Bull Olympics '88 Approaches

BINGHAMTON, NY — With only weeks to go, the road to Ithaca and the Bull Olympics '88 is approaching. Competition is keen for the New York State Bull Test Sale to be held at the Cornell Livestock Pavilion at Cornell University starting at 7 p.m. on May 6th. Out of the initial 72 bulls which entered the program it looks like approximately 45 bulls will be up for sale. Extension Associate, Bill Greene says, "this year's bulls are setting a new record gain with a 4.07 lbs. cumulative average daily gain. I'm getting excited about this years' Bull Olympics '88."

After the fourth weigh in period, here are the medal contenders for this year's Bull Olympics '88. In the Angus category Gold Medal contender is a Ballantrae Angus Farm bull born 2/6/87 from Westfield, N.Y. with a cumulative daily average gain of 4.56 lbs. Close behind for second place Silver Medal is a Maple Avenue Farm bull born 3/5/87 from Earlville, N.Y. with an average cumulative gain of 4.53 lbs. A Bippart's Farm bull born 3/11/87 is the Bronze Medal Contender with a cumulative daily average of 4.43 lbs. This bull is from Alden, N.Y.

In the Charolais category vieing for the top prize is a Cooper Charolais Farm bull from Windham, Me. This bull was born on 4/1/87 and has a cumulative daily average gain of 4.48 lbs. A bull born 2/9/87 from Tamberlane Farm of Canandaiqua is in second place with a cumulative dailiy average gain of 4.23 lbs. Secure in third place is a 4/6/87 bull owned by Meadow View Farm of Frankfort, N.Y. with a cumulative gain of 4.02 lbs.

The three medal contenders in the Polled Hereford category are: first place is Dunwalke/Puddinstone bull, born 3/17/87 with a cumulative gain of 4.65 lbs. This bull is from Far Hills, N.J.; second place is held by a Valley View Farm 4/14/87 bull from Eugene Sapp, of Buckhannon, W.V. with a cumulative daily average gain of 4.55 lbs. Not far behind and vieing for third place is another Valley View Farm bull born 3/20/87 with a 4.23 total gain.

Gold Medal Contender in the Shorthorn category is a Stony Brook bull born 2/16/87 from Locke, N.Y. with a cumulative daily average gain of 4.68 lbs. Not far behind with a 4.65 lbs. gain is an Ashwood Farm bull born 4/3/87 from Castle Creek, N.Y. Bronze medal contender in this category is another Ashwood Farm bull born 3/8/87 with a gain of 4.57 lbs. It looks like the Shorthorn division will be a close one!

In the final category, Simmental, the top three medal contenders are: first place Gold Medal is Shag Bark Farm bull born 3/19/87 from Olean, N.Y. with a daily cumulative average again of 5.65 lbs. Second place Silver medal is Forty Dollar Road Farm 3/28/87 bull from Campbell, N.Y. with a cumulative gain of 5.34 lbs. Vieing for the Bronze third place medal is Blue Chip Stock Farm 4/1/87 bull from Warren, Pa. with a gain of 5.29 lbs.

Not only will these top 15 bulls be ready for the sale on May 6th but there will be many others waiting for the right bid at the Cornell Livestock Pavilion at 7 p.m.

The New York Bull Test is a performance testing program to evaluate bulls under unbiased, uniform conditions and to make these performance tested bulls available to beef cattle breeders. There is a total of five weigh periods of 28 consecutive days. The bulls are fed a ration containing approximatley 75% TDN and 14% protein.

The Bull Test is co-sponsored by the New York Beef Cattlemen's Association, New York State Department of Ag & Markets and the Department of Animal Science, Cooperative Extension, Cornell University.

The final weigh period will be April 18th. On that day the lead contenders in the Bull Olympics '88 will be known and the road to Ithaca will be just around the corner. Be a part of the Bull Olympics '88 and join the medal contenders for this exciting event!

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