell bedding plants, and they say that the most popular plants are impatiens, marigolds, petunias, geraniums and tomatoes.

The second most produced plant in the state is the Christmas poinsettia. Growers then ranked flowering potted plants, hanging baskets, foliage plants, perennials and cut flowers next in importance.

"Only 29 percent of the growers sell cut flowers," Brumfield says. "They have lost to the foreign import."

The second phase of the Penn State analysis should create a database of production information for growers to use to make decisions on choice of structures or environmental control systems, labor costs and profitability.