

# Simmental Futurity Contest At KILE

**HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)**  
 The Keystone International Livestock Exposition hosted the 1996 Pennsylvania Simmental Capital Futurity at the Farm Show Complex.

The futurity began in 1989 "as a marketing tool for other Simmental breeders," said Lee Snyder, Franklin, who with his wife Linda, organizes the event. Participants nominated the calves before

February 15. Registration payments comprised the \$1000 championship jackpots that more than 30 calves competed for at this year's futurity.

In addition to the higher prize money, the futurity also features "unfit" calves. Unlike other beef shows, futurity calves have no spray adhesives or clip jobs to cover faults.

"You really see the animal for

what they are and what sets them apart from the rest," Snyder said.

Judges Nick Overpeck, IL, Keith Bryan, PA, and John Sticka, KY, selected "Simme Valley Finesse," exhibited by Simme Valley, Groton, NY, as grand champion heifer. "MF Miss Big Sky F42," owned by Messick Farms, Middletown, was reserve grand champion heifer.

D.T. Virts, Purcellville, VA,

owned both the grand champion bull, "MHF Jet Black Bull 3019F," and the reserve grand champion bull, "Rambler MHF Bull 2028F." In the senior bull competition, "1 HWF Ebo," owned by H. Robert McQuiston, Stoneboro, was grand champion.

The judges picked "MF Miss Gunsmoke E48," exhibited by Messick Farms, as the grand champion senior heifer. Hudson

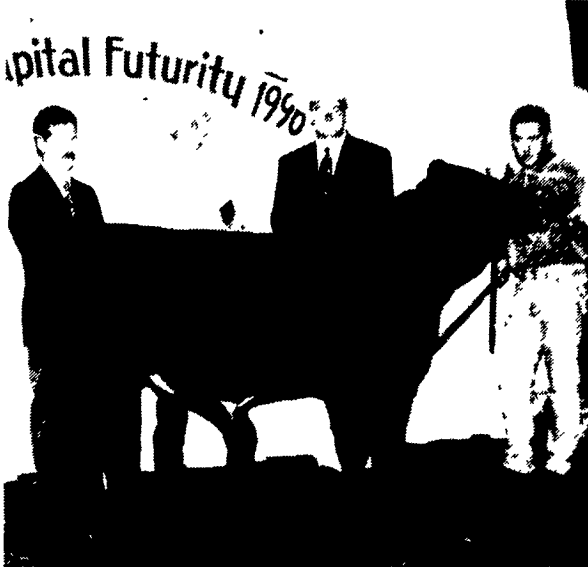
Pines Farm, Tarrytown, NY, captured reserve grand champion heifer honors with "HPF Miss 438 E114."

Messick Farms, with grand champion senior heifer and reserve champion heifer, had a great day at the futurity. "This year there was exceptional quality in the animals and a lot of new faces," said Sally Messick. And the secret to Messick Farms suc-

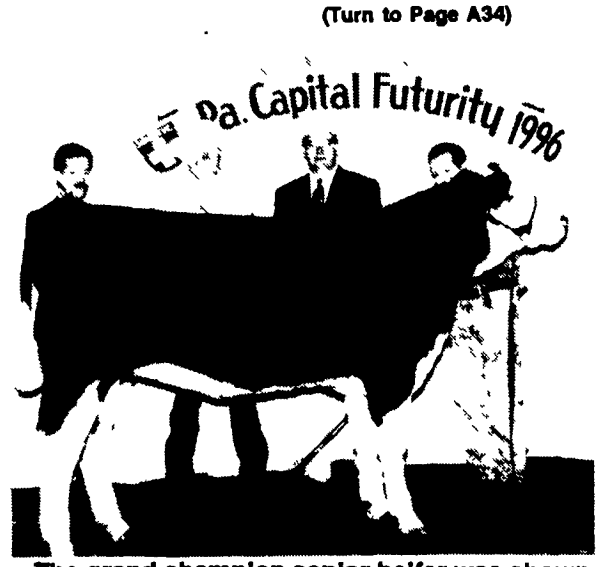
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The grand champion heifer was shown by Simme Valley.



The grand champion bull was shown by Meadow Hill Farm.



The grand champion senior heifer was shown by Messick Farms.

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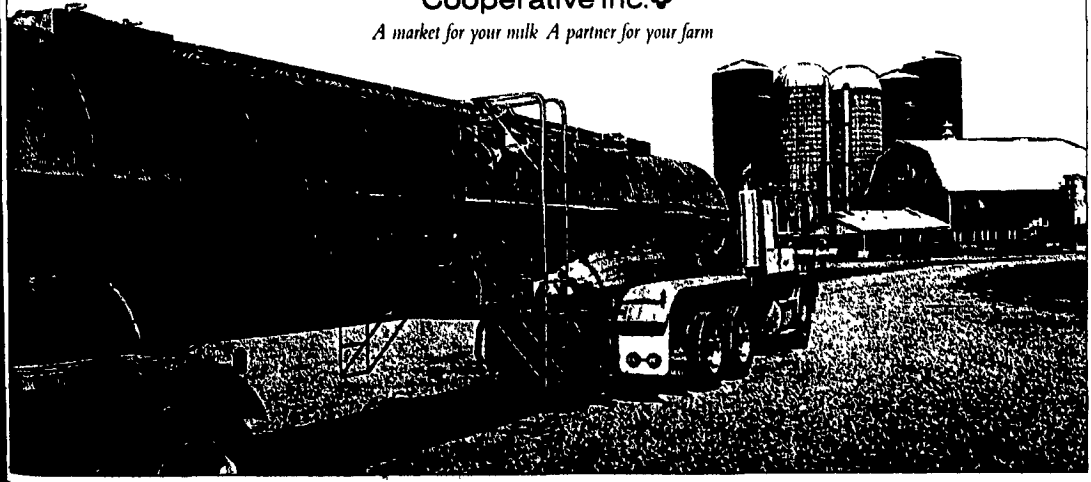
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