

Record 'Call Of The Horns'

BARNESVILLE, Ohio — Gibraltar, an 11-year-old Texas Longhorn steer won the International Championship Texas Longhorn "Call of the Horns" at Louisville, Ky. The championship show staged by the International Texas Longhorn Assn. (ITLA) headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas is an annual event provided for cattle who have qualified by winning in regional shows.

The Call of the Horns has two divisions. One is measured tip-to-tip designed to evaluate the widest horn spreads by total lateral distance. The Total Horn Measurement is much like a Boone and Crockett evaluation, which measures around the curl to determine the total horn length.

Gibraltar measured an official 124.75 inches. This is the most total horn of record at any International Championship Show Call of the Horns event. Gibraltar is owned by Robert Snyder of Columbus, Ohio and Dickinson Cattle Co. Inc. of Barnesville, Ohio. The tall, dark red steer is a son of famous Longhorn sire Senator. Gibraltar was also selected the

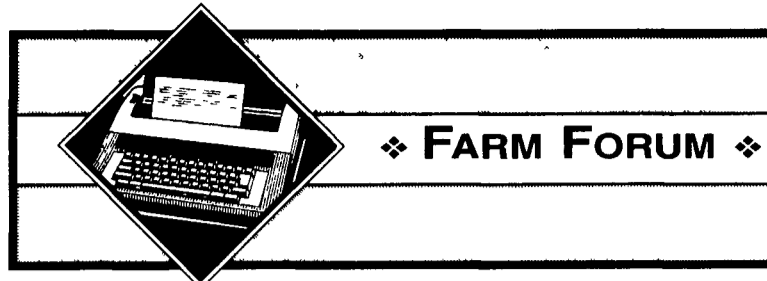


Gibraltar, an 11-year-old Texas Longhorn steer was Champion Trophy Steer of the 2003 annual International Texas Longhorn Assn. Show in Louisville, Ky. His total horn spread measured 124.75 inches which allowed him to also win the Call of the Horns division. He is owned by Robert Snyder of Columbus, Ohio and Dickinson Cattle Co. Inc. of Barnesville, Ohio.

Trophy Steer Champion, which was a visual conformation contest judged loose in the arena.

Dickinson Cattle Co. Inc. was also represented with the ITLA All Age Champion Texas Longhorn loose class Female, Sadie Sam, the Call of the Horns All

Age Champion Bull, Winchester with a 69-inch horn tip-to-tip, and exhibited the All Age Call of the Horns champion Female, Unbounded Symbol, age 5, with a 68 1/2-inch horn tip-to-tip.



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both favorable to higher crop yields. So actually, farmers and their customers would benefit from global warming. During the Medieval Warming Period (AD 1100-1300), for example, Greenland was green and there were vineyards in England.

Rather than worry about its effect on weather, farmers should worry about new laws passed in the name of preventing global warming. The U.S. Senate just voted to reject legislation proposed by Senators John McCain and Joe Lieberman that would have imposed mandatory emission reductions and required utilities to use more renewable fuels.

Reducing greenhouse gases would be very expensive, resulting in higher energy prices and lost jobs. Best available research shows reducing emissions to 7 percent below 1990 levels by the year 2010 would reduce gross domestic product (GDP) by \$300 billion to \$400 billion a year and destroy 2.4 million jobs. Average annual household income would fall approximately \$3,300 (in 2001 dollars) below baseline levels. Energy prices would rise 55 percent to 85 percent.

Farmers would be especially hard hit by higher energy prices because farming is relatively en-

ergy intensive and farmers have less ability to raise prices to recover higher operating costs. Raising energy prices equivalent to a tax on gasoline of approximately 50 cents per gallon (the amount estimated to be necessary to cause greenhouse gas emissions to fall) would cause net profits for farmers to fall by between 15 and 44 percent, depending on the crop. Total annual U.S. farm production expenses would rise more than \$23 billion, causing net national farm income to fall by 51 percent.

Some environmental groups are trying to woo farmers into endorsing greenhouse gas emission reduction programs by promising to pay them to sequester carbon in their soil. But farmers stand to lose farm more through higher energy costs, new regulatory burdens, and emission permit costs that they could possible gain by selling credits.

Proposals to control greenhouse gas emissions, in short, pose a very serious threat to American farmers. Farmers and their allies should forcefully oppose greenhouse gas control programs at both the national and state level.

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