

Hower Family Takes 'Just Enuff' Angus To Farm Show

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ciation (NJAA) Board of Directors.

As Jamie winds down her reign as Pennsylvania Angus Queen, she feels her best memory or experience of her term was the opportunity to attend the many Angus shows, not only in her home state but across the nation, promoting Pennsylvania Angus. She also enjoyed the chance to meet so many young junior Angus members, and feels it was a wonderful chance to meet new people and make lifelong friends.

Although she has only been a director on the NJAB (National Junior Angus Board) for six months, she said she has already learned so much about the Angus industry that it is difficult to choose her favorite experience. She feels the most important aspect of being on the board is the chance to meet so many young breeders and share the opportunities that she has been given in her career. Jamie has already traveled to California, Missouri, Kentucky, and, most recently, Ohio, as part of her duties on the board.

During the years Jamie has shown her cattle, the most memorable championships she has won include when her heifer was named the Champion Owned Heifer at the 2001 Pennsylvania Angus Breeders Show, a title she always dreamed of winning; when her bred-and-owned heifer was named the Champion Bred-and-Owned Heifer and Reserve Champion Junior Heifer at the 2000 Pennsylvania Farm Show; and when her bull was named the Champion Bred-and-Owned Bull at the 2000 Atlantic National



Jennifer plays with the family dog, Expo, on a cold brisk day. Expo was a surprise purchase at one of the shows where the Howers showed their cattle.

ROV Angus Show.

While Jamie completes her term on the NJAB, her educational and career plans are on hold simply because of the tremendous amount of time spent traveling throughout the country fulfilling her duties as a board member - a terrific educational experience in itself. Currently a student at Northampton Community College, her plans include keeping her Angus herd growing and finishing a business degree.

Both Jen and Jamie have received greatly appreciated help and support from their parents and grandparents throughout their 4-H careers. Both maternal and paternal sides of their family tree have involvement in 4-H.

Linda spent over 20 years as herdsman at Maple Grove Farms near Bath, the family owned and operated dairy of her parents, C. Herbert and Mabel Guest, and uncle and aunt, Ken-

neth and Carol Miller. After graduation from Penn State with an animal science degree, she assumed the duties of herdsman. As those who are familiar with the dairy industry know, if you grow up in the business you become involved in all aspects of the operation. As Linda says, "Pretty much whatever needed to be done, if I was capable I did it."

Having handled the registration and A.I. breeding of the dairy herd with 160 in milk and a total herd count of around 300, Linda naturally moved into nearly the same role with the Hower's Angus herd.

Linda was a 4-H member for nine years, during which time she completed horse and baby beef projects. Later, she served as leader of the livestock and potato clubs. She showed a market steer at the Farm Show in her last year of 4-H, although her fondest memory was when she qualified



Jamie Hower, 21, with one of her bred-and-owned heifer champions. Jamie is the retiring Pennsylvania Angus Queen and also a recently appointed member of the National Junior Angus Board of Directors.

for the district horse show in jumping. Her mother, brothers, sister, uncle, and cousins also completed dairy or beef projects while 4-H members.

Ned's family has also been active in 4-H. Ned, along with his parents, brother, and sister have shown 4-H animals. His parents, Paul and Rachel Hower, were 4-H leaders for 31 years, and received the J. Ira Coble Award during the 1992 Pennsylvania Farm Show - a great honor to the family. Ned himself had been a 4-H member for 10 years and showed at the Pennsylvania Farm Show for six or seven years. He has been a 4-H leader for five years in the livestock club and potato judging.

Both Ned and Linda said they felt their proudest moments as parents in respect to their daughters' 4-H careers were when

Jennifer was selected to attend the national 4-H Congress and when Jamie was named to the National Junior Angus Board of Directors. Of course, both mentioned the terrific feeling of winning the many bred-and-owned heifer and bull championships.

What started in 1995 with Jamie's first registered Angus heifer purchase, Ideals Black Magic who, along with her daughters, has produced many bred-and-owned heifers for Jamie and several champion titles for those who bought her offspring, has grown to a herd of 29, with 18 calves expected in 2003.

That question of how many is "just enuff Angus" still hasn't been answered and probably won't be for quite a while as the Howers enjoy their cattle and watch the young calves develop into prospective candidates for a successful show career.



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