

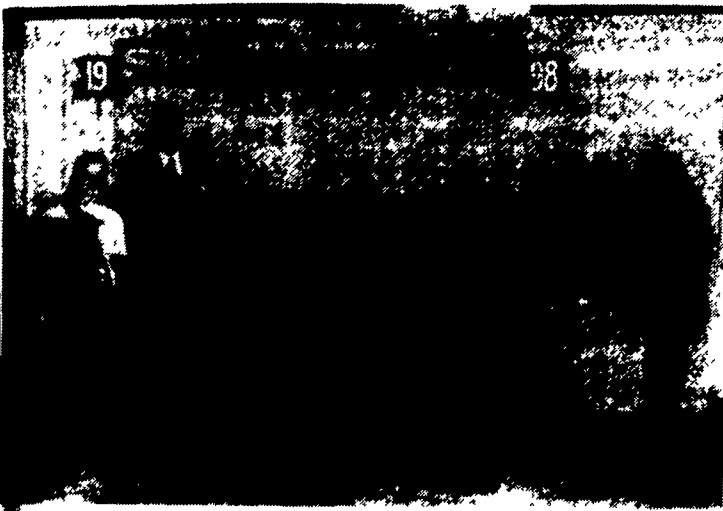
# Supreme Bull Champion Brings Tears Of Joy To Mount Joy Exhibitor



Taz was named grand champion Limousin bull on Monday's open beef show at the Farm Show. Taz was exhibited by Maple Lane Farm. From left, Melissa Leiden, Pa. Cattlemen's Queen; Dave Eversole, show judge; and at halter, Amy Mathias.



Supreme champion bull at the open beef show went to the Polled Hereford early junior yearling bull shown by Salunga Acres, Mount Joy. From left, C.J. Furlong, Salunga Acres farm manager; Dorothy Metzler; Samuel Hayes, Secretary of Agriculture; Sen. Noah Wenger; and Melissa Leiden, Pa. Cattlemen's Queen. Photo by Andy Andrews



Nico Polled Porsha was named grand champion Limousin heifer at the open beef show at the Farm Show Monday. From left, Melissa Leiden, Pa. Cattlemen's Queen; Dave Eversole, show judge; and, at halter, Tawnya Wigfield showing for Maple Lane Farm.

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A joyous Dorothy Metzler began hugging family and friends while the supreme champion banner and Farm Show royalty waited in the wings.  
"Are those tears in your eyes?" one reporter asked.  
"Yes," she said.

Moments before, Dorothy was honored with the supreme champion bull banner at the open beef show of the state Farm Show.  
On Monday, the event marked a special occasion for Dorothy, in a tumultuous past year in which her husband, George, died, while the show livestock on her farm, Salunga Acres, Mount Joy, continued to have tremendous success.

"Do you think George is looking down with pride?"  
She nodded as she stood, answering questions from the press, congratulating her farm manager, C.J. Furlong, who led the animal through the show ring, taking champion Polled Hereford and the supreme champion bull.  
Furlong said that raising a champion such as the one they showed at Farm Show begins "a long time ago," with breeding — selecting a top-quality dam and excellent sire.  
The Polled Hereford, an early junior yearling bull, Salunga Form (S: Barb B 15S Yankee, D: CSSBRN Bshng DI 306R21C), was named supreme this year at York Fair. The 2-year-old recently won champion bull at the Keystone International Livestock Expo, Furlong indicated, and was the reserve champion at the Eastern National Show in Timonium, Md.  
The farm will use him to bull breed and sell semen to breed in Canada, he indicated.  
Moments before, an early junior yearling heifer, named grand champion Angus heifer, Rains Reba, Skylight 2RPT (S: Rito 2RT2 OF OB5 RR Trave, D: Rains Ina Skylight PT TG), shown by Dale A. Rains, Mercer, was named supreme heifer of the open beef show.



Dunkard Valley Farms represented by Kenley Myers, at halter, won champion Charolais at the Farm Show. At left is John Myers.

Rains said the heifer, who will be two years old in February, is homebred and raised. He attributed success at the Farm show to "a lot of time and effort, especially genetics," Rains said. "We choose cattle that are balanced in traits in terms of production."  
The manager makes careful use of expected progeny difference (EPD) information. All traits are important "in combination," Rains said.  
Last Sunday, Charolais champion and reserve champion heifer went to Dunkard Valley Farms, Dallastown. Grand champion Charolais bull went to Raymond A. Bratton, McVeytown. Reserve went to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Turk, Warren.

On Monday, Polled Hereford champion heifer was Salunga Mayoline G02 (S: Slaytens Reggie 373, D: WF Wow Maybellen), a junior heifer calf exhibited by Tammi Grubb, Hanover. Reserve went to the early junior yearling heifer shown by Dorothy Metzler at Salunga Acres, Mount Joy, Salunga Fortress (S: SFBPH Victor 751W, D: Reba 926Y 42D).  
Polled Hereford champion bull went to the early junior yearling

bull shown by Salunga Acres, Salunga Form ((S: Barb B 15S Yankee, D: CSSBRN Bshng DI 306R21C). Reserve went to the late 2-year-old bull shown by Solid Stone Farm, Littlestown, LAF Victor 9522 (S: Gerber Acclaim 43A, D: SBF Royal Victorial 8703).  
Grand champion Limousin heifer went to Maple Lane Farm, Enon Valley, for the 2-year-old heifer, Nico Polled Porsha (S: Wulfs  
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Charolais bull champion went to Raymond A. Bratton, McVeytown.



Salunga Form was the grand champion Polled Hereford bull during the open show at the Farm Show. From left, at halter is C.J. Furlong, Salunga Acres farm manager; Dr. H. Dee Woody, show judge; Margeaux Firestine, Pa. Polled Hereford queen; Dorothy Metzler; and Morgan Firestine, Pa. Polled Hereford Association princess.