

Draft Horses The Draw At Annual Sale

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Auctioneers dropped the gavel on draft horses and Haflingers during an annual sale at the State Farm Show Complex, January 22 and 23.

Dale Stoltzfus, secretary of the Pennsylvania Draft Horse Sale, reported that this year's sale reflected some of the trends of the horse market in general.

While the better bred horses commanded top prices, average stock was more of a bargain, according to Stoltzfus.

In the Belgian portion of the sale the top was a mare consigned by Amos Beiler Jr., Gap, and purchased by Raymond Lantz, New Holland, for \$8,100.

The top gelding was consigned by Isaac Swarey, Rosedale, Mich., and purchased by Sasmann Brothers, Iowa, for \$6,200.

The top Belgian stallion was consigned by Floyd Bontrager of Middlebury Ind. and purchased by Jean Spako, Albany, for \$4,950.

The top Percheron gelding was consigned by Stoney Hill Percherons, Millersburg, Ohio, and purchased by Otto Waibel, Balgach, Switzerland, for \$6,700.

Stoney Hill Percherons also consigned the top Percheron mare, which was purchased by Gary Sweetser, Garfield, Maine, for \$5,000.

The top Percheron stallion was consigned by Janice Ruhl and Rueben Dourte, Manhiem, and purchased by Stephen Burkholder, Fleetwood, for \$5,900.

A 2-year-old black and white spotted stallion was consigned by Mahlon Coblentz of Belle Center, Ohio and purchased by Kelly O'Conner of Peck, Mich., for \$5,100.

A pair of Standardbred/Percheron crossbred mares consigned by Jim Ferguson, Upland Ind., were purchased by Elmer Yoder of Hartley Del., for \$2,500 each.

The Haflinger division of the sale was very well attended and supported again this year, according to Stoltzfus. As in the draft portion, averages were down a bit from last year, but still ahead of some previous years and the tops were higher than ever.

The committee reports that mares averaged \$2,060, stallions averaged \$2,345, and geldings averaged \$1,405.

Twenty-four head of Haflingers sold for \$3,000 and up. Eleven head sold for \$5,000 and up and two head sold for \$10,000 and up.

A 2-year-old stallion consigned by Jodi Winkler, Creston, Ohio, sold for \$10,700 to Lavern Schlabach of Tuscola, Ill.

A 7-year-old bred mare consigned by Bunker Hill Farm, Millersburg, Ohio, was purchased by David Marshall, Newark Del., for the University of Delaware for \$10,000. This mare was one of four purchased by Dr. Marshall for use in the equine program at the University.

The sale dates for 2004 will be January 20, 21, and 22.



Recently-sold "Cody" stands approximately 20 hands high and weighs between 2,400-2,500 pounds. Jeff Spako, New Albany, Sullivan County, purchased Cody as a pulling prospect and for stud service. Spako and his wife have a seven-acre operation at home that houses seven Belgian horses. Last year the Spako couple purchased Cody's half brother at the same sale.



As Belgians were auctioned off in the Large Arena, owners exhibited their Haflingers — hitched or ridden — to prospective bidders in the northwest barn.



A Belgian goes through the ring during the sale.

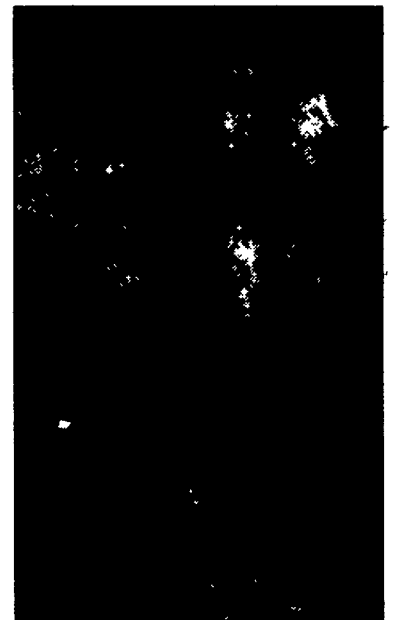
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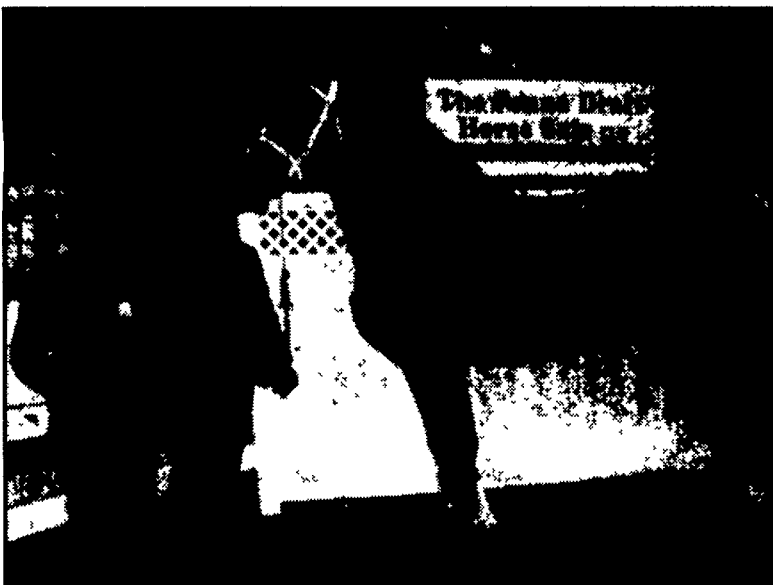
Preparations also include putting a gel-like substance on the filly's mane to keep it from looking too flyaway.



Darrel and Devon Miller, New Paris, Ind., prepare Turkey Creek Princess for the sale ring.



Devon Miller gives Turkey Creek Princess shiny hooves to complete her look.



Alfred Geisinger, left, from Austria, and Otto Waibel, a farrier from Switzerland, traveled to take the opportunity to purchase America's larger, freer-moving stock, according to Waibel.



This pile of harnesses was for sale by Orchard Hill Products, owned by Walter Stauffer, Mount Pleasant Mills, during the event.

Homebred Heifers Hot At Junior Angus Breeding Beef Show

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — In the Angus arena, homebred heifers came away with top placings in the junior breeding show, taking home both champion and reserve honors.

Megan Fuls, 16, Richland, and "HJF Erica Jacey" took home grand champion honors for HJM Cattle Company, a nine-acre farmette operated by Megan's parents, Kevin and Karen Fuls. The Fuls have six cows for club calves, both registered Angus and crossbreds.

Megan's heifer was very correct, stylish, and an overall complete calf, according to show judge Willard LeMaster.

Megan is a junior at Conrad Weiser High School and has been exhibiting cattle for nine years

with 4-H. She is also in FFA. In addition to showing several head of cattle at the Farm Show, she also exhibited a market lamb.

Katie Nolt, 14, New Holland, and her homebred Angus heifer Alice came home with reserve champion Angus placing in the junior breeding beef show. Katie has shown 4-H projects for six years and plans to begin FFA next year.

The daughter of Gene and Charlene Nolt, Katie is part of the Nolt's Triple N Farms, 65 acres housing pigs, Holstein heifers, crossbred heifers, and show cattle. Her sister, Sarah, and brother, Ryan, also brought cattle to exhibit at the Farm Show.

Katie, who took home grand champion market beef honors in last year's junior show, also brought a steer along for Monday

afternoon's competition.

Willard LeMaster, 4-H animal science extension specialist, Maryland, judged the show.

Spring calves: 1. Megan Fuls. 2. Kurt Long. 3. Jack Clark II.

Junior calves: 1. Hannah Grim. 2. Luke Lichtenwalner. 3. Jennifer Hower.

Champion calf: Megan Fuls.

Reserve champion calf: Kurt Long.

Summer yearling: 1. Katrina Frey.

Spring yearling: 1. Hope Long. 2. Katrina Frey. 3. Hannah Grim.

Intermediate champion: Hope Long.

Intermediate reserve champion: Katrina Frey.

Junior yearling heifer: 1. Katie Nolt. 2. Denton Grim. 3. Kyle Grim.

Junior champion: Katie Nolt.

Junior reserve champion: Denton Grim.

GRAND CHAMPION HEIFER
Megan Fuls

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION HEIFER
Katie Nolt

Bred and owned by exhibitor: 1. Katie Nolt. 2. Denton Grim. 3. Kyle Grim.

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