

Beef Expo: Good News For Cattle Producers

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Seedstock Cattleman of the Year was Mylan Messick, who breeds Simmental and Chianina cattle in Middletown. Messick, his wife Dorothy and their children Joe, Sally, and Michael, were the second place Simmental Family of the Year.

The Industry Service Award went to Mildred Bunting of Lancaster, who edits the "Lancaster Livestock Reporter."

For the Pennsylvania Simmental Association, President Bill Shoemaker, Pittsburgh, presented the yearly awards. Simmental Family of the Year was Wayne and Brenda Stough and children Jay, Joyce, Raymond, and Wayne Jr.

The Stoughs, who started the Pennsylvania Junior Simmental Association in 1981, raise show cattle and donkeys for halter breaking show cattle on Winter Spring Farm at Seven Valleys in York County.

Beginning with heifers they bought for 4-H projects, the Stoughs have had the Grand Champion at the Pennsylvania Simmental Show and Sale twice and the Grand Champion Steer in York County in 1979. Wayne is a past president of the PSA, and he and Brenda are leaders in 4-H and in their church. They believe strongly in the value of youth and family activities to provide children every opportunity to grow and expand their knowledge.

Tom Whalen, who manages Rolling Ridge Farm in Karns City, Butler County, was the Senior Member of the Year for PSA. After having an Angus and Brahma herd for 20 years, Rolling Ridge switched to Simmentals seven years ago. Whalen is now vice president of PSA and his wife Nancy is secretary/treasurer. With a bachelor's degree in biology, Whalen has managed herds in New York, Indiana, and Georgia before coming to Pennsylvania. He feels Simmentals would be better converters than other beef breeds if pastured on idle land in Pennsylvania which was previously used for strip mining, so he expects the fast population growth of Simmentals in Pennsylvania to continue.

PSA Junior Member of the Year was Jamie Cowell of Frosty Springs Farm, Waynesburg. Only 13 years old, Jamie has already shown a Junior Grand Champion Simmental at the Pennsylvania Farm Show and was second in her class with the same heifer at the 1989 Eastern Expo in Springfield, Ohio.

Also at the Eastern Expo, she placed third in showmanship and fifth in individual livestock judging, and she was a member of the second place Beef Bowl team. In addition to her PSA activities, she is in livestock judging, market hogs, market lambs, and breeding sheep in 4-H. Jamie's family, including her parents Jim and Billie



Mylan Messick was awarded the Seedstock Cattleman of the Year at the Beef Expo.

Cowell and sister Alissa, owns 20 breeding cows.

Pennsylvania Beef Council Executive Director David Ivan announced the 1990-91 veal ambassadors (VAs) and beef industry representatives (BIRs). Lori Cash of Centre Hall and Gwendolyn Gray, Philadelphia, are the BIRs, while Barry Sands, Montrose, and Susan Eshelman, Lancaster are the VAs. Ann Granberry, Zelionople, is the state coordinator of the program.

1989 Pennsylvania Cattleman's Queen Kelly Mankamy of Somerset turned over her promotional duties to the 1990 queen, Faye Krevall of Cherry Tree, Indiana County. Faye's task will be to educate consumers, environmentalists, and animal rightists about



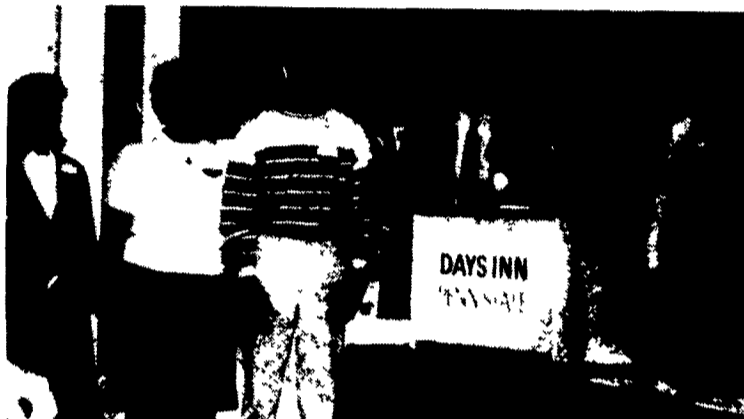
Bill Shoemaker, president of PSA, presents the Performance Tested Bull Sale Top Seller and Buyer Award to the Mylan Messick family of Middletown, Pennsylvania at the Beef Expo. Their Simmental bull, MF Advantage, sired by Papillon, was purchased by Foust Hidden Oaks of Gettysburg for \$5,400. From left, Joe Messick, seller; Bill Shoemaker, PSA president; Ken Foust, buyer; Mylan Messick, seller; and in back, Mike Young, auctioneer.

the value of beef in the diet and techniques of beef cattle handling. Performance Tested Bull Sale Pennsylvania's 17th Performance Tested Bull Sale was held March 30 at the Penn State Ag Arena. The top seller was a Simmental from Messick Farms, Middletown, purchased by Kenneth Foust of Hidden Oaks Farm, Gettysburg, for \$5,400.

At the annual sale, jointly sponsored by Penn State University, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, the Pennsylvania



Glenn Eberly won the Commercial Cattleman of the Year Award at the Pennsylvania Beef Expo.



Mylan Messick and family were awarded the Simmental Family of the Year at the Beef Expo.

Cattlemen's Association, and the Pennsylvania Beef Breed Associations, auctioneer Mike Young sold 56 bulls for an average of \$1,965. Total sales came to \$110,000. Glenn Eberly read the pedigrees.

The breakdown by breed was 13 Polled Herefords, total \$25,900, average \$1,992; 19 Black Angus, total \$38,050, average \$2,005; 1 Red Angus, \$1,050; 17 Simmentals, total \$35,700, average \$2,100; 3 Charolais, total \$4,700, average \$1,570; 1 Chianina, \$1,600; 1 Salers, \$2,000; 1 Shorthorn, \$1,000.

Other Events

Other events at the Pennsylvania Beef Expo were the cattle Feeders Symposium, the PCA Annual Meeting and Fun Auction, the Pennsylvania Angus Association Female Sale, the Junior PCA Sock-Hop, the Breed Association Female Sales, and the Cattlemen's Barbecue and Hoe Down.

In upcoming events, the PCA and the Pennsylvania Polled Hereford Association will sponsor a field day on July 28 at the Stoneybrook Farm in Troy, Pennsylvania. Keystone Ribeye will be served, and there will be demonstrations, a dance, and other activities.

Grange Week Set By Gubernatorial Decree

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Join the thousands of Grangers who will nationally celebrate Grange Week April 22-28.

In recognition of the Pennsylvania State Grange, Gov. Robert P. Casey has proclaimed the week of April 22-28 Pennsylvania Grange Week.

Recently, Casey signed a proclamation designating this week-long celebration. Prior to his signature, he said that the Keystone State takes pride in its rich agricultural heritage; that over the years, the Pennsylvania State Grange has been an important part of the strong tradition, working to ensure that our agricultural legacy is preserved and promoted for future generations.

He also said that since the Grange was founded, its members have dedicated themselves to improving farming and rural life in the interest of all Pennsylvania.

Casey said that the state recog-

nizes the important services provided by this grassroots organization. Local Granges often serve as hubs of community activity, and they have provided convenient forums for community and regional planning in rural communities.

Members have also taken active roles in government and the legislative process. Committed to the ethic of honest labor, the Pennsylvania State Grange maintains standards of productivity and patriotism, to ensure that Pennsylvania agriculture keeps growing better and that rural America remains vibrant.

The Pennsylvania State Grange will celebrate its grassroots on Monday, April 23, at the Holiday Inn, Grantville. The Pennsylvania Grange Week Banquet will begin with a social hour at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$11 and can be purchased by calling the Grange office at (717) 234-5001, or toll free 1-800-552-3865.



State Gov. Robert Casey shakes hands with William Ringler, state master of the Pennsylvania State Grange. To Casey's left is Mildred Ringler. In the back, from left, are Ernest Miller, chairman of the Grange executive committee; Charles E. Wismer Jr., former state master; Brenda Shambaugh, legislative director; Mary Buffington, Grange national lecturer; Steve Crawford, state deputy secretary of agriculture; and William Buffington state Grange overseer.