

Big Bucks For Big Winners At KILE's Simmental Futurity

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— Everyone knows that big fairs can pay big premiums for big shows. But what can be bigger than \$1,000 for a grand champion?

Try \$1,100 each for the junior champion heifer and junior champion bull at this year's Simmental Capital Futurity Contest.

The contest was held last week at the Keystone International Livestock Expo at the Farm Show Complex.

In the junior division heifer competition, Donald T. Virts won champion heifer with a Bodacious daughter out of a Broderick dam. Virts represents Meadow Hill Farm from Purcellville, Va.

In the junior division bull competition, Lee and Linda Synder captured grand champion with Harvest Brockie, S: X339U, D: Harvest Lady D Tooo. Harvest Plantation is out of Franklin, Venango County.

Junior reserve champion heifer and bull each paid \$600. Reserve champion of the junior division bull competition was Meadow Hill Farm, Purcellville, Va: Jack Schultz of Salem, N.J., had the reserve champion heifer, a Black Powder daughter out of a Back In Black dam in the junior division.

The Snyders started the Capital Futurity Contest and have man-

aged it since the first show in 1990.

In this year's Futurity, senior champion bull paid \$500 and reserve paid \$300.

John Lenzer of Sewickly, Allegheny County, showed Harvest Lenzer Princess, grand champion heifer in the senior division. Grand champion senior bull was won by Shoemaker's Fort Knox, owned by William Shoemaker of Maple Cove Breeders, Bedford County.

To participate, contestants had to pay \$100 to nominate a farm and an additional \$125 per animal exhibited. Exhibitors can "select the best calves in May and pay to nominate them," said Barbara Carlisle, Claysville, a Simmental breeder with about 25 cows.

Carlisle indicated that the final payment of \$125 doesn't have to be paid by the exhibitor unless the

calves are scheduled to appear in the contest.

Carlisle, who serves as junior adviser to the Pennsylvania Junior Simmental Association, assisted at this year's Futurity contest.

Contest winners are decided by total overall points awarded during judging. Three judges make their decisions and place the points (from 1-10) on individual index cards. Points are tallied and the highest wins.

The judges at this year's contest were Cliff Orley, Lebanon; Paul Slayton, Bedford; and Bret Barber, Michigan State University.

In all, there were a total of 13 exhibitors. In the junior contests, there were a total of 20 heifers and eight bulls at the start of the contest. In the senior competition, there were a total of four heifers and one bull.



Simmental Futurity senior grand champion heifer owned by Lenzer Farms, Sewickly. Shown are Lee Snyder and Ginger Woolcock.



Junior champion heifer at the Simmental Futurity show. Shown are Paul Slayton, Cliff Orley, Bret Barber, Mitch Leonardski, and owner Donald Virts, Meadow Hill Farm.



Junior grand champion bull at the Simmental Futurity. Shown is Lee Snyder, owner of Harvest Plantation, Franklin.



The Simmental Futurity senior grand champion bull. Shown are Cliff Orley, Bret Barber, Paul Slayton, and Bill Shoemaker, owner of Maple Cove Breeders, also Matthew Miller and Natushka McMichael.



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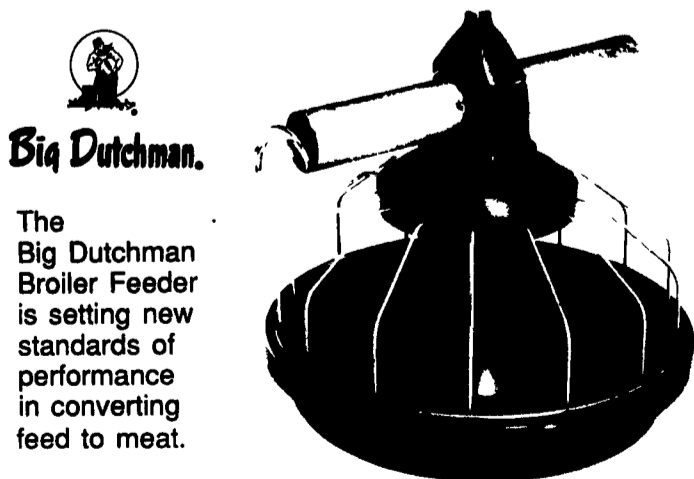
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