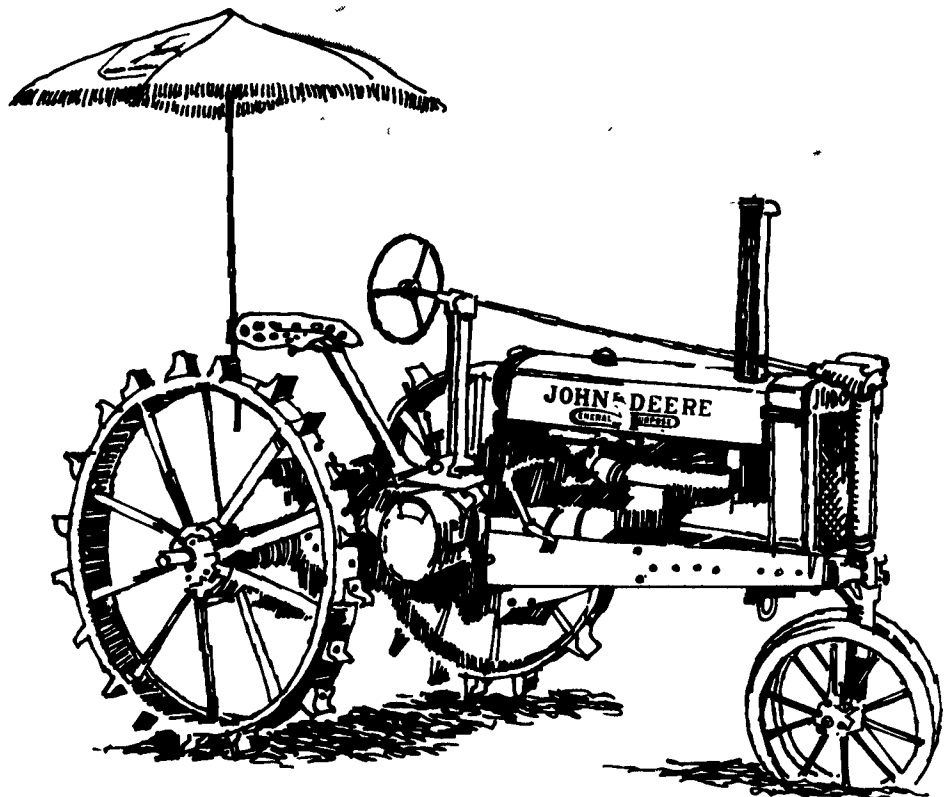


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RICHMOND, Va.— The 1990 Virginia Beef Expo held on April 27-28 at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds resulted in the sale of more than \$560,000 in seed stock cattle, according to Joe Meek, expo manager.

Three hundred and four head of purebred cattle were sold at an average of \$1,855 a head. The two-day event drew an estimated 7,000 people.

Eight major breeds of cattle were featured at the Expo, including Angus, Charolais, Limousin, Polled Hereford, Red Angus, Shorthorn, Salers, and Simmental. It was the first event of its type to be held in Virginia, and drew buyers from throughout the East Coast.

The cattle industry is the single largest agricultural industry in Virginia, with cash receipts totaling \$419,693,000 in 1988. Virginia ranks 21st nationally among cattle producers, with an inventory estimated at more than 1,700,000 head of cattle. Of this number, there are approximately 39,000 purebred cattle in Virginia.

In addition to the sale of purebred cattle, the Expo also featured events of interest to the whole family, including a black tie, Celebrity Beef Cook-off, a working cattle dog demonstration, a cattle working rodeo contest, a team roping/cutting horse demonstration, a trade show, and an "all-you-can-eat" beef food festival featuring the Wildwood Girls bluegrass band.

Winners of the Celebrity Beef Cook-off were John Huston, pres-

ident of the National Live Stock and Meat Board, in first place; in second place, Robert Wilcox, president, Lukhard's Finer Foods, Inc. and past chairman of the board for the Virginia Food Dealers Association; and William Groseclose, chairman of the advisory council for the Harrisonburg and Rockingham Convention and Visitors Bureau in third place. Tied for fourth place were Virginia State Sen. Frank Nolen; Reginald Reynolds, executive secretary of the Virginia Cattlemen's Association; S. Mason Carbaugh, commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Carlton Courter, president of the Virginia Agribusiness Council; Chrys Peterson, news anchor with WHSV-TV3. The winners donated their cash prizes to three charities, including \$3,000 to the Virginia Cattle Drive For Hunger; \$800 to the American Heart Association; and \$600 to the Ronald McDonald House.

The judges for the Celebrity Beef Cook-off included Caroline Mayer, staff writer with The Washington Post; Louis Mahoney, food editor of The Richmond News Leader; Manfred E. Roehr, treasurer of the Virginia Chefs' Association and manager of Shields Tavern in Colonial Williamsburg; Craig Moore, owner and chef of the Joshua Wilton House in Harrisonburg; and Shaun Hunt, director of purchasing, Sutton Place Gourmet in Washington, Virginia, and Maryland.

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