

Yearling Heifer Shines, Supreme Title To Angus

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— A 13-year-old York County girl's Angus heifer is the 1990 Pennsylvania Sumpreme Champ-

ion Beef.
From a mixed-sex field of 10 beef animals, representing five different breeds of cattle, judges chose Jennifer Calderazzo's young Angus, Personality Preference, to

wear the first state supreme champion crown.

"I'm very excited about it," Calderazzo said, "especially since it's the first supreme (beef cattle) at the Farm Show. And since it shows my work paid off, it makes me happy."

Calderazzo said she didn't have any premonition that her heifer was going to be named supreme. "She's so young and there were a lot of older heifers. I just kept my concentration on what I was doing," she said, adding that she wasn't sure what specific animal attributes the judges were going to be stressing when making their decision.

Nevertheless, Calderazzo is no stranger to center ring. She said the 11-month-old heifer has earned other trophies and the heifer's mother, Prim Personality, has also seen some ribbons and attention. Last year, Prim Personality was named Farm Show grand champion. Jennifer has bred and owned both champion animals.

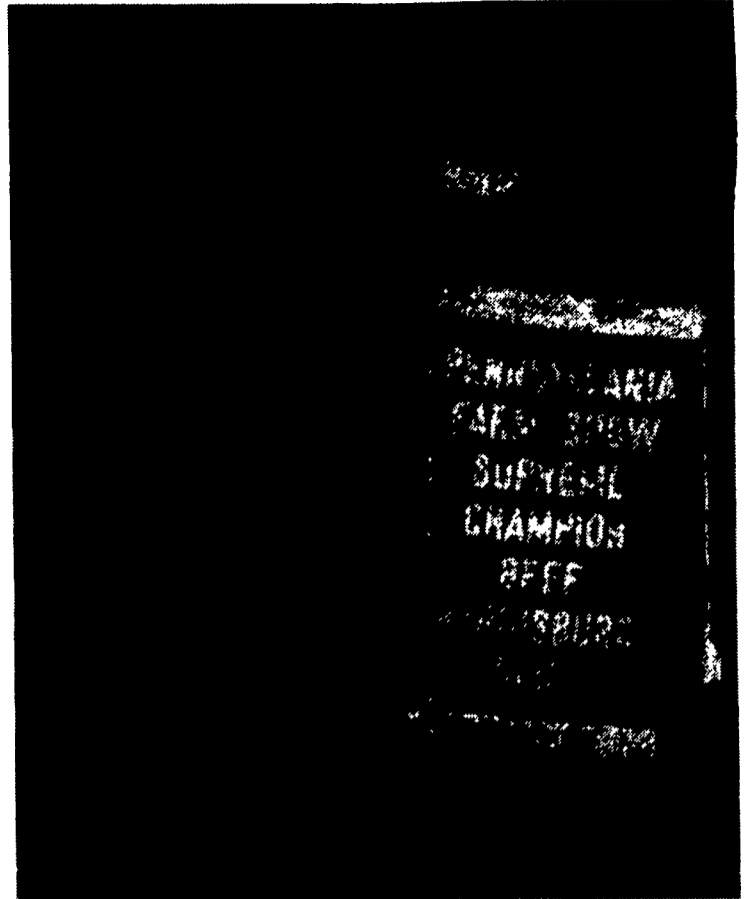
She said that although she does breed her own animals, "My parents help me."

A four-year Farm Show veteran and the daughter of Dr. Joseph and Sally Calderazzo, York RD 6, Jennifer is an eighth grade student at Central York. "She gets a lot of ribbing about it (raising Angus) at school," Mr. Calderazzo said, visibly proud of his daughter's accomplishment. "She just lets it run off her back like water."

Despite some of the negative comments coming from some eight-grade peers, Jennifer said raising Angus has its own social rewards. "I've met a lot of friends and it's a nice industry to get into."

However, Calderazzo said she doesn't necessarily hold the Angus breed as superior to the Polled Hereford, Simmental, Charolais, or Limousin breeds.

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Jennifer Calderazzo holds her banner proclaiming her Angus heifer, Personality Preference, state supreme champion beef.



Jay Temchak shows grand champion Limousin female, DFCL BSC Willow, owned by Maple Lane Farms, in Enon Valley.



Age of showman is irrelevant in the big ring as young Kyle Rooker, Uniontown, keeps grand champion Polled Hereford female, Miss Dawn, looking pretty for judges.



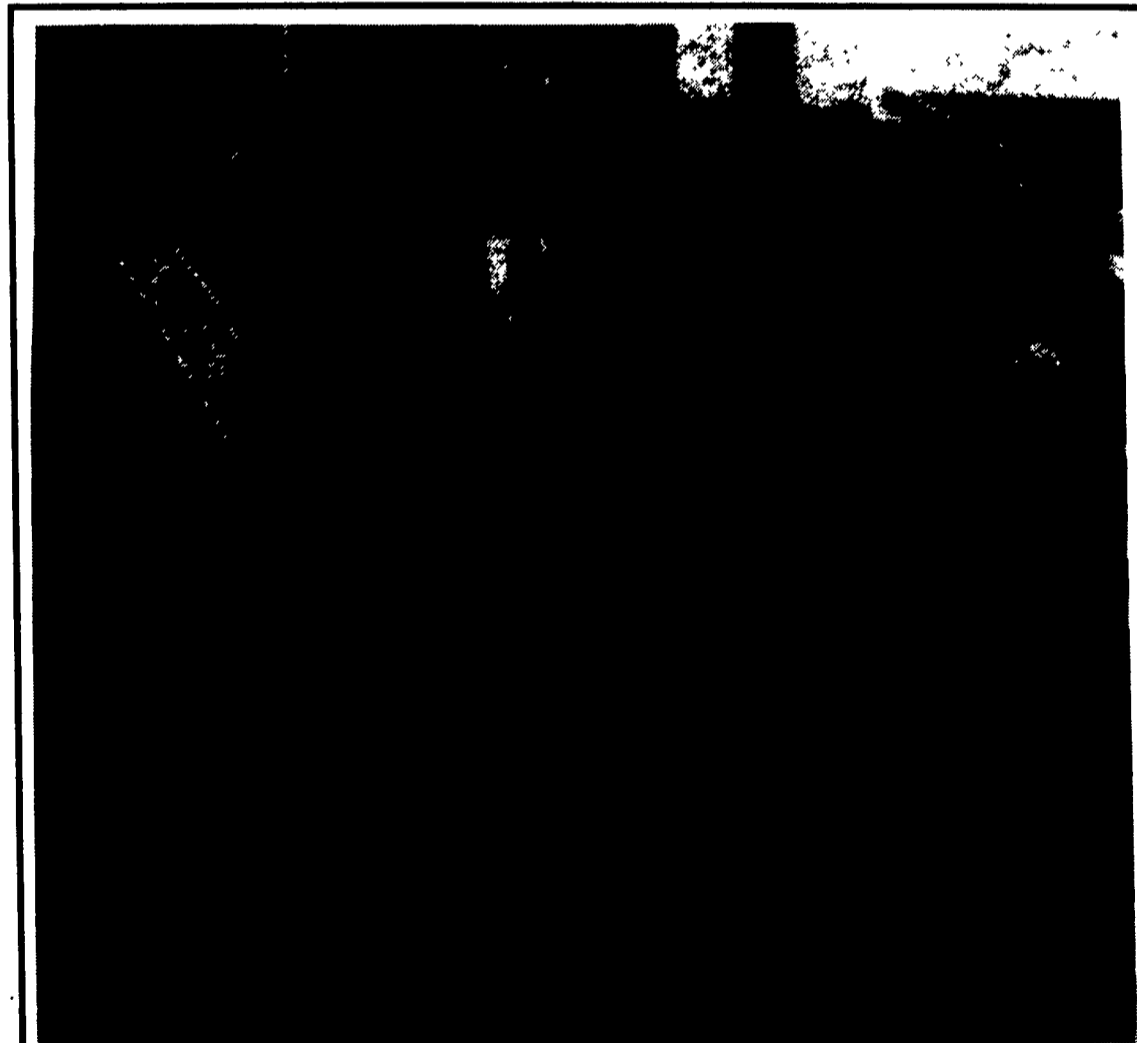
Assistant state agriculture secretary, Fred King, presents rosette and grand champion plaque to Jay Temchak for showing the top-ranked Charolais bull, Hill Top Cujo, owned by Jesse Haas, of Conneautville.



Roy Neer's top Limousin bull seems a little confused at not being chosen supreme beef for 1990.



Scott Eastep holds grand champion Charolais female, SMR Crystals Fortune ET. Dorothy Heistand holds the rosette and plaque. She and her husband Walter, of Manheim, own the top animal.



The Leib family — Bob, Suzle, and their son Billy — captured the 1990 sheep wool breed supreme championship with their Rambouillet yearling ewe Thursday night at the farm show. On Wednesday, Billy, 9, won the junior sheep breeding championship with the yearling ewe, which went on to win the supreme championship. "The Rambouillet is the backbone of the American sheep industry, and we were careful in breed selection, primarily for the sheep's meat and muscle," said Bob. Standing, left to right, are Julie Maust, Pennsylvania Lamb and Wool queen; Boyd Wolff, state secretary of agriculture; Billy Leib; and Billy's friend, Kelly Ziegler. See story next week.