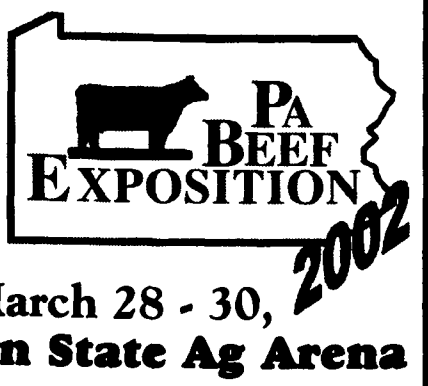


Bull Performance Test Results



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Pennsylvania Beef Expo Begins March 28

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — The Pennsylvania Junior Cattlemen's Association (PICA) will hold their 121h Annual Junior Steer and Heifer Preview Show at the 131h Annual Pennsylvania Beef Expo, March 28-30, at the Penn State Ag Arena, State College. The Expo is an excellent opportunity for PICA members to exhibit their animals in a weekend of fun and education.

Special educational demonstrations, exhibits and talks will be given on Thursday afternoon, March 28.

Since its creation in 1988, the PA Beef Expo has expanded to include activities targeted at both Junior and Senior cattlemen. This year's Expo begins with the PCA Awards Banquet and Annual Meeting, scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 2002 at Celebrations Hall, near the Nittany Mall, in State College.

Festivities will begin with a reception at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. The association will recognize cattle producers with several awards including the Industry Service Award, Commercial Cattleman, Seedstock Breeder and Cattle Feeder of the Year.

One farm will be recognized with the Stewardship Award for dedication to preserving agriculture and the environment for future generations.

Other banquet highlights include announcement of the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Beef Ambassadors.

Banquet reservations can be made by calling or faxing the PCA office at (814) 238-5888 or by email at llw@psu.edu.

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — The Pa. Dept. of Agriculture Livestock Evaluation Center wishes to announce plans are being finalized for Pa.'s 29th annual Performance Tested Bull Sale scheduled for Friday, March 29 at 11 a.m. There will be 68 performance tested bulls offered for sale.

Forty-eight Angus, three of which are red, 16 Simmentals, two Polled Herefords, one Charolais and one Limousin.

These bulls completed the 112-day testing program, had average daily gains and ratios calculated. The adjusted 365-day weights and lifetime weight per day ages were calculated as well as yearling heights and frame scores. The bulls were all scanned ultrasonically to determine loin-eye area and fat thickness as well as percentage intramuscular fat (marbling ability). The bulls have undergone a comprehensive breeding soundness exam, including semen collection, scrotal circumference and pelvic measurements.

The top-indexing Angus bull will lead off the sale as Lot#1. This P.S. Traveler 351 614 son is owned by Marlin and Steve Paul. The sire of this bull also sired the previous two years' high-indexing Angus bulls and the sire was himself a previous top performing Angus bull purchased through a previous Pa. Performance Tested Bull Sale. This scenario is an excellent example of predictable genetic performance.

The second highest indexing

Angus is a GDAR SVF Traveler 234D son owned by South Branch Farm. The third highest indexing Angus and the fastest gaining bull of all breeds is the DHD Traveler 6807 son owned by Mountain Edge Farm. The E.T. bull recorded an average daily gain of 4.97 pounds per day through the 112-day

test and is moderate framed.

The top-indexing Charolais is a smooth polled, frame seven bull consigned by Ray Bratton.

The top-indexing Simmental was the fullblood son of WLSF Rhomula consigned by Harold Simms. This bull gained 4.38 pounds per day and recorded the top adjusted 365-day weight of 1,352 pounds among the Simmentals. The second highest indexing Simmental is the black, polled, E.T. son of LRS Preferred Stock 370C, owned by Haven Woods Farm. This bull was the top gaining Simmental, gaining 4.47 pounds per day. The third highest indexing Simmental is also owned by Haven Woods Farm and is sired by WAR Dynamite 620 who was the sire of the top-indexing and record breaking, gaining, Simmental in last year's sale.

The top indexing Hereford is the Circle-D 832W Einstn 28E son consigned by Twin Ponds Farm. The second highest index-

ing Hereford is the Ralph Strouse owned Will Via Headline 5133 son.

The last bull in the offering is the top-indexing Limousin. This red, smooth polled, son of Cole Jay gained 4.15 pounds per day on test and scanned with the largest loin-eye overall of 18.9 square inches.

The bull sale is a central component of the 13th annual Pa. Beef Expo which will include educational programs and exhibits, a Simmental and Shorthorn female sale, a trade show and a large junior steer and heifer show and lots of good food.

For more information about the Bull Sale, or Beef Expo, contact Glenn Eberly, Livestock Evaluation Center, 651 Fox Hollow Road, State College, PA 16803; phone (814) 238-2527, phone/fax (814) 865-5857; e-mail: geberly@state.pa.us or geberly@psu.edu.



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