

Virginia Beef Expo Posts Results

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Officials at the Virginia Beef Expo in Rockingham County April 18-19 said buyer enthusiasm was not dampened by the cold, wet weather during the event.

The Virginia Angus Genetic Investment Sale led the way in strong sale prices. Forty-four lots averaged \$2,251. Top selling honors went to a three-in-one package consigned by Springwood Angus of Buchanan, Va., which sold for \$4,900 to Jacob Bowman of Spencerville, Ind.

Holly Tree Farm of Warrenton, Va. sold the second high selling lot for \$4,500. This three-in-one package went to Tommy Anuchi of Falls Church, Va.

The Virginia Hereford Association had a strong \$1,596 average on their 41-lot sale of females and breeding age bulls. A heifer consigned by Knoll Crest Farm of Red House, Va. was the top-selling lot. The bred heifer went for \$6,700 to Sand Hill Farm of Haviland, Kan.

The second high female lot was a 5-year-old cow also sold by Knoll Crest Farm. She went for \$3,700 to Baybrook Farm of Dabney, Va.

Seven bulls, which qualified for Virginia's Finest Brand, averaged \$1,979. The top selling bull, consigned by Diamond W Farm of Abingdon, Va., brought \$3,000, going to Tandy Creek of Blountville, Tenn.

The Virginia Simmental Association sold 63 lots in their Beef Expo sale for an average of \$1,241 per lot. The high-selling lot at \$3,800 was a February heifer calf and her dam from Hudson Pines Farm of Sleepy Hollow, N.Y. Bo Branlet of Harrisburg, Ill. bought the pair.

The second high female was also from Hudson Pines Farm, a yearling heifer that went to Connie Bryen of Tennessee for \$3,000.

Grant Coleman of Elmer, N.J. consigned the high-selling bull, sold to Willie Haines of West Virginia for \$2,800.

The Virginia Beef Expo Limousin Sale offered 34 lots and averaged \$1,407 per lot. Two lots tied for top sale honors. Dogwood Farm at Axton, Va. sold a cow/calf pair for \$2,400 to a buyer from Ohio.

Another cow/calf pair from Maple Lane Farm, Enon Valley, Pa. also sold for \$2,400, going to Circle L Limousin, Wadsworth, Ohio.

The high-selling open heifer was consigned by Muscle Limousin in Mt. Crawford, Va., and sold to an Ohio buyer.

The high-selling bull came from Green Pastures Farm, Berlin Center, Ohio. He sold for \$2,300.

Some 26 lots in the Eastern Tarentaise Roundup sale averaged \$871 per head. The top-selling female lot was a cow/calf pair from BR3 Tarentaise in Hatfield, Mo. The pair brought \$1,375 and went to Southern Breeze Farm of Singers Glen, Va.

Seven Lakes Tarentaise of Eastanollee, Ga. sold the top open heifer to H. Q. Tucker of Orange, Va. for \$1,250.

The top Tarentaise bull was consigned by Gregory Farms of Pulaski, Va. and sold for \$850 to Clover Hill Farm in Virginia.

The Mason Dixon Red Angus Association sold 37 lots in their Red Angus Roundup sale for an average of \$1,407. The high-selling lot was an open heifer from Gabe Zepp of Country Acres Farm in Westminster, Md. The heifer sold for \$2,300 to Donald Burroughs of Mechanicsville, Md.

The top selling cow/calf pair, consigned by Copeley Farm of Gochland, Va., brought \$2,700. Bobby Matney of Cedar Bluff, Va. purchased the dam for \$1,450, while the heifer calf of the pair brought \$1,250, going to Gwyn Atkinson of Pulaski, Tenn.

The high selling bull, a 2-year old from Moab Farm in Mount Airy, Md., sold to Walter Cook of Westminster, Md for \$1,200.

Strong demand for quality commercial replacement females was exhibited in the VAPAH commercial heifer sale. Thirty-four heifers due to calve in the fall averaged \$920 per head. Fifty-two high-quality open heifers brought an average of \$752. Two three-in-one, 2-year-old cow/calf pairs from Cleremont Farm sold for a \$1,288 average.

The bred heifer sale topped out at \$1,000 per head on two groups of three VAPAH heifers from Cleremont Farm and Tucker Family Farms. A lot of four open heifers from Creek Run Farm took top sale honors for the open heifers at \$900 per head.

Youth Contests

The state championship of the Youth Cattle Working Competition saw 10 teams of three FFA or 4-H members advancing to the state championship. Each team had earlier competed in one of three regional contests conducted in the spring.

Contestants were required to administer vaccinations, apply ear tags, treat for internal parasites, and apply other health products to three feeder cattle.

Teams were judged on their ability to decipher product label information to determine dosage rates, administration routes, and withdrawal times. Team members are also evaluated on how correctly and safely they administer the products, how safely they handle the cattle and how much time is required to treat the three animals.

The Grayson County D team took top honors by scoring 96 out of a possible 100 points. Team members included Will Osborne, Travis Eastridge, and Mikki Delp. The Pulaski County 4-H team placed second, and the Grayson County C team came in third.

Approximately 60 youth and adults participated in the Expo's Beef Stockman's Contest. The Stockman's contest is a comprehensive test of individuals' knowledge of the beef industry. Contestants identified breeds, equipment, feeds, retail beef cuts, evaluated beef cuts, and took a comprehensive test on the beef industry.

In the junior competition, the Giles County 4-H teams took top honors, with Frederick County placing second. Rounding out the junior team awards were the Montgomery County 4-H and two teams from Highland County.

Wyatt Hall of Giles County was the high junior individual. Chris Elleke of Amelia County placed second, and Ashley Roberts of Montgomery County placed third.

The Rockingham County 4-H team won the senior contest, with Frederick County taking runner-up. The Giles County 4-H team came in third.

Josh Joseph and Kymberly Hammer, both of Rockingham County 4-H, were first and second-place individuals, respectively. Josh McCann of Giles County placed third.

Women dominated the adult division, with Debra Elleke of Amelia County and Susan Showalter of Rockbridge County taking the top two spots. Paula Womack placed third.

Approximately 380 junior cattle were exhibited at the Virginia Junior Beef Roundup.

In a steer show sponsored by the Va. Tech Block and Bridle Club, exhibitors showed 120 steers.



Receiving a CFE Award is Andy Cashman, right, from Marla Calico, IAFE board chair.

Cashman Receives International Fair Award

TIMONIUM, Md. — Maryland State Fair's Assistant General Manager D. Andrew "Andy" Cashman was presented with the prestigious Certified Fair Executive (CFE) Award during the 35th annual International Association of Fairs and Expos (IAFE) Spring Management Conference recently in Williamsburg, Va.

The International CFE Award is presented annually to fair executives who have met specific IAFE criteria in fair-related management skills, professional education, community service, and participation in IAFE programs.

"Andy Cashman has distinguished himself by receiving the Certified Fair Executive Award. Andy brings great enthusiasm and dedication to his work for the Maryland State Fair. Receiving the CFE award requires a commitment to professionalism and a record of service to one's fair, community, and the IAFE," said Jim Tucker, IAFE president and CEO. "The IAFE board of directors and staff salute his

achievements."

Cashman was named assistant general manager of the Maryland State Fair in 1998. In addition, he is president of the Maryland Association of Fairs and Shows. Prior to these positions, he has held leadership roles with the Eastern National Livestock Show, the Baltimore County 4-H Fair, and the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair. He has also been a member of the IAFE's Agriculture Committee and participated in fair associations in Maryland and Virginia.

"Andy has long been committed to the integrity of the fair industry as well as instilling the professionalism that we all must carry as industry leaders," said Becky Brashear, CFE, executive assistant of The Great Frederick Fair. "His new and fresh ideas and approaches to often times complex issues have helped the Fair industry in Maryland and across the country to move forward."

Rendering, Animal Composting Workshop Set

DAUPHIN (Dauphin Co.) — The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Penn State Cooperative Extension, and the Department of Environmental Protection are sponsoring a workshop on the best practices for managing farm animal mortalities and rendering wastes.

The featured speaker will be Dr. Harold Keener, professor of agriculture from Ohio State University. Keener will discuss Ohio's composting certification program, best management practices for composting farm animal mortalities, and current research on pathogen control via composting.

Craig Williams, Tioga County extension agent, will discuss rendering waste and dairy mortality practices and provide an update

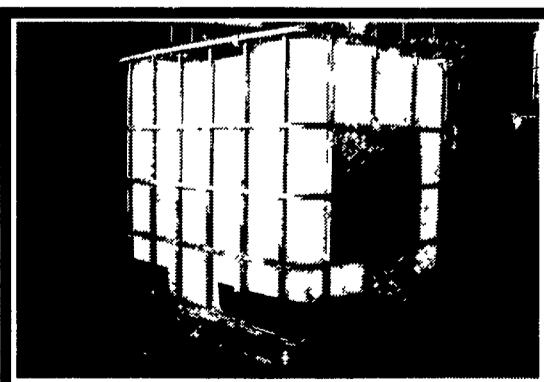
on a tri-state research project dealing with animal mortality management.

The workshop will also include a panel discussion with the featured speakers and state agency representatives. This initial workshop is being offered to people involved in the management of animal mortalities and rendering wastes, and planning of future meetings and activities.

The workshop is set for June 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Dauphin County Agricultural Services

Center. Pre-registration is required and a \$15 fee will be collected the day of the workshop. Lunch and handouts are included in the registration fee.

To register contact Mary Bates at (717) 783-6792 or e-mail mbates@state.pa.us. For directions, visit <http://dauphin.extension.psu.edu/directions.html>.



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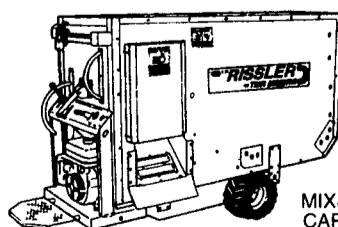
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