

Pa Beef Exposition Highlights Member Achievements

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tages and Pitfalls of Freezer Beef.
Production and management information was presented by Dr. John Comerford, assistant professor of Dairy and Animal Science at Penn State. His covered topics were, "Fundamental Production Practices for Profit," "Making a Deworming Program Work," "Breed Selection and Crossbreeding Methods," and nutrition.

A session on the business of raising cattle was moderated by Mr. Bill Palmer, a beef producer from Shartlesville.

Palmer presented information covered under the topics of "The Real Cost of Raising Cattle," "Tax Advantages for Small Breeders," and "Should I Borrow Money to Raise Cattle."

In the fourth session, the use of pastures and forages were covered by Chester Hughes, Lancaster County extension agent.

Hughes offered information on "Pasture Renovation and Management," "Experiences with Rotational Grazing," "Big Bale Storage: What is Best for Me?," and "Stalk Fields, By-Products, and Crop Residue as Cow Feed."

Cattle producers could attend two out of the four sessions and a panel of experts were available at each session to answer questions.

The afternoon program, called "Where's the Beef?" was presented by Kelley Shearer, retail merchandising coordinator for the Beef Council.

Because 90 percent of all beef is moved through retailers, concerns centered on quality assurance. A panel of retailers discussed their views on the role producers must play to ensure a safe, high quality beef product for consumers.

Serving on the panel were Charlie Lewis of Super Rite Foods of Harrisburg, Bill Fox of Fox's Markets in Lancaster, Bill Howell of Bevaco Food Service in Pittston, and Larry Eisenhart of MacGreggs Bi-Lo.

In other business, the PCA elected new directors at their annual meeting at the Toftrees Resort in State College.

Bill Palmer of Shartlesville, Dennis Stockdale of Dayton, Doug Kogel of Souderton, and Dennis Byrne of Nottingham, are to each serve three year terms on the board of directors.

Also, during a re-organizational meeting, PCA officers re-elected were Ray Grimes of McKnightstown, as president; Robert Hay of Somerset, as vice president; and Larry R. Moore of Warriors Mark, treasurer. Dr. Lowell Wilson was elected secretary.

20th performance-tested bull sale

The 20th annual performance-tested bull sale held at the Ag Arena saw D & D Polled Herefords of Gettysburg buying the top-selling bull for \$2,400. The Polled Hereford bull was sold by Spring Bottom Farm of Fairfield.

Overall, 56 lots sold for \$1,307 per bull.

The average price per bull, by breed showed a range of prices.

Nineteen Angus averaged \$1,275, 15 Polled Herefords averaged \$1,502, 15 Simmentals averaged \$1,243, four Charolais averaged \$1,019, two Chianina-Angus averaging \$988, and one Gelbvich which went for \$1,750.

Breed association female sale

The sale of female cattle of all breeds started with a bang as the first Simmental which entered the ring brought \$30,000.

The averages for the sale, by breed, were \$2,205 on 30 Simmentals, \$1,194 on 36 Angus, \$1,313 on eight Salers, and \$1,600 for 34 Polled Herefords.

Awards banquet

The annual event also included an evening of award presentations by the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association (PCA) and its member organizations. It brought attention to the best of the breeds, breeders, and supporters of the cattle industry in Pennsylvania.

The Pa. Simmental Association began the breed association presentations by recognizing the Jack Myers family of Dallastown with the Simmental Family Award for their outstanding representation of the breed and cattle industry.

Junior Member Award went to Rob Liposky of Volant, while Barb Carlisle, a junior advisor, received the Senior Member Award.

Simmental Breeder of Year award went to Lee and Linda Snyder of Harvest Plantation in Franklin. The Snyders established the state Capital Futurity Program at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition which was designed to help breeders sell direct from their farms.

The Pa. Charolais Association began a "heifer chain" by presenting its first youth award to Stanley Reeve of York Springs.

Reeve entered the Association's essay contest and won a registered heifer donated by Jesse Haas of Coneautville. The first heifer calf out of Reeve's heifer is to be donated back to the organization for awarding to next year's winner.

Membership Chairman Dennis Byrne awarded the Top Hand



From the left, Glenn Turk and Jesse Hass, president of the association flank Stanley Reeve, winner of the association Youth Award and essay contest. He won the first heifer in a heifer chain.

Award to Marie Painter of Hillspings Farm, in Elkland, for recruiting the most new members.

Bill Palmer, of Shartlesville, stepped forward for the Commercial Cattlemen's Award presented by state Rep. Sheila Miller, of Womelsdorf.

The Seedstock Producer Award went to Robert K. Hay, of Freidens, while Dan Gard of SmithKline Beecham Animal Health received the Industry Service Award.

The PCA recognized Marie Painter of Elkland, for her dedication as secretary. Painter said she plans to devote more time to her expanding Hillspings beef farm operation.

Pa. Beef Exposition Chairman Glenn Eberly received a pair of boots from the Expo Committee to thank him for his leadership in organizing the Expo.

PCA President Ray Grimes presented a \$250 PCA scholarship to Tracey Rouse of Little Marsh, Tioga County.

Mandy Hilbert, 1992 Cattlemen's Queen, handed her duties over to 1993 Cattlemen's Queen Amy Clair of State College with Sherry Ishman of Worthington serving as princess.

Pam Fyock of the National Cattlemen's Association in Washington was on hand to congratulate the PCA for successfully achieving membership goal. She presented a plaque to Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association President Ray

Grimes, from McKnightstown.

To recognize Penn State's Beef Bowl Team, which won the National Championship in Phoenix, Rep. Miller read a citation from the Pa. House of Representatives.

The first Beef Award from the General Assembly went to Thomas McCauley, a senior from Elizabethtown, George McQuiston, a senior from Harrisville, Henry Zerby, a junior from Beavertown,

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From the left, Dennis Byrne presents the state Cattlemen's Association Seedstock Producer Award to Robert Hay.



From the left, state Rep. Sheila Miller presents the Commercial Cattlemen Award to William T. Palmer Jr.



From the left, Mandy Hilbert, Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association Queen for 1992, stands with 1993 Queen Amy Clair and Princess Sherry Ishman.