

# Edible Fruit, Vegetable-Based Wraps Win National Award

ALBANY, Calif. — Edible fruit- and vegetable-based food wraps have garnered a national award for an Agricultural Research Service food scientist. The editors of Popular Science magazine chose Tara H. McHugh's work as one of the magazine's

100 "Best of What's New" awards for 2001.

Her flavorful, nutritious wraps were selected from among thousands of products and technologies reviewed for the 14th annual competition. McHugh is with the ARS Processed Foods Research

Unit at the Western Regional Research Center, Albany, Calif.

In her laboratory, McHugh has made coatings of varying thickness and strength from more than a dozen fruits and vegetables. They include apricots, guavas, mangos, papayas, bro-

coli and carrots. The edible wraps will increase the nutrition options for consumers and will reduce the amount of plastic food wrap that ends up in landfills, according to McHugh. Today, nearly 2 million tons of food packaging material end up as waste, accord-

ing to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The unique wraps McHugh developed enhance flavors and protect freshness of foods by preventing moisture loss and by blocking oxygen that could cause unattractive browning.

For example, the thin, apple-flavored wraps that McHugh made from pureed apples intensify the flavor of apple slices and keep them from discoloring and shrinking. Her wrap made of strawberries complements the flavor of banana slices while keeping them fresh. McHugh's wrap from pureed peaches might be used to cover meat and then provide a tasty, attractive glaze when the meat is cooked.

ARS is the U.S. Department of Agriculture's chief scientific research agency.

## Egg Safety Ad Debuted

PARK RIDGE, Ill. — A new foodservice egg safety print advertisement was scheduled for debut in March. Featuring the headline "Safe at the Plate," it depicts an eye-catching shrimp and vegetable-stuffed omelette on an egg-shaped plate.

This ad features various egg safety educational and training materials available from American Egg Board designed for the foodservice operator.

Throughout 2002, the advertisement will appear in four other national foodservice publications. The egg safety advertising schedule will provide over three million impressions to commercial and non-commercial foodservice operators.

## MAJAC Show Conducted In Virginia

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hart, Sykesville, MD

ANGUS STEERS

38 Shown

Intermediate Champion Steer:



Brittany Full, Mount Airy, Md., showed the reserve grand champion owned female at the 2002 Mid-Atlantic Junior Angus Classic (MAJAC) Regional Preview Show, March 9-10 in Harrisonburg, Va. Bob Vantrease, Upperville, Va., evaluated the 162 Angus entries and 118 crossbred steers.

Christy Walther, Mount Crawford, VA

Reserve Intermediate Champion Steer: Heather Willis, Union Bridge, MD

Junior Champion Steer: Matthew Fogle, Woodbine, MD

Reserve Junior

Champion Steer: Katie

Marshall, Weyers

Cave, VA

Grand

Champion

Angus Steer: Matthew

Fogle, Woodbine, MD

Reserve

Grand Champion

Angus Steer:

Katie Marshall, Weyers

Cave, VA

B R E D -

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S T E E R S

8 Shown

Intermediate Champion Steer: Chad Hahn, Rocky Ridge, MD

Reserve Intermediate Champion Steer: Cortney Hill-Dukehart, Sykesville, MD

Junior Champion Steer: Cortney Hill-Dukehart, Sykesville, MD

Reserve Junior Champion Heifer: Sarah Nolt, New Holland, PA

Grand Champion Bred-and-Owned Steer: Cortney Hill-Dukehart, Sykesville, MD

Reserve Grand Champion Bred-and-Owned Steer: Chad Hahn, Rocky Ridge, MD

O N - S T A G E S T E E R S

8 Shown

Grand Champion On-Stage Steer: Heather Willis, Union Bridge, MD

Reserve Grand Champion On-Stage Steer: Cortney Hill-Dukehart, Sykesville, MD

A N G U S - B A S E D

C R O S S B R E D S T E E R S

118 Shown

Champion Light Weight Angus-Based Crossbred Steer:

Ashley Vosloh, Mount Airy, MD

Reserve Champion Light Weight Angus-Based Crossbred Steer: Jacob Wolfrey, White Post, VA

Champion Medium Weight Angus-Based Crossbred Steer: Tyler Tessier, Brookeville, MD

Reserve Champion Medium Weight Angus-Based Crossbred Steer: Chelsea Wieben, Leesburg, VA

Champion Heavy Weight Angus-Based Crossbred Steer: John Funkhouser, Mount Jackson, VA

Reserve Champion Heavy Weight Angus-Based Crossbred Steer: Kristie Young, Shepherds-town, WV

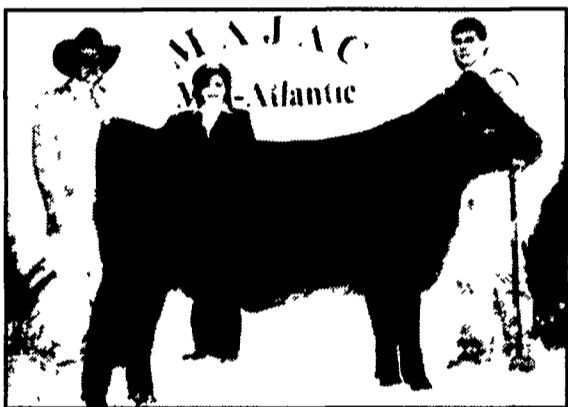
Grand Champion Angus-Based Crossbred Steer: Tyler Tessier, Brookeville, MD

Reserve Grand Champion Angus-Based Crossbred Steer: Chelsea Wieben, Leesburg, VA

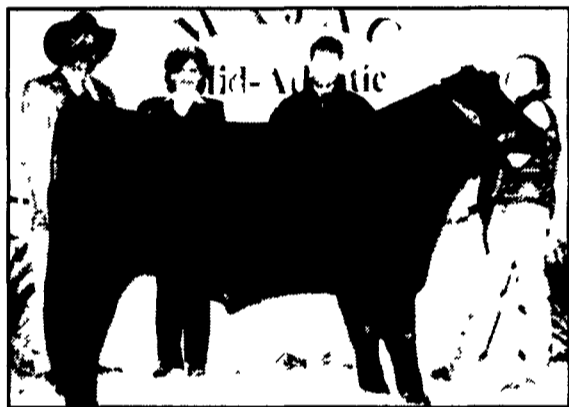
Premier Breeder: Whitestone Farm, Aldie, VA



Mark Butler, Emmitsburg, Md., led Thornbrook Black Velvet 4241 to grand champion bred-and-owned female honors at the MAJAC Show.



Mark Butler, Emmitsburg, Md., showed the reserve grand champion bred-and-owned female at the MAJAC Regional Preview Show.



Katie Marshall, Weyers Cave, Va., led the reserve grand champion Angus steer at the MAJAC Show, March 9-10 in Harrisonburg, Va.



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