

# Hower Family Takes 'Just Enuff' Angus To Farm Show

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**BETHLEHEM** (Northampton Co.) — How many is just enough Angus? Of course the answer to that question varies with each farm or ranching operation.

The Hower family of Just Enuff Angus, Bethlehem - parents Ned and Linda and daughters Jennifer, 18, and Jamie, 21 - has yet to determine that magical number. Each time they feel they have reached a comfortable limit to their operation, an outstanding heifer catches their eye and soon joins the herd.

According to Linda, it was she that kept saying 10 animals was "just enuff" when the herd had grown to that number but she is often smitten by some young heifer's looks or pedigree and, before long, the herd size grew again. In fact, Ned has become cautious of sending the women of the family to shows without him, in fear of what they might bring home. Much to Ned's dismay, Linda and the girls came home with a puppy from a recent show that Ned was unable to attend. But before long, Expo - named after the show from where he came - won Ned's approval and has since become a part of the family.

Often times, the new addition to the herd goes on to bring ribbons and honors home from the various shows where the family exhibits their animals. Having exhibited in the bred-and-owned heifer and bull, owned heifer, cow/calf, and market steer competitions in both the junior and open divisions at shows ranging from the local 4-H round-up to state and national level shows, Jennifer and Jamie have made their presence known. Their animals have been selected champions at many prestigious shows,

including the Pennsylvania Farm Show where the family has been a mainstay in the Angus part of the beef barns for the past six years.

In addition to the Pennsylvania Farm Show, some of the shows where both girls have exhibited include the Plainfield Farmers' Fair, the Pennsylvania Fair, Eastern Pennsylvania 4-H Livestock Show and Sale at Blue Valley Farm Show, the New Jersey State Fair, and the Warren County Fair. A few of the state and national level shows where the girls have shown are the Pennsylvania Angus Breeders Show, Atlantic National ROV Angus Show, and the Eastern Regional Angus Show. Jamie has also exhibited at the National Junior Show in Wisconsin and the MAJAC show.

Jennifer, a senior at Nazareth High School with plans to pursue a career in elementary special education, has shown at the Pennsylvania Farm Show for the past five years. Jen, as she is known to her friends, has previously competed in the market steer, bred-and-owned heifer and owned heifer classes, and this year will be taking a steer and a few of her heifers to Harrisburg in January.

Having completed such 4-H projects as entomology, basketry, vegetable gardening, and horse production as well as market steer and

breeding beef on the local level, Jen recently returned from Georgia where she served as the 2002 female delegate for Northampton County at the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta. She has also worked as a 4-H camp counselor for the past several years and is looking forward to again serving as a counselor this summer as she completes her last year of 4-H eligibility.

Having exhibited an entomology project and her cattle at the Farm Show in the past, she has made many close friends through her involvement with the 4-H program and the Pennsylvania Junior Angus Association. Jen said she enjoys going to the different fairs and shows throughout the year because there are always new people to meet and old friends to see. She feels her involvement in 4-H has led to what she calls some "incredible friendships" that will last a lifetime along with the numerous memories they share.

When not working with her cattle, Jen enjoys swimming and snow skiing. She has been a member of her school's swim team and works as a life guard at the local "Y." She served as the



Jennifer Hower of Just Enuff Angus stands with some of the heifers she will be exhibiting at this year's Pennsylvania Farm Show.

Plainfield Farmers' Fair Queen this past summer and has considered the possibility of competing for the Pennsylvania Angus Queen position in the future, but for now she prefers to just enjoy showing and meeting friends as she shows her Angus, and will wait to see what the future brings.

Jamie, although no longer eligible to show as a 4-H member,

will be exhibiting four heifers in the open competition at the Pennsylvania Farm Show this January. She feels that number is "just enuff" to care for this year as she will not only be in the showing as an exhibitor, but also as the retiring Pennsylvania Angus Queen and as a member of the National Junior Angus Association.

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## Pa. Department Of Agriculture To Host Agro 2003

**HARRISBURG** (Dauphin Co.) — Agriculture Secretary Sam Hayes announced that Agro 2003, Pennsylvania's largest international activity, will be hosted by the Department of Agriculture Jan. 9-13.

Friends of agriculture from across the planet will be traveling to Harrisburg in response to the Department of Agriculture's invitation to celebrate the accomplishments of Pennsylvania's number one industry, agriculture.

"Products for the Planet" is becoming recognized worldwide as a symbol of Pennsylvania agriculture and the diversity of the products that are ready for export to the marketplaces around the globe," said Hayes. "Agro 2003 helps to showcase Pennsylvania's agriculture to the world. The Department of Agriculture is excited to host our international friends from over 70 countries at the weeklong event."

Agro 2003 will begin with a welcoming reception for international guests on Jan. 9, in the East Rotunda of the Capitol Building. On Friday, Jan. 10 at 9:45 a.m., the Agro 2003 Trade Show will begin with the Opening Ceremonies. "Export ready" companies from all sectors of Pennsylvania agriculture, including foods, hardwoods, machinery, genetics, service, and agri-technology, will be represented at the Trade Show. Friday's activities will culminate in the International Reception and Dinner with more than 1,000 attendees, including agribusiness and agriculture representatives, legislators, and international guests.

Continuing for several days thereafter, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's international guests will then be paired with the men and women of Pennsylvania agriculture.

Plans have been made to host more than 200 guests from more than 70 countries. More than 130 agribusiness companies will participate in the Agro Trade Show and other business meet-

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