

'Power Surge' Farm Show Simmental Bull Champion



"Power Surge" was Simmental bull grand champion.

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Power Surge made his mark at the 2003 Pennsylvania State Farm Show. This Simmental bull was named grand champion.

Show judge Scott Greiner called him the most unique Simmental bull that he has seen this year.

The bull was also named reserve champion bull at the West Virginia State Fair, calf champion at KILE, and third in class at NAILE.

The bull's dam, Sahara, was named grand champion at the West Virginia State Fair, Eastern National Livestock Show, KILE, and NAILE's junior show. His sire, Power Drive HC 88, was two time Denver champion.

With the bull's wins, Dave Nichols, Nichols Farm, Bridgewater, Iowa — the sixth largest producer of seed stock in America — became interested in him. Nichols had the bull sent to Ohio State University to have ultrasound tests.

The bull tested out with his 18.1 square inch rib eye measurement on a 52½-inch hip height and 365 day 1510 pounds weight.

Consequently, Nichols farm bought one-half interest in the young sire.

The breeder of this champion is SVJ Farm, the Mankey family, who were just named Simmental Breeder of the Year in Pennsylvania. D&D Cattle Company bred the grand dam and the great grand dam that are still in production at 12 years old.

Livestock Marketing Council Conducts First Meeting

NASHVILLE (Tenn.) — More than 70 livestock industry professionals attended the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Livestock Marketing Council's inaugural annual meeting recently.

Conducted during the 2003 Cattle Industry Annual Convention and Trade Show, the LMC opened the door to a home for its members within the cattle industry's national trade organization.

"This meeting was a great opportunity to finally get the livestock marketing industry more actively involved with the NCBA," LMC chairman Lemmy Wilson said.

Members came to express industry concerns from a livestock

marketing industry viewpoint. Discussion focused on country of origin labeling, federal weight regulations for triple and spread axle livestock trucks, and the proposed review of the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

The NCBA Livestock Marketing Council worked to pass a resolution encouraging Congress to institute the travel of triple and spread axle trucks grossing up to 96,000 pounds on interstate highways.

"In passing this amendment, the LMC and Iowa Cattlemen's Association has taken one step closer to making state-to-state livestock transportation uniform," said Wilson.

Ft. Worth ROV Angus Show

FT. WORTH, Texas — Angus enthusiasts paraded 179 entries at the 2003 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show's Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus Show, January 25 in Fort Worth, Texas. Randy Perry, Fresno, Calif., evaluated the 120 females, 57 bulls and two cow-calf pairs.

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Champion Hill Lady 2185 won multiple honors, including reserve grand champion female, senior champion female and grand champion cow-calf pair. Fox Cross Farm, Alderson, W.Va., and Champion Hill, Bidwell, Ohio, own the cow.

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have to be "until death do us part," he added.

June Mengel, director of the Lancaster Farmland Preservation Board, discussed ag security areas and ag easements, or farmland preservation.

An ag security area, she emphasized, allows special protection from land being condemned, for example, for an incoming road.

"We really encourage every owner to become a part of an ag security area," she said.

An ag conservation easement is a legal document to preserve land, according to Mengel, who added that it is the purchasing of development rights. However the landowner keeps other rights.

Funding to purchase development rights comes from federal and tax money, besides cigarette tax revenue.

Preserving a farm has not seemed to hurt value, said Mengel, as "by and large, preserved farms the past number of years have been selling the same prices as farms not preserved.

"The goal is to preserve enough ground in key locations that the ag base in this county will remain stable," she said.

Gordon Hoover, Gap area dairy farmer, described the partnership between his wife, himself, and his parents — an arrangement that they used to transfer equity of calves, machinery, and real estate.

The partnership lasted 10 years, and eventually Hoover and his wife purchased the home farm.

The arrangement, said Hoover, gave then a slow transition, no capital investment on his and his wife's part, and the opportunity to opt out if they wanted to.

Hoover learned several valuable lessons in the farm transfer process.

"You don't want to assume too many things when you're working on these estate transfers," he said.

"The most important tool in whatever you're doing is relationships."

Insufficient communication "leads to a whole host of problems. Stop and fix that problem first."

The Hoovers have three daughters.

Nelson and Alma Wenger have 100 head of dairy cattle and grow corn and alfalfa.

The couple began farming 30 years ago on a farm owned by Nelson's grandfather, who did not charge full rent, giving them a head start in farming, said Wenger.

Eventually the Wengers moved to and purchased Nelson's parents farm at full market value.

Although they wanted improvements, they decided to save money for a new dairy farm, according to Alma.

The couple's four sons each exhibited differing talents and abilities, as "we noticed interest and skills each one had," she said. Eventually the couple decided, along with their youngest son, Troy, to build a new barn.

Troy works as an employee and is gaining equity in the herd.

Numbers were added to the herd and the animals were moved into the new facility October 10 last year.

"We're happy with the outcome of the building project," said Nelson. "We plan to work with Troy for quite a few more years, but eventually he will be the boss."

"We recommend that you know your children well," said Alma. "Watch them to determine what their God-given talents and abilities are," she said.

However, "don't try to make them what you want them to be," she said.

"Since we have been blessed with this opportunity, we will do what we can to make it possible for Troy to prosper," she said.

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