

Representing the New Jersey Beef breeders by promoting the beef industry are, from left, Chef Roland Pasche; his daughter Emille; Warren County Fair Queen Susan Stecker; 2003 New Jersey Ag Ambassador and 2004 New Jersey Beef Industry Council Ambassador Allison Jiraldi; Jay Vogelaar; Cody Gerlach; Charlie Johnson; and Corne' Vogelaar, rear, manager of River Bend Farm and president of the New Jersey Angus Breeders Association.

Expo

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and director of the Warren County Board of Freeholders and Rick Gardner, deputy director Freeholder of Warren County. Also participating in the opening ceremonies were Northeast Small Farm and Rural Living Expo Chairman Gregory Solt; Ron Good, representing New Jersey

Dept. of Ag; and Les Hulcoop, Cornell Cooperative Extension.

The 2003 New Jersey Ag Ambassador and 2004 New Jersey Beef Industry Council Ambassador Allison Jiraldi and Warren County Fair Queen Susan Stecker participated in the ceremony and presided over the two-day expo. Jiraldi is a Somerset County native and Stecker resides in Harmony, N.J.

Hulcoop invited everyone to attend the 2004 expo as it travels to the Ulster County Fair-

grounds, New Paltz, N.Y. The 2004 expo is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 18 and Sunday, Sept. 19.

Intended to provide education, sources, and support for those interested in small farms and rural living the expo does exactly that. Cooperative extension and department of ag agencies from all three states were on hand with displays, exhibits, and educational lectures. Individual breeders of various species of livestock suitable for the small farm operation

were seen throughout the fairgrounds and equipment and machinery dealers were on hand to demonstrate and answer questions during the event.

The Well-Tempered String Band and Lost Ramblers provided music as visitors shopped at the farmers' market vendors and examined the many samples and woolen items produced from llama, alpaca, cashmere goats, and different species of sheep.

A few of the sheep breeders who brought displays included the Jacob and CVM Romeldale sheep owned by the May family of Swayze Inn Farm near Hope, N.J. and the baby doll sheep of Susan Gural, Washington, N.J. With the sheep and wool festival conducted during the expo, there were many spinners in the tents working with the beautiful wool of their breed. One group that has been at the expo for the past three years is Blue Mountain Fibers from Pennsylvania with Carole Holder and Evelyn Barone of Slatington and Donna Fatuross of Saylorburg. The women were spinning wool from cashmere goats and Corriedale sheep.

With an emphasis on animals suitable for smaller parcels of property a visitor could find breeders representing both ends of the size scale of several species.

There was Susan Gural and Tucker Hartshorne of Rosie's Petites, Washington, N.J. with their miniature donkeys, baby doll sheep, and 2-month-old petite potbellied pigs. Gural and Hartshorne are certified breeders and members of the North American Potbellied Pig Association

(NAPPA) and have concentrated their efforts on breeding to retain the petite or smaller potbellied pig. The couple sell their animals as pets and have done movie and TV work with their animals as well as developing a greeting card line showcasing their animals.

A larger breed of the porcine species was the display of SO - N - SO Acres with Erich and Anna Sodalbers Jr. bringing their 5-week-old litter of piglets with their Hampshire - Duroc cross sow.

From miniature horses to draft horses the equine building and arena were busy both days as workshops explaining the various breeds and their use and riding and driving methods filled the arena. The Jubal's Troop Equestrian Team consisting of 12 horses entertained the visitors with their precision drill work.

The big and small of cattle breeds were on display to help visitors decide what breed might be best suited for their lifestyle. Ron and Ruth Galvin of Rainbow Hill Farm, Flemington, N.J., returned to the expo with their registered Highland cattle. Ben Przewozny and son, Ben, of B & B Livestock Farm returned with their registered Hereford cow and calf representing the New Jersey Polled Hereford Association.

This is the third year the Przewozny family has brought Suzanne and her calf to the expo. Although young Ben was proud to use Suzanne's first two calves for his 4-H market steer projects, he

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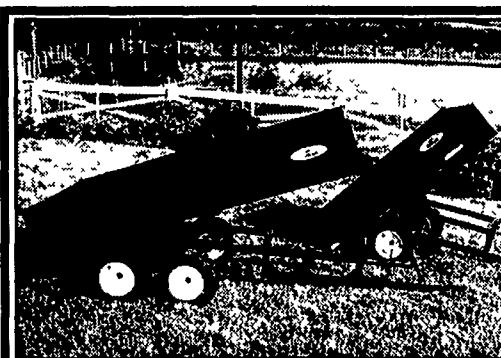
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Visitors at the Small Farm Expo get a close look at Tom, the 7-year-old ox of Tom Mulea, Oxford, N.J. Mulea conducted demonstrations of Tom's abilities throughout the two-day event.



Three women from Pennsylvania, a group known as Blue Mountain Fibers, demonstrated spinning Cashmere goat and Corriedale sheep wool. From left, Carole Holder, Slatington; Donna Fatuross, Saylorburg; and Evelyn Barone, Slatington.



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