

Oak Hills Simmentals Take Nine Awards Another Champion For Messick



Grand champion Simmental heifer went to MF Miss CPS X10 exhibited by Mike Messick of Dauphin County.

HARRISBURG (Dauphin) — Wayne and Pat Hindman of Oak Hills Simmental Farm in Butler have won, in addition to many other awards, the Simmental Grand Champion Bull and Reserve Champion Heifer at the 73rd Pennsylvania State Farm Show.

They are full time farmers who raise "seed stock" for breeding purposes. The bull that took top honors also took grand champion at the Keystone International Classic. At less than two years old he already weighs in at an impressive 2200 pounds and his handler describes him as "very correct" in build.

Simmentals have only been in this country since 1969. They originated in the Semi Valley Switzerland. They are "very big, but very gentle". Simmentals are used for cross breeding with other beef cattle strains to increase bulk and easier weight gain.

Perennial Farm Show winner Mike Messick of Dauphin County is at it again... but not in baby beef class where we are accustomed to seeing him.

Mike exhibited the grand champion Simmental heifer in open beef judging competition at the 1989 Farm Show. His 928-pound purebred Simmental, "MF Miss CPS X8," was selected the best in a class of 20 March heifers and the champion heifer calf. Mike exhibited the reserve champion heifer calf and reserve champion bull calf. All three animals were led into the show ring

by his sister Sally, a junior at Shippensburg University.

Eighteen-year-old Mike, a member of the Dauphin County 4-H, had a 4-H steer for the 1989 junior beef steer class being judged. But it got too heavy for this year's show, so he decided to concentrate his efforts on his Simmental breeding cattle and apparently, it paid off. Mike has one more chance next year to show the grand champion steer.

Messick exhibited the 1986 champion steer, "Andy," which brought \$9.10 a pound, and the 1987 champion steer, "Elmer," which earned him \$7.75 per pound. His 1988 reserve champion named "Alex" brought \$8.50 per pound. None of those prices were records, but Mike's back-to-back appearances in the winner's circle will certainly go down in history!

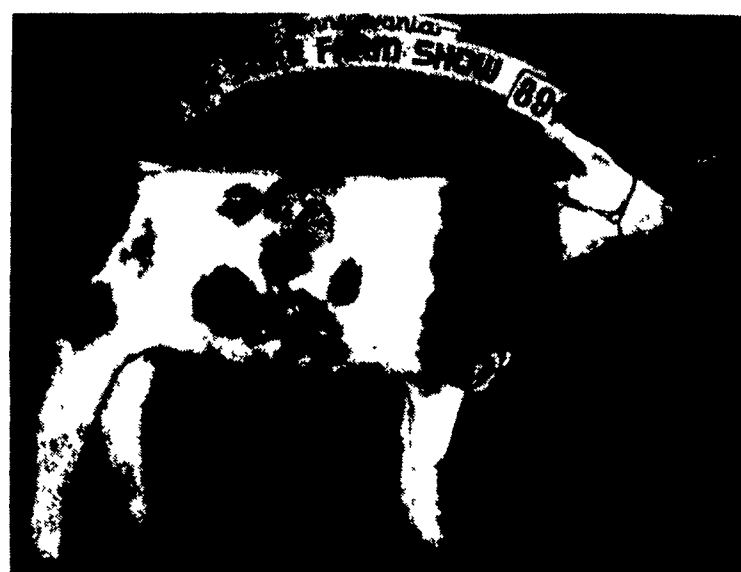
He currently attends the Harrisburg Area Community College, studying business management. He would like to continue in farming and feels that a college education is necessary to be successful in agriculture today.

SIMMENTAL

- Late Spr. Heifer Calv.-Apr.
1. William E. Shoemaker, Bedford; 2. Oak Hills Farm, Butler; 3. Oak Hills Farm, Butler.
- Early Spring Heifer Calves, March
1. Michael D. Messick, Dauphin; 2. G&J Valley Farm, York; 3. Becky Yeager, Butler.
- Jr. Heifer Calves
1. Oak Hills Farm, Butler; 2. H&J Cowell Meeks, Bedford; 3. Triple C Farms, Berks.
- Winter Heifer Calves
1. Michael D. Messick, Dauphin; 2. William E. Shoemaker, Bedford; 3. Rolling Ridge Farms, Butler.

- Sr. Heifer Calves
Jamie L. Cowell, Greene.
Champion Heifer Calf
Michael D. Messick
Reserve Champion Heifer Calf
Michael D. Messick
Early Summer Yearling Calf
1. Kenianne S. Rarick, Berks; 2. Kimberly A. Hopple, Cumberland; 3. Raymond Stough, York
- Lt. Jr. Yearling Heifer
1. Windy Hill Farms, Venango; 2. Laurel Valley Farms, Westmoreland; 3. William E. Shoemaker, Bedford
- Jr. Yearling Heifers
1. Keith Carlisle, Washington; 2. James M. Deets, Venango; 3. Troy Gelsing, Berks
- Senior Champion Heifer
Windy Hill Farms
Reserve Senior Champion Heifer
Laurel Valley Farms
Grand Champion Heifer
Michael D. Messick
Reserve Grand Champion Heifer
Windy Hill Farms
- Lt. Sprg. Bull Calves
1. Jamie L. Cowell, Greene; 2. William E. Shoemaker, Bedford; 3. John O. Myers, York.
- Early Spring Bull Calves
1. Rolling Ridge Farms, Butler; 2. Michael D. Messick, Dauphin; 3. Rolling Ridge Farms, Butler.

- Jr. Bull Calves
1. Rolling Ridge Farms, Butler; 2. James P. Ross, Jr., Washington; 3. William E. Shoemaker, Bedford
- Champion Bull Calf
Rolling Ridge Farms
Reserve Champion Bull Calf
Michael D. Messick
Lt. Jr. Yearling Bulls
1. John E. Shearer, Jr., York
Early Jr. Yearling Bulls
1. Oak Hills Fm. & M & M Fm., Butler.
Junior Champion Bull
Oak Hills Fm & M & M Fm.
- Reserve Junior Champion Bull
John E. Shearer Jr.
Lt. Two Yr. Old Bull
1. Deer Pond Farm, Centre.
Early Two Yr. Old Bull
1. R. Kenneth Foost, Adams.
Senior Champion Bull
R. Kenneth Foost
- Reserve Senior Champion Bull
Deer Pond Farm
Grand Champion Bull
Oak Hills Fm & M & M Fm.
Reserve Grand Champion Bull
Rolling Ridge Farms
Get-Of-Sire
William E. Shoemaker, Bedford
Premier Exhibitor
1. Rolling Ridge Farms, Butler.
Premier Breeder
1. Rolling Ridge Farms, Butler.



Windy Hill Miss Triumph took the reserve grand champion female title of the State Farm Show Simmental competition.



The reserve grand champion Simmental bull was shown by Rolling Ridge Farm of Evans City in Butler County. Rose Schneider, owner, is at the halter. Show judge Dr. Ron Bolze made the selection.

Honors Go To Clay Acres Farm

HARRISBURG (Dauphin) — David Miller of Bedford has been chosen the 1989 Farm Show's Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor. Miller who owns and operates Clay Acres Limousin Farms, has only been exhibiting Limousin for three years although he has been raising them for about 12 years. His family is a big part of it.

When asked if it was full-time job, he said "Not for me, but it is for my wife Lynda." Two children are currently involved in 4-H, one is away at college. He is hopeful that they will carry on the tradition.

Limousins are a relatively new breed, designed to meet the demand for leaner meat, according to Miller.

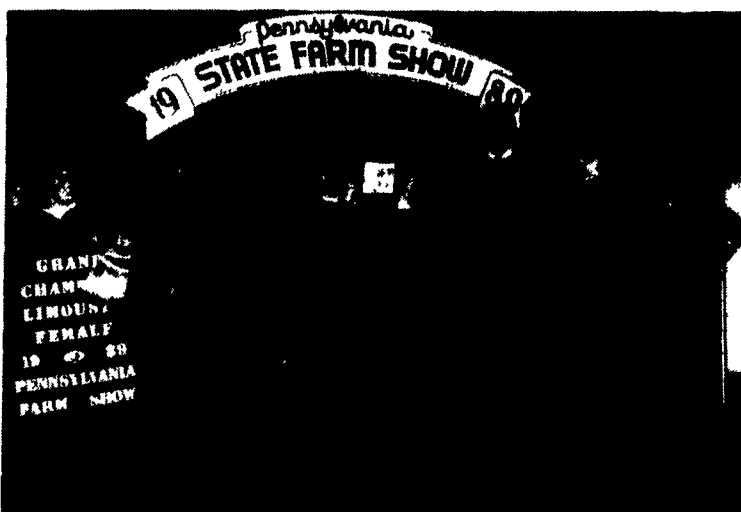
- Limousin
Lt. Sprg. Heifer Calv.,
Cal. Apr.
1. Pam Peffer, Butler; 2. Quail Run Ranch, Butler; 3. Quail Run Ranch, Butler
- Early Spring Heifer Calves
1. Clay Acres Limousin Farm, Bedford; 2. Clay Acres Limousin Farm; 3. James E. Fisher, Bedford.
- Jr. Heifer Calves
1. Tami L. Rose, Crawford; 2. Clay Acres Limousin Farm, Bedford; 3. James D. Robison, Berks.
- Winter Heifer Calves
1. Pam Peffer, Butler; 2. Seth Small, Adams.
- Sr. Heifer Calves
1. Michael S. Clark, Lawrence
Champion Heifer Calf
Tami L. Rose
Reserve Champion Heifer Calf
Pam Peffer

- Lt. Summr. Yring. Heifer
1. A. Harris Mosher, Bucks; 2. Pam Peffer, Butler.
- Early Smmr. Yring. Heifer
1. Tami L. Rose, Crawford; 2. Michael S. Clark, Lawrence; 3. Charles H. Nehr Jr., Berks.
- Lt. Jr. Yring. Heifer
1. Quail Run Ranch, Butler; 2. James D. Robison, Berks; 3. Clay Acres Limousin Farm, Bedford.
- Jr. Yring. Heifer
1. Edward E. Nicol, Lawrence; 2. Line Limousin Farm, Cumberland; 3. Jason L. Boyer, Adams.
- Senior Champion Heifer
Tami L. Rose
- Reserve Senior Champion Heifer
A. Harris Mosher
- Grand Champion Heifer
Tami L. Rose
- Reserve Grand Champion Heifer
Tami L. Rose
- Lt. Sprng. Bull Calv.
1. Edward W. Nicol, Lawrence; 2. Nicole Farman, Indiana; 3. Clay Acres Limousin Farm, Bedford.
- Early Spring. Bull Calves
1. Line Limousin Farm, Cumberland; 2. Charles H. Nehr Jr., Berks; 3. Brian Linebaugh, Adams.

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Grand champion Simmental bull was shown by Sara Messick and owned by Oak Hills Farm and M & M Farm. The champion, M&MS Gold Exchange was selected by show judge Dr. Ron Bolze.



CL Miss Betty Lu 36V exhibited by Tami L. Rose (at the halter) captured grand champion female of the State Farm Show Limousin contest last week in Harrisburg. Pictured (from left) Jenny Rose, Chris Anderson and show judge John Hausner. Hausner praised Betty Lu on her powerful style, smoothness of muscling, femininity and correct tracking.