

Hill-Dukehart Named Md. Breeder Of The Year

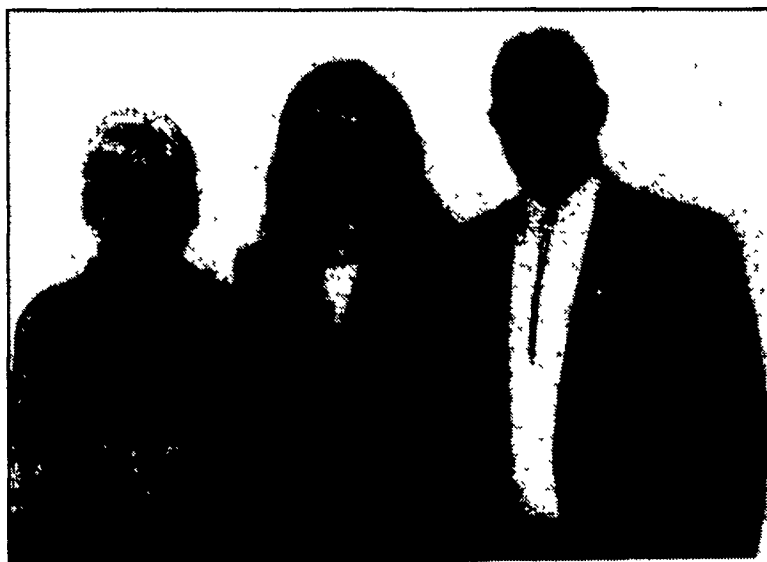
SYKESVILLE, Md. — Cortney Hill-Dukehart of Sunrise Sunset Farm in Sykesville, Md. was named the 2002 Breeder of the Year by the Maryland Angus Association.

Cortney has had success in both the show ring and performance testing with her herd of registered Angus cattle. During the past year, Cortney exhibited in many Angus shows where she won awards which included the reserve grand champion bred & owned heifer at the National Junior Angus show in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

SSF Famous Right Time 3051 was named champion Angus heifer in both junior and open competition at the Eastern National Livestock Show and The Great Frederick Fair; supreme champion at the Maryland State Fair and the Howard County Fair junior shows. She was also selected grand champion bred & owned at the Keystone Livestock Expo, the Maryland State Fair, and the Howard County Fair.

Cortney also exhibited the grand champion bull, SSF Rito Discovery 2132 at the Great Frederick Fair and the Howard County Fair as well as reserve champion at the Maryland Angus Association Breeders Show. For the past two years, Cortney's bulls have placed third overall in the Central Maryland Bull Test.

Cortney represented the American Angus Association as Miss American Angus 2002. During her reign, she traveled over 37,500 mile to various shows, sales, conventions, and conferences. She was the first Miss American Angus to represent the Angus Association in Canada at the Canadian Junior Angus Association Showdown.



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Grants Awarded To Northeast Farmers

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Fifty-two farmers in the Northeast were recently awarded \$268,744 in grants under the Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Farmer/Grower program.

Awards ranged from \$1,555 for a new marketing effort for local, additive-free pork in Maryland to \$10,000 to see if certain delicate varieties of baby greens can be grown successfully in New York. The average grant was about \$5,200. Projects are chosen for their relevance, innovative design, and potential impact on the sustainability of farms across the region.

Northeast SARE supports projects in sustainable agriculture for farmers, researchers, and educators, and is a program of the USDA. The region includes Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia, and Washington, D.C.

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scraped with a skid loader into slots which go into a pit that serves as a gravity flow tunnel to a tank.

The two newer barns are flushed. The contents go through an underground to a reception tank.

"Being on a hill like this, we've worked hard to make gravity work for us, — it's a great benefit," said Frey.

Once in the tank, the particles in the slurry settle and outflow into a six-inch pipe which ends up in a lagoon.

In the lagoon, floating stainless steel screen filter the water further, which is then used for irri-

gation or goes back to flush the barn again.

Frey noted that although odor has never been a significant problem, it has abated even further since they have used this system and allowed the slurry to settle in the tank.

The slurry is taken out every 7-10 days and applied to fields or moved to other lagoons for storage.

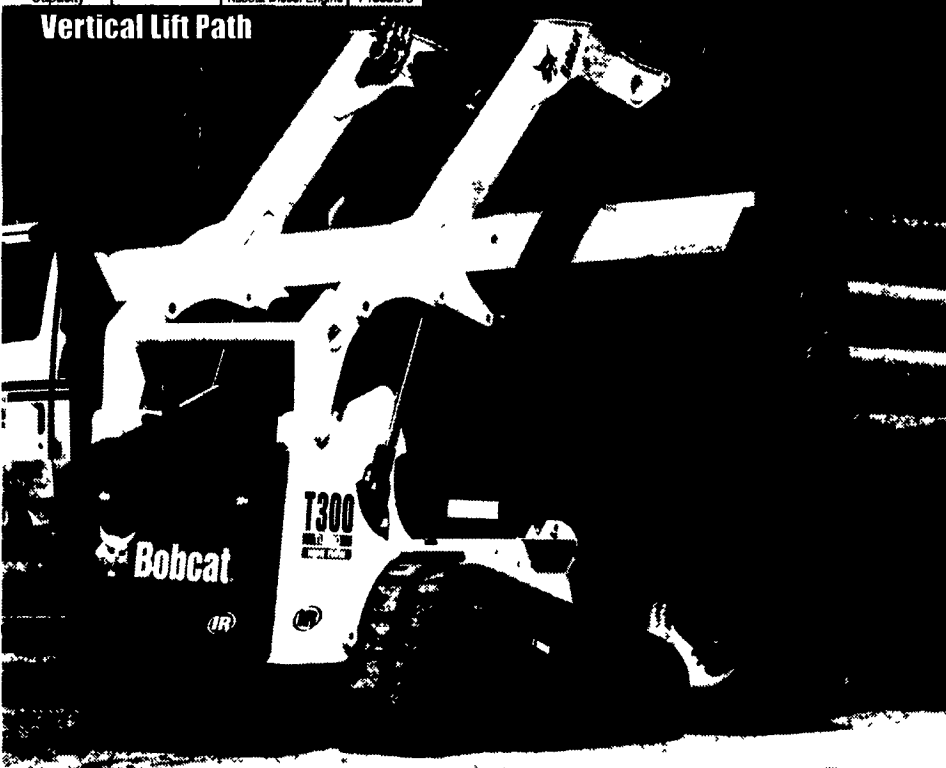
Frey explained that he is also experimenting with methods of composting, "a good option for exporting nutrients off the farm," however, he added that "it's easy to spend more money composting than what the compost is worth."



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