



Both Dale, left, and Dwain Livengood help with the carriage restoration business in the winter months. Recently they helped restore a turn-of-the-century, one-seat, sleigh body runabout, which, according to Dwain, is "sort of unique and odd and nobody really has a textbook name to give it." Photo by Andy Andrews

Last And First Farm Shows For Steer Exhibitors

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— For Dwain Livengood and his Pennsylvania Farm Show steer "Omega," it's the beginning and the end.

Dwain, 19, will be competing in his last Farm Show event with the first-time Farm Show appearance of his 14-month-old Maine Anjou/Angus cross, nicknamed Omega — which means, literally, "last."

Brother Dale, 14, will be showing a Maine Anjou/Angus/Chianina cross named Alpha (literally, "first"). It's Dale's first state Farm Show appearance.

While Dwain and Dale will be taking their two calves to the Farm Show, at least at home, for them, life continues as it always has — first, the farm chores, including working on the produce farm operated by father Earl. Then, working on the show animals.

Been that way

It's been that way even when their father, Earl, worked on the produce farm. And they both work, off-season, in a carriage restoration business.

"This is my last year, so I was trying to think of something to name the animal," said Dwain. "So I thought of the name Omega, since this is its first year showing at

the Farm Show, and this is my last."

"We really enjoy it," said Dale. "The competition of course is real good."

"I had been up and watched the show before, but never took the big plunge until last year," said Dwain.

Took one steer

Last year, at Dwain's first Farm Show, he said they took only one steer, and the pressure wasn't as great. But for some of the shows they appeared in this year, especially the West Lampeter Community Fair, the family took five steers, and they kept busy.

But for Dale's first year, he doesn't expect it to be as hectic. "There's going to be more competition, of course," he said.

Dale said, "You put a lot of work into these animals, and you know, it does pay off if you have the right animal. You don't just put them in the barn and get them out the day of the show."

The animals were purchased while the Livengoods visited family living in Ohio. The brothers select on muscling, type, color, and other factors.

First show

Dale said he has been showing in 4-H since he was 9 years old

and his first show was the West Lampeter Community Fair. Dwain has been showing since about the same age, and now celebrates his first decade in the 4-H show ring. He became involved in showing when he visited the Lampeter Fair and became interested in it. Then, for Christmas, the "steer we had looked at showed up. . . . that's the way it started," Dwain said.

"We had been down at Lampeter and watched the show when I was real little, and they asked me if that looked interesting, and I said, yeah, I thought it looked more interesting than music lessons at that point, so it was one or the other, and that's the one I chose."

When Dwain joined the Lancaster 4-H Beef Club, there were about 50-60 members, he recalled. Last year membership "bottomed out," he said, at 11. This year, the group has rebuilt and now stands 20 strong.

Found animals

In the beginning, Dwain purchased show animals from Chet Hughes, Lancaster livestock agent. But through the years, he has found champion animals from various sources, and is not particular about breed or color. He considers showing the black steers because, he said, it "is pretty much the main color now, it's pretty much what everybody shows."

He said he considers other steers, such as a Limousin cross and even the brownish colored steers, as some he would consider if the other factors, such as muscling, were prominent.

"If we have a brown steer that has both combinations — good muscling and good type — we'll show him," Dwain said.

The Beef Club 4-H'er said a red steer won championship at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition this year. What type or color animal wins "depends on the judge, really," he said.

Block and fit

Dwain said he learned to block and fit the cattle from watching champion exhibitors at several big shows. He also got a lot of help from other industry representatives who judge local shows.

Dale said he relies on help from



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