

Vought Family

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made syrup every year since he was four years old."

The Voughts tap about 1500 trees, half which are rented, using mostly buckets to catch the syrup. But according to Harvey, they have a couple hundred taps which they use with tubing. He feels they don't get as much sap from the trees with the tubing, but that it's less work.

A wood-fired evaporator is used to boil down approximately 22,500 gallons of sap need to make 450 gallons of syrup which is then sold partly in bulk and partly retail. It takes 50 gallons of sap, Harvey reminds us, to make one gallon of syrup.

Although all three generations of Voughts take part in the potato and maple syrup operations, Carl, a recent graduate of Penn State with a major in animal production, cares for the flock of Suffolk-Rambouillet cross ewes and lambs.

Lambs are sold at the lamb pool at Wyalusing. The Voughts shear their own sheep in January just before they have their lambs. According to Harvey, when they are pregnant is the time they are most easily sheared. Then, in April and May Harvey and Carl travel through Sullivan, Bradford, and Lycoming counties to shear approximately 1,000 sheep.

David recalls that when he was 16 years old he used to travel to farms surrounding their place, shearing as many as 3500 sheep in

one season by himself. But things have changed now, he reflects since the price of wool dropped there are very few farms in Sullivan and nearby counties that keep sheep anymore.

Besides the above mentioned enterprises the Voughts do a little crop farming to the extent of putting out 40 acres of oats, 10 acres of corn, 16 acres of rye, and 50 acres of hay, most of which is fed to their flock or to the 10 Charolais-Hereford cross beef cattle they raise.

According to Harvey, the Voughts experience few out of the ordinary difficulties juggling all these endeavors, but he does admit sometimes he has to set priorities.

To single out a favorite operation is tough for Harvey, but he mentions the maple syrup endeavor first. In the next breath he says he likes to see the potatoes grow. He seems to like the challenge of the potatoes "Potatoes keep you thinking," he says.

Along with versatility, tenacity is certainly also characteristic of the Voughts. It was in 1850, David says, that his grandfather purchased the 100 acre Vought homestead for three dollars an acre, for a total of \$300. "It took 30 years to pay the mortgage off," David observes.

When his grandfather died, David says, the farm was split between David's father and another relative. David notes after he took the farm over from his father, he was able to purchase the

Royal-Bred Charolais Is 'Show Bull Of Year'

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - The expansion of the Charolais Roll of Excellence program to recognize the Show Sire, Bull and Female of the Year has proven again with the 1986-87 show season to be very popular. The program was designed by the American-International Charolais Association to recognize Charolais cattle shown extensively during the show year of July 1 to June 30. The program is based on the ROE points earned by an animal in individual competition. ROE points earned in junior get-of-sire competition are included only in calculating the Show Sire of the Year.

There are two levels of ROE shows, Class A, which are pre-designated, and Class B. For a show to qualify as a Class B event, at least 50 entries must be shown with no one exhibitor owning more than 25 percent of the entries. Also, the AICA show classifications and rules must be followed, and the show must be judged by an AICA-approved judge.

At the end of the 1986-87 show season, 403 female entries and 310

bull entries were shown in eight pre-designated Class A ROE shows. In the 14 qualifying Class B ROE shows, female entries numbered 633 and bull entries totaled 332.

The youngest bull to ever gain ROE status, Silver Creek High-Rise, is the 1986-87 Show Sire of the Year. High-Rise is a fourth-generation ROE sire.

High-Rise is a polled, 1982, embryo transplant son of CCC Elevations Knockout and RCC Royal Tempress 2927. He was bred by Alex Stauffer's Silver Creek Farms in Blue Mounds, Wis. He is now owned by Silver Creek, John Giles Charolais of Morganton, N.C., Effertz Key Ranch of Velva, N.D., Royal Charolais Co. of Greensburg, Pa., and Black Oak Charolais of Sparta, Tenn.

High-Rise compiled ROE points at all 22 point shows during the 1986-87 season. He was the only sire to complete that achievement. High-Rise was the leading sire in points gained from get-of-sire competitions throughout the year.

The Show Bull of the Year is RCC Royal Baron 4631. Bred by Royal Charolais Co. of Greensburg, Pa., Baron is a 1984 polled son of Sire Stone-Del King Jr 029 and RCC Royal Tempress 2829. Baron is owned by Dallas Ponder and family of Veedersburg, Ind., McFadden Charolais Farms of Lafayette, Ind., Nord Farms of Bloomington, Ill., and Royal Charolais Co.

1987 Show Female of the Year, FH Miss Mac 080, capped off the show season by being named grand champion female at the Southeastern Livestock Exposition. Miss Mac is a 1985 polled daughter of Minute Man Superman and Miss HCR Mac 1303 Polled. She was bred and is owned by Don and Janet Mellott's Fox Hollow Farm in Hulbert, Okla.

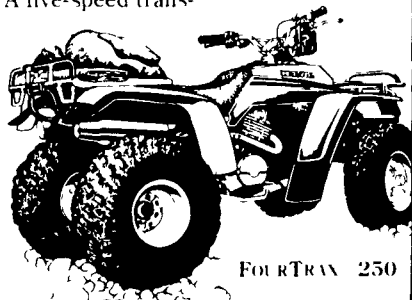
Lehigh 4-H Beef Show Winners

ALLENTOWN — The Lehigh County 4-H Beef Club recently held its Spring Fitting and Showing Contest at the Paul Krause farm, Rte. 3, Slatington. Results of the show are listed below.

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| Fitting | | |
| Senior Div | | |
| 1 Lori Rabenold | 2 Debra Krause | 3 Rhonda Hartman |
| Intermediate Div | | |
| 1 Gavin Grim | 2 Daniel Hartman | |
| Junior Div | | |
| 1 Jason Grim | 2 Shannon Wetzel | |
| First Year Members | | |
| 1 Stephen Wessner | 2 Jon Voortman | 3 Tracy Voortman |
| Showmanship | | |
| Senior Div | | |
| 1 Debra Krause | 2 Lori Rabenold | 3 Rhonda Hartman |
| Intermediate Div | | |
| 1 Daniel Harman | 2 Gavin Grim | |
| Junior Div | | |
| 1 Jason Grim | 2 Shannon Wetzel | |
| First Year Members | | |
| 1 Stephen Wessner | 2 Tracy Voortman | 3 Jon Voortman |
| Champion Fitter | | |
| Lori Rabenold | | |
| Champion Showman | | |
| Stephen Wessner | | |

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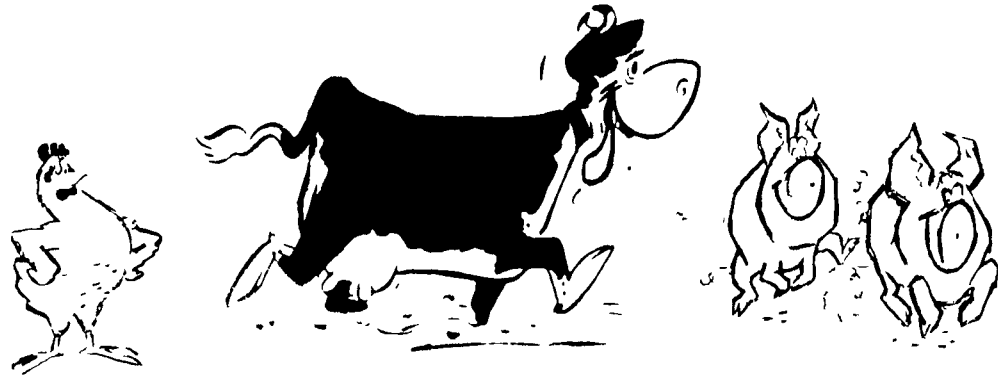
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