



Open Shows

► Open Angus shows featured this month

Louisiana State Fair
Nebraska Angus Ass'n Pen-of-Three Show
West River Ag Expo

Nebraskans create showcase for producers

Imagine a show without show halters, show sticks and cans of black paint. No fitting chutes are allowed in the aisles, and the announcer reads about your operation while a panel of three judges looks at your entry. You've just imagined the Nebraska Angus Association Pen-of-Three Show.

The 2001 event, conducted Nov. 17 in Broken Bow, marked the show's seventh year. Forty-five pens — including 23 registered Angus, 10 Red Angus and 12 commercial pens — competed in various divisions.

"We were looking for a fun way to get together at the end of the year when the calves are weaned and the harvest's done," says Ken "Dutch" Dethlefs, one of the show's founders and past president of the Nebraska Angus Association. "It's a good way to end the year."

The first three shows were in North Platte, and a number of

purebred producers in the area helped organize the event and gather support from area businesses.

When scheduling conflicts occurred, the breeders moved the show to the Custer County Fairgrounds in Broken Bow. They say they haven't regretted it. The staff members at the fairgrounds go out of their way to help the producers, and local support has been tremendous. The Red Angus Association became involved when the move took place.

Although the show is a competition, Dethlefs says the purpose is to allow breeders to show their cattle to the public and other breeders. As show announcer, Dethlefs reads a description of each operation as it runs its entry into the ring before the judges. He says it's a way to promote each herd, the herd's history and program.

"Some breeders showcase

gets (a group of progeny of one animal) of a new bull here. We want to get these cattle out in public," he says.

As each entry (either a pen of three or a pair) enters the ring, a three-judge panel evaluates the animals. The judges are given any expected progeny differences (EPDs) that are available on the animals. After each entry in a class is presented, the entries are penned. The judges will go to the pens and look at the animals when making their final decision. Ribbons, prizes and premium monies are awarded.

Dethlefs says the event is not a fund-raiser, and once all expenses are paid, the exhibitors will receive premium money back from their entry fees.

Seedstock producers are encouraged to pay the entry fees for their commercial bull buyers so they can further promote their progeny.

As the show continues to grow, the Nebraska Angus Association looks for ways to get more spectators. Jennifer Svoboda, the association's secretary/manager, says it plans to move its Select Female Sale in 2002. The sale, usually during the Nebraska State Fair, will be conducted in conjunction with the pen show, although the events will remain separate, she says.

Dethlefs says by moving the sale date later when more sales are taking place, he thinks there will be more interest in marketing cattle and more people will be looking for show heifer prospects.

The 2002 pen show is already being planned. For updated information, logon to www.nebraskaangus.org.

— by **Shelia Stannard**

► Nebraska Angus Ass'n Pen-of-Three Show, Broken Bow

Nov. 17 • Judges: Brian Fitzgerald, Grand Island, Neb.; Alan Forster, Smithfield, Neb.; and Brent Stagemeyer, Page, Neb.



► Grand champion pen-of-three Angus bulls, by Kraye Angus, Mullen. The Feb. 2001 bulls are sired by Vermilion Dateline 7078, Stevenson Royce 741C and Baldrige Jethro 75J.



► Reserve champion pen-of-three Angus bulls, by Kraye Angus, Mullen. The Feb. 2001 bulls are sired by SAF Fame and Stepladder Focal Point 906.



► Grand champion pen-of-three Angus heifers, by Dethlefs Angus Ranch, Ravenna. The Feb. 2001 heifers are sired by SVF Siebring's Forever Russ, CVF Limited 035 and Sitz Traveler 043.



► Reserve grand champion pen-of-three Angus heifers, by KJ River Ranch, Indianola. The Jan. 2001 heifers are sired by TS Mercedes 9834.

► Grand champion Angus bred heifer pair, by Hollman Angus Farm, Martell. The Feb. 2000 females are sired by VR Widespread 918.



► Grand champion Angus pen-of-three steers, by KJ River Ranch, Indianola.



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► Reserve grand champion Angus bred heifer pair, by Sandpoint Cattle Co., Kenesaw. The March 2000 females are sired by Kruggerand's Moneyline and Woodlawn's Traveling Ace 406.



► Grand champion Angus cow-calf pair, by Freds Angus, Rose. Freds Wix Cap 014 is a Feb. 1990 daughter of Scotch Cap. An April 2001 son of B/R New Design 036 is at side.



► Reserve grand champion Angus cow-calf pair, Highroller Firestorm 9312, by Treffer Angus, Broken Bow. The March 1993 female is sired by KMA Highroller 5025. Her calf is a March 2001 son of Schurrtop Supreme.

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State Fair of Louisiana Angus Show, Shreveport Oct. 22 • Judge: Todd Herman, Skiatook, Okla.

► Grand champion bull, **R&R Gunsmoke 081**, by Cliff Ourso Jr., Donaldsonville. He's a Feb. 2000 son of WK Gunsmoke.



► Reserve grand champion bull, **R&R Top Secret 978J**, by Tom Tiffie, Monterey. He's a Sept. 1999 son of Top Secret 9757 EAR.



▣ **West River Ag Expo and Livestock Show**, Dickinson, N.D.
 Oct. 5-6 • Judge: Jason McLennan, Rolette, N.D.

► Grand champion bull, **NDSU Illini 06K1**, by L7 Quarter Circle Ranch, Grassy Butte, N.D. He's a Jan. 2000 son of Gibb Illini.



► Grand Champion Female, **DCC Primrose MG013**, by Janet & Lauren Dohrmann, Taylor, N.D. She's a March 2000 daughter of Krugerrand Merger 34.



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Junior Shows

▣ **State Fair of Louisiana Junior Angus Show**, Shreveport
 Oct. 22 • Judge: Ron Gill, College Station, Texas



► Grand champion female, **R&R Blackbird 6120 0105**, by Jennifer Ourso, Donaldsonville. She's a March 2000 daughter of WK Gunsmoke.



► Grand champion bull, **R&R Top Secret 978J**, by Tom Tiffie, Monterey. He's a Sept. 1999 son of Top Secret 9757 EAR.



► Reserve grand champion female, **OBAR Jezebel 101**, by Kristen Oaks, Calhoun. She's a Jan. 2001 daughter of R&R Commitment B118.



► Reserve grand champion bull, **R&R Gunsmoke 081**, by Cliff Ourso Jr., Donaldsonville. He's a Feb. 2000 son of WK Gunsmoke.



► **Mary Billingsley** (right), Keithville, won top honors in peeewe showmanship. Lana Myers, Louisiana Angus Queen, presented the award.



► Winning top honors in the age 9-11 showmanship contest were (from left) **Jess Roussel**, Gramercy, first; **Clinton McAdams**, Spearsville, second; **Codi Greer**, Keithville, third; **Jessica Edwards**, Jonesville, fourth; and **Dana Bennett**, Spearsville, fifth.



► Winning top honors in the age 12-14 showmanship contest were (from left) **Cliff Ourso Jr.**, Donaldsonville, first and overall winner; **Rachel McAdams**, Spearsville, second; **Kristina Frazier**, Oak Grove, third; **Jessica Copes**, Pioneer, fourth; and **Ben Greene**, Covington, fifth.



► Winning top honors in the age 15 and older showmanship contest were (from left) **Kristen Oaks**, Calhoun, first; **Brandon Gravois**, Hester, second; **Brittany Rambin**, Choudrant, third; **Kelly Cline**, Lake Charles, fourth; and **Shane Drach**, Shreveport, fifth.

