

The Youth Beef Breeding Show Results

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — "Where's the beef?" was a question easily answered by anyone in the Large Arena Wednesday at the 76th annual Pennsylvania Farm Show. Held at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, it is the largest indoor agricultural exposition in the nation.

Featured as a part of "Youth Day" at the Farm Show, Junior Beef events included showings of Junior Beef Breeding Cattle, Junior Beef Steer Classes, the awarding of a Junior Grand Champion steer, and a Junior Beef Showmanship Contest.

In order to be eligible for the Junior events, the young people showing the animals must be 4-H club members or Vocational Agriculture students that have passed their 8th birthday but not have passed their 19th birthday by January 1, 1991.

According to Cheryl Fairbairn, Chester County Extension Agent, the events serve two purposes. One purpose is to further the desirable qualities that the breeds exhibit. The other purpose is to enable the young people to show that they can conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike, professional manner.

Beef breeds represented at the Junior events included Angus, Charolais, Limousin, Polled Hereford, and Simmental.

Beef and breeding class events focused on the characteristics of the animals being shown. Within the Junior Beef Breeding Class event, one special class was Heifer, Bred and Owned by Exhibitor. To enter this class, the exhibitor must own the mother of the animal being shown. "That's the nucleus of a herd," according to Fairbairn. "This event shows that they can do more than just buy the animal." The young exhibitors must decide which sire (male) and dam (female) will produce the calf with the most desirable qualities, work with the mother, and "break" the calf after it is produced, she explained.

The Junior Beef Showmanship Contest focused on the individual exhibitor showing the animal. Contestants were selected while they were showing in their class.

Ron Bolze of Colby, Kansas served as judge for the Junior Beef Steer and Breeding events. Fairbairn, who was also a member of the Junior Beef Showmanship Committee, noted that the quality of this year's competition was very good and the number of entries had increased from previous Farm Shows.

Top placings are as follows:

ANGUS

Early Summer Calves: 1 Kristin J Chupp, Lancaster, 2 Robin Shive, York
Spring Calves: 1 Casey High, Lancaster, 2 Robin Shive, York, 3 Robin Shive, York
Junior Calves: 1 Casey High, Lancaster
Spring Yearling: 1 Elizabeth Bishard, York, 2 Kristin J Chupp, Lancaster, 3 Robin Shive, York
Junior Yearling: Suzanne Bishard, York, 2 Jessica Keifer, Northampton, 3 Suzanne Bishard, York
Champion Heifer: 1 Elizabeth Bishard, York
Reserve Champion Heifer: 1 Casey High, Lancaster
Bred & Owned By Exhibitor: 1 Elizabeth Bishard, York, 2 Casey High, Lancaster, 3 Kristin J Chupp, Lancaster

CHAROLAIS

Early Summer Calves: 1 Ed Kregel, Clearfield
Spring Calves: 1 Ed Kregel, Clearfield

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Derrick Carlise has the champion Simmental heifer.



Daren Statler with his champion Charolais heifer.



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Jamie and Jason Boyer show the champion Limousin heifer.