

Nordin Hampshire Tops Performance Tested Ram Sale

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UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — John Nordin of Russell was the consigner of the high-testing and high-selling ram lamb at the 11th Annual Pennsylvania Performance Tested Ram Sale. This February twin ram finished the test with an index ratio of 121, an average daily gain of 1.14 pounds, and a final weight of 202 pounds. The index ratio figure is a composite that takes into consideration the average daily gain, weight per day of age, and adjusted fat value. The ram brought \$750, and was purchased by Welty Keenan of Hunker.

Selling second high within the Hampshires at \$400 was an October, 1988, consignment of Joanne O'Connor of Monongahela. Finishing with an index ratio of 100, the ram had a final weight of 266 and a loin eye measurement of 4.00 square inches.

The high-indexing Suffolk was an offering from Lyn Lee Farms of State College. Their February

ram had a final weight of 203 pounds and the highest average daily gain of the tested rams; 1.27 pounds. The ram sold for \$375 to Ken Wilson of Newville, Ohio.

Bringing \$400 was a Lauden Acres ram that finished with an index ratio of 100. This October, 1988, twin had an average daily gain of 1.06 pounds, and a final weight of 255. The ram was purchased by Neal Baker of Knoxville. The ram's twin also finished with an index ratio of 100. He had an average daily gain of 1.05 pounds, and a final weight of 256. The ram sold for \$375.

In the Polled Dorsets, consignments of Nittany Valley Livestock of Bellefonte, and Jennifer Hoke of Hanover tied for the high test in the senior division. The Nittany Valley ram, born in September of 1988, had an average daily gain of .76 pounds, and a final weight of 224. The Hoke ram had an average daily gain of .74 pounds, and a final weight of 219. Both rams had 106 as an index ratio, with the Nittany Valley ram selling for \$325

and the Hoke ram bringing \$300.

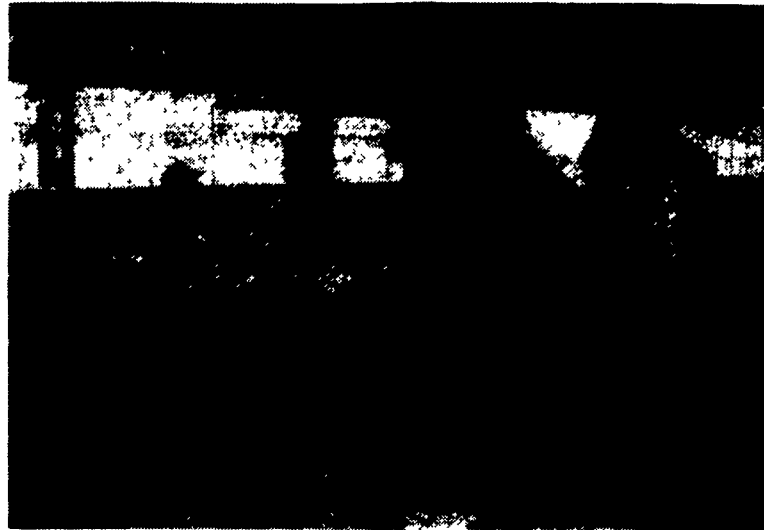
The Junior Polled Dorsets had a tie; this time between a Nittany Valley ram and a consignment of the Nix Besser Farm of Narvon. Both rams finished with an index ratio of 111, the Nittany Valley ram having an average daily gain of .95; the Nix Besser, .88. The Nittany Valley ram went for \$350 to Audrey Garvine of Huntingdon. The Nix Besser ram brought \$475, and was purchased by Howard Lewis of Felton.

Topping the Polypay breed was a George Garner ram that finished with an index ratio of 100 and sold for \$250. The high-indexing Polypay was a consignment of Marlin Sadler of Myerstown; this February ram brought \$175. Another Sadler offering indexed at 99 and brought a final bid of \$200.

A total of 47 rams were offered at the sale with the average price being \$232. According to Glen Eberly, manager of the Meat Animal Evaluation Center, prices were down slightly from last year but were stronger than in prior years. The averages for specific breeds were: Hampshires - \$248; Dorsets - \$260; Suffolks - \$264; and Polypays - \$195. One Columbia brought \$100; one Montadale, \$100; and one Shropshire - \$225.

The ram sale was followed by an invitational ewe sale in which 38 purebreds averaged \$145 and 17 commercial crossbreds averaged \$115.

The sale was sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in cooperation with Penn State and the Pennsylvania Sheep and Wool Growers Association. The Sale Committee consisted of



The top-selling and high-indexing ram at the 11th annual Penn State performance tested ram sale was a consignment from John Nordin of Russell. This February, 1989, twin lamb gained 1.14 pounds per day and finished the test at 202 pounds. The ram sold for \$750 to Welty Keenan of Hunker.



Bringing \$400 was an October, 1988, twin ram lamb offered by Joanne O'Connor of Monongahela. The ram gained 1 pound per day and finished at 266 pounds.

Clair Engle, John Zimmerman, Dirk Wise, Dick Kuzemchak, Joe Hixenbaugh, John Ness, and Mee-

mie Sullivan. The auctioneer was David Harpster and the veterinarian was Dr. Lester Briel.



Lauden Acres of Dalmatia was the consigner of the top-indexing senior Suffolk. Sell for \$400 to Neal Baker of Knoxville, this February twin had an average daily gain of 1.06 pounds and a loin-eye measurement of 4 inches.

Angus Association Names Roll Of Victory Winners

ST. JOSEPH, MO — The 1988-89 show season ended recently and with it came the announcement of a wide array of champions in the American Angus Association's Roll of Victory (ROV) point recognition program.

Points from 15 designated ROV shows held annually are awarded to the top five placings in each class, as well as to division and reserve division champions. There are four Super Point Shows that are held in the same location each year, and then there are 11 Recognition Point Shows that are held at different locations annually.

This year's "Sire of the Year" award went to Broadway, a May, 1985, son of Cobble Pond New Yorker. He was bred by and is currently owned by Lee Miller & Family, Woodsboro, Md., along with R&J Ranch, Briggs, Texas, and Springfield Angus Farm, Louisburg, N.C.

A many-time champion in the show ring, Conquest won the "Show Bull of the Year" honor. Well ahead of other Angus bulls competing for this title, Conquest, a September, 1986, R&J Lurch 303 son, was bred by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parish, Tishomingo, OK, and is presently owned by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Beaver of Tishomingo, and Douglas Preuss, Terry, MS. He stood as the grand champion bull at the following shows this past season: American Royal Livestock Show, Kansas City, MO; Louisiana State Fair, Shreveport; Tulsa State Fair, Tulsa, OK; Tri State Fair, Amarillo, TX; Arkansas State Fair, Little Rock; New Mexico State Fair, Albuquerque; Colorado State Fair, Pueblo; and Central States Fair, Rapid City, SD.

R&J Ranch, Springfield Angus

Farm and Whitestone Farm, Aldie, VA, had the distinction of owning the "Show Heifer of the Year," R&J Angela 1547. Bred by R&J Ranch, this May, 1987, daughter of Broadway won championship female titles at the following shows: North American International Livestock Exposition, Louisville, KY; State Fair of Texas, Dallas; Tri State Fair, Amarillo, TX; National Western Stock Show, Denver, CO; Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, Houston, TX; and Atlantic National Angus Show, Timonium, MD.

The "Dam of the Year" with a natural calf was Elvira of Meadowbrook 284. Bred by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parish, this November, 1981, P S Power Play daughter now is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Beaver. R&J Julie 1975 won the "Dam of the Year" with an embryo calf category. She was bred and is owned by R&J Ranch. Julie, a June, 1985, daughter of R&J Rolex 2023 also is owned by Indian Creek Farm, Stahlstown, PA.

R&J Ranch wrapped up the "Breeder of the Year" division, making it four years straight they have won this honor. Well ahead of the second-place victor, Northcote Farm, Forest, VA, R&J Ranch is owned by Ray and Jackie Plumb and is managed by Ken Conway.

The Roll of Victory Division Champions of the Year include:

BULLS

Jr. Bull Calf Champion- B&L Black Shadow 8043, owned by B&L Properties, Shawnee, OK; Northcote Farm, Forest, VA; and Shady Brook Angus Farm, Leoma, TN.

HEIFERS

Junior Heifer Calf Champion- 4 S Star Lady 528, owned by Sydenstricker Angus Farms, Mexico, MO, and Four Sum Cattle Co., Wilder, ID.

Senior Heifer Calf Champion- Northcote Unique World, owned by Northcote Farm, Forest, VA, and Goshen Farm, Paris, KY.

Senior Bull Calf Champion- Casino, owned by Premier Angus Inc., Cloverdale, IN; Harmony Hills Farm, Lebanon, MO; and Shady Brook Angus Farm, Leoma, TN.

Intermediate Champion Bull- G F Justus, owned by Goshen Farm, Paris, Kentucky.

Junior Champion Bull- Manhattan of Indian Creek, owned by R&J Ranch, Briggs, TX; Indian Creek Farm, Stahlstown, PA; and Manhattan Associates, Briggs, TX.

Senior Champion Bull- Conquest, owned by Mr. & Mrs. Earl Beaver, Tishomingo, OK, and Douglas Preuss, Terry, MS.

Intermediate Champion Heifer- R&J Angela 1547, owned by R&J Ranch, Briggs, TX; Springfield Angus Farm, Louisburg, NC; and Whitestone Farm, Aldie, VA.

Junior Champion Heifer- (tie) Shady Brook Vanna and Carmin Charming Elba 716. Vanna, owned by Premier Angus Inc., Cloverdale, IN; Shady Brook Angus Farm, Leoma, TN; and Whitestone & Krebs, Gordon, NB. Carmin Charming, owned by Christian Camlin, Loganport, IN.

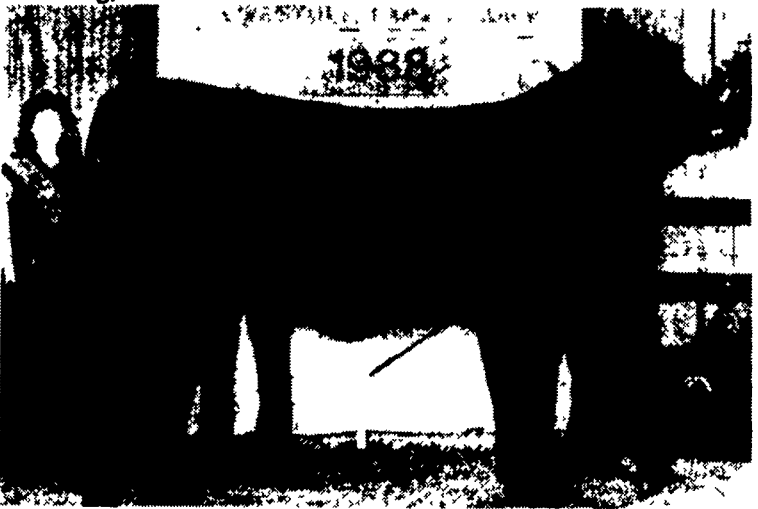
Senior Yearling Champion Female- Premier Tess 7822B, owned by Premier Angus Inc., Cloverdale, IN, and Goshen Farm, Paris, KY.

GROUP CLASSES

Get-of-Sire Champion- S C R Lone Star 411, owned by Weaver Angus Farm, Peoria, IL, and Hartley Angus Ranch, Stephenville, TX.

Junior Get-of-Sire Champion- Broadway, owned by Lee Miller & Family, Woodsboro, MD; R&J Ranch, Briggs, TX; and Springfield Angus Farm, Louisburg, NC.

Breeder Six Head Champion- Northcote Farm, Forest, VA.



R&J Angela 1547 captured the Show Heifer of the Year title in the American Angus Association's 1988-'89 Roll of Victory point recognition program. Bred and owned by R&J Ranch in Briggs, Texas, this May, 1987, Broadway daughter also is owned by Whitestone Farm in Aldie, Va., and Springfield Angus Farm in Louisburg, N.C.