

Pennsylvania Exhibitors Win In New Jersey

FLEMINGTON, NJ — Erica McClellan of Kennett Square, Pa., exhibiting "Lady Evelyn 3001 of GM, an early junior yearling, won the supreme and grand champion heifer championship show awards on Aug. 30 at the 130th Annual Flemington, N.J. Agricultural Fair. Genetics Proton, a two year old bull owned by Fox Hill Farm, Genetics Unlimited and Atoka Angus was judged to be the grand champion bull of the show. The reserve grand champion bull award went to "Kruegers Special K," exhibited by Fox Hill Farm; Greg Krueger and Family, and LaVern Krueger and Family.

The coveted Premier Breeder and Exhibitor Awards were won by Genetics Unlimited and Fox Hill Farm, respectively. Cattle numbering 40 head from New

Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Indiana and Texas were judged by Nelson Curry of Winchester, Kentucky.

Other top award recipients were: Sue Buxton of Stillwater, the junior heifer calf championship exhibiting "GMF Miss Liberty;" Fox Hill Farm, the senior heifer calf championship exhibiting "Fox Hill New Blackcap T 53;" Frank Walton, Coatesville, Pa., the intermediate heifer and junior heifer reserve championship showing "Cypress Creek May Flower;" T & J Farm won the cow/calf championship showing "Garney Annabelle 4103." Shallow Brook Farm, Newton won the junior bull calf championship exhibiting "Shallow Brook Show Gun." Herr Angus the intermediate champion bull "Haf Times Square" and the

reserve senior champion bull "SHA Speed Limit."

In the State 4-H Open Beef Show, Scott Hill, age 14, of Ringoes successfully exhibited his Angus Steer "Rocky" to cop the grand champion steer award on Aug. 28 at the 130th Flemington, N.J. Agricultural Fair.

In addition to winning the show's top steer trophy, Hill showed "Wa Northern Gal 857" to take the grand champion heifer award.

David Hasselbrook, 17, of Flemington exhibited the best Polled Hereford steer for championship honors; Scott Sheperd, 15, of Milford finishing in the runner-up spot. Hasselbrook also exhibited his prized steer "Spark," to win the reserve grand champion



Scott Hill (at halter) took grand champion honors in State 4-H Open Beef Show held at the Flemington NJ Agricultural Fair. He's pictured with show judge Rodney Gilbert.

Nitrates May Hurt Pocketbook And Family

HARRISBURG — Manure and fertilizer applied to the land by farmers can affect the health of rural families if not properly managed, reports a federal conservation engineer. "Both products contain nitrates," said William Bowers, assistant state conservation engineer for the USDA Soil Conservation Service. "Nitrates will leach into groundwater supplies if over applied."

Nitrates and other nutrients are necessary for plant growth. Farm crops remove nitrates from the soil and the farmer must replace it with fertilizer and/or manure if crop yields are to be maintained.

"The farmer is treading a narrow path, added Bowers. If too little nitrogen is applied, crop yields and profits suffer. If too much nitrogen is applied, too much can leach into the groundwater and

the farm well and those of nearby residents become high in nitrates.

Excessive nitrates in drinking water can affect the health of small babies and farm animals such as young chicks, pigs, horses sheep and cattle. The most serious affect is the "blue baby syndrome" which affects babies less than six months old.

Farmers and residents in rural areas with wells should have their drinking water tested for nitrate levels. "The problem is most prevalent in southeastern Pennsylvania but it is being found in more areas," said Bowers.

Bowers advises farmers to take several management steps. Both soil tests and manure tests should be used to determine the exact nutrients that are needed for producing the optimum yields. Then only the nutrients needed

should be applied.

"We're finding that some farmers need no commercial fertilizer. Their soil nutrient levels are already excessive," stated Bowers. "Old habits are hard to break but applying fertilizer when it is not needed is throwing money away, and worse yet, it may be hurting your family."

Help is available to farmers. A manure management plan can be developed by the USDA Soil Conservation Service and/or the county conservation district. Soil and manure tests and other help can be obtained from the County Agricultural Extension Office.

"We call it, 'farming smarter'," concluded Bowers. "It's making the best use of your resources and that makes good sense."

steer trophy.

Other winners in the Heifer classes were: C. G. Higgins, 14, and Jenny Higgins, 9, of Kingston, the Charolais champion and reserve championships, respectively; Gary Nothnick, 18, of Franklinville, the Hereford heifer

champion; and Kelly O'Brien, 15, of Annandale the runner-up.

Mitch Leonarski, 16, of Williamstown, won the crossbred steer championship, with Frank Sylvester, 15, also of Williamstown, finishing in the reserve position.

Farm Calendar



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Friday, October 3

Pa. Livestock Association Awards Banquet, Sheraton Harrisburg East, 7 p.m. Contact Herb Schick at 215-285-6519.

Saturday, October 4

Lancaster County Pomona Grange legislative dinner, Witmer Fire

Hall, 6:30 p.m. For tickets (\$6.50 each) call Everett Kreider at 717-786-1545.

National Apple Harvest Festival, South Mountain Fairgrounds, Arendtsville, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; continues Oct. 5 and Oct. 11 to 12.

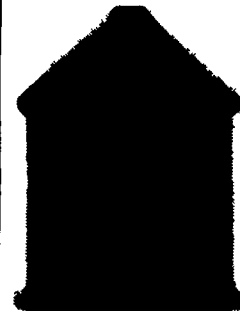


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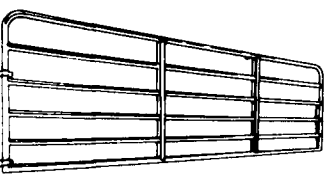


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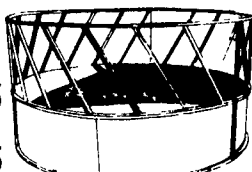
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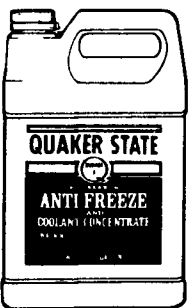
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