



Cathy Levan holds the halter of her Piedmontese heifer, named Cheyenne, which won reserve junior heifer over all at the North American International Livestock Exposition. Cathy, her brother Jason, and Mom, Shirley, are excited

about the potential of the Piedmontese that they raise on their Berks County Meadow Hills Farm. The breed, which originates in Italy, is genetically lower in fat and consistently more tender than other breeds according to USDA tests.

Piedmontese Is Choice Breed For Levan Family

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Cathy Levan knew that she had a top-notch heifer in the show ring.

Problem was, the judge did not know it.

Judges look for minimal fat cover and the double muscling of the Piedmontese breed was mistaken-

ly interpreted as excess fat — until the carcass was judged. Then the steer bought three cents more per pound than any of the other 4-H projects slaughtered that day.

“The Piedmontese breed doesn’t have near the waste of other breeds,” Cathy’s mom, Shirley, insists.

*The Piedmontese breed appears

a bit lumpy with its heavy muscling and short, dense hair coat. Grazing in the pasture, the gray-white cattle seem similar to the

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