Champions Selected At Ohio Super Star Show

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. - Sixty-five head of Angus competed for honors awarded at the 1995 Ohio Angus Super Star Show in Columbus. Judge for the event was Dave Smith of Greensburg, Ind.

Grand champion bull was Kiata Dividend 422 owned by Kiata Farms Inc., Hamilton, Ohio. The

bull is a January 1994 son of TC winner was Paradise Madame 414 Dividend 963.

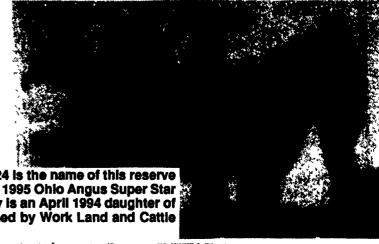
The reserve grand champion bull was La Vista Horizon 413, a February 1994 son of OS U Precision 679B. The entry was exhibited by La Vista Farm of Hamilton, Ohio.

In the heifer show, the grand

owned by Sharon and James Winter of Ashville, Ohio. The heifer is a February 1994 daughter of Century Touchstone 131.

The reserve grand champion female as W L C Queen Mother 914 424 owned by Work Land and Cattle Co., Uniontown, Pa. The entry is an April 1994 daughter of YR Vantage.

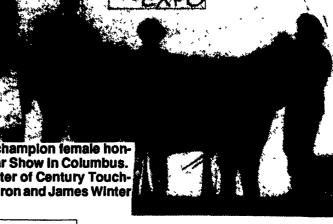
W L C Queen Mother 914 424 is the name of this reserve grand champion female at the 1995 Ohio Angus Super Star 🏖 Show in Columbus. The entry is an April 1994 daughter of YR Vantage and was consigned by Work Land and Cattle Co., Uniontown, Pa.



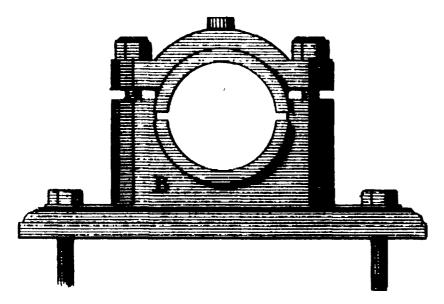


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Paradise Madame 414 won grand champion female honors at the 1995 Ohio Angus Super Star Show in Columbus. The winner is a February 1994 daughter of Century Touchstone 131. She was consigned by Sharon and James Winter of Ashville, Ohio.



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Swine '95 Study To **Examine** Changes

The USDA developed the National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS) in the 1980s to provide data to support animal industry research and marketing efforts that help producers accomplish these and other goals. NAHMS collects data directly from the farm through national studies involving a random sample of operations that are selected to represent the national animal population.

The first NAHMS national study was the 1990 National Swine Survey. This May, the program began its second study of the pork industry with the Swine '95: Grower/Finisher. The Swine '95 study will identify changes since 1990 in management practices in all production phases, then concentrate on animal health and management in the grower/finisher phase.

Though NAHMS' first charge is to develop a national data base, study benefits begin with the individual participants.

"Producers that contributed data during our first national study told us they got a lot out of seeing where they fell in relation to other operations and in identifying weak areas and potential improvements," said Dr. Eric Bush, NAHMS swine commodity specialist. "We expect to deliver the same benefits for the Swine '95 producers."

In an evaluation following the 1989-1990 study, 90 percent of the producers said they would recommend participation in the program to other producers. An overwhelming percentage was confident that the program would benefit the swine industry as a whole, a concept reflected by the volume of data that have been applied to research and educational projects.

"Seeing data put to use from the 1990 survey has been exciting," said Dr. Bush. "Some of the highlights have been in use of a serum bank to research transmissible gastroenteritis (TGE), porcine reproductive and respiratory virus (PRRS), and toxoplasmosis. Legislators have used water quality results to determine need for regulations, and universities and the National Pork Producers' Council have applied various topics to their research work."

For more information on NAHMS and NAHMS studies, contact USDA:APHIS:VS, Centers for Epidemiology and Animal Health. Attn. NAHMS, 500 South Howes, Fort Collins, CO 80521, (970) 490-7800.