

STEER SHOW DEBUTS with a NEW COMPOSITE SCORING SYSTEM

Three steers chosen for Growth, Carcass, Type by panel and computerization.

The executive committee of the All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity has announced the addition of an open registered Angus steer show to the agenda of activities for the 40th annual event.

Judging of the show will be done through an innovative new composite evaluation system involving three judges and the most current technology available in the beef industry. The show will feature a \$1,000 premium for the composite grand champion steer and a \$500 premium for the composite reserve grand champion steer with minimum class premiums of \$100 for the composite first prize winners.

Scheduled for Sunday, August 2, 1987 at 9:30 a.m., the show will be open to any registered Angus steer calved after January 1, 1986. All steers entered in the show will be evaluated on Saturday, August 1, 1987 for fat thickness, loin eye area, and marbling using the ultra-sound scan technique developed and refined at Cornell University.

Prior to live carcass evaluation, each steer will be weighed and measured at the hip to allow calculation of frame score and weight per day of age. Marbling score, loin eye area, and fat thickness will be used to determine Certified Angus Beef qualification and projected yield grade.

Judging of the steers will be done by three independent judges, and a composite placing will be determined using each judge's individual placing of the class.

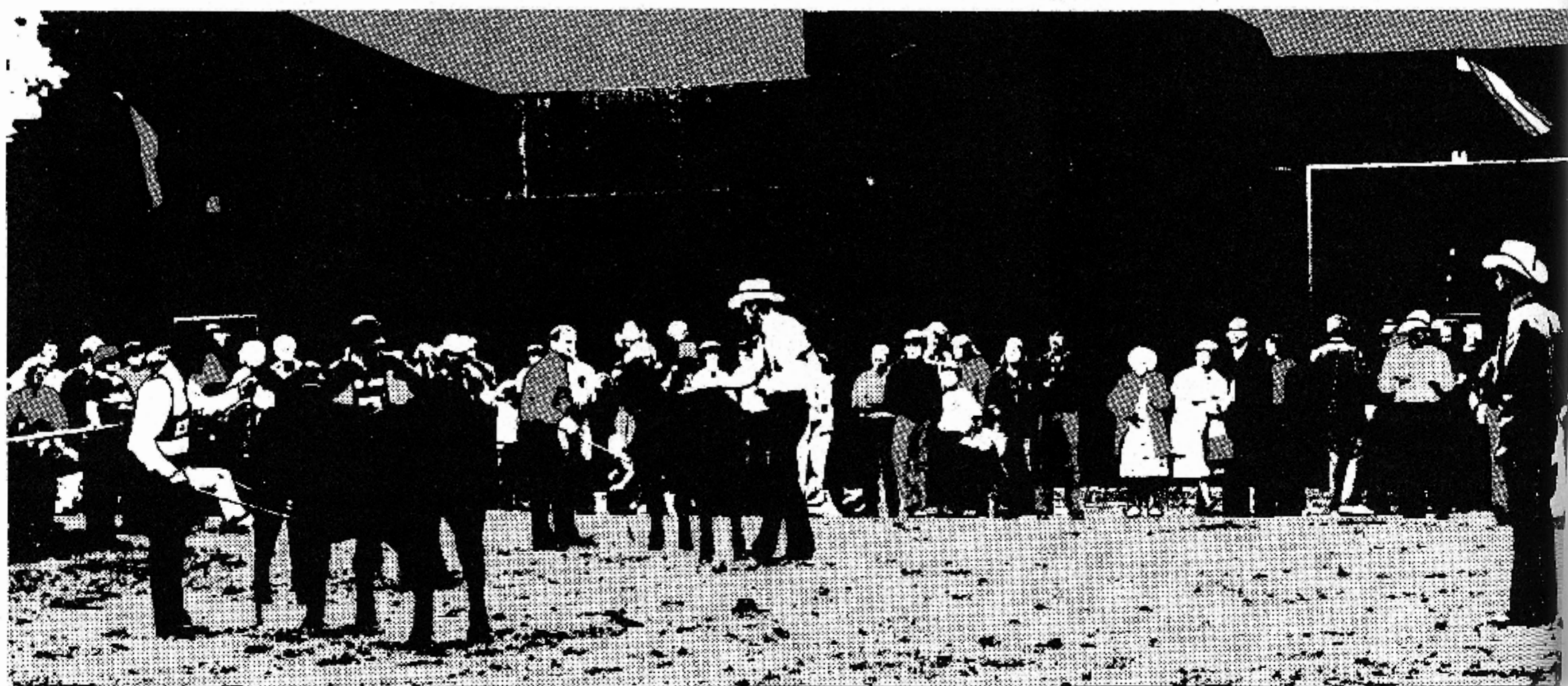
One judge will be provided with frame score, fat thickness, and weight per day of age and asked to evaluate and place each class for growth rate and efficiency of growth.

A second judge will be provided with all carcass data and asked to evaluate and place each class for carcass value. The third judge will be asked to evaluate the type and structural traits of each class and place them accordingly.

At the conclusion of each class, a computerized composite score will be calculated for each steer, and the class will then be placed from that score. In addition to recognizing the composite winners and champions, the first prize steer in each category will be eligible to compete for the honor of Champion Growth Steer, Champion Carcass Value Steer, and Champion Type and Structure Steer.

This innovative new judging procedure combines the most current carcass evaluation technology with the efficiency of computerized calculations to produce the most objective method of livestock judging ever employed at a major Angus event.

For more information about the first All-American Composite Steer Show, entry fees, entry forms, and entry deadlines, contact either Joe Bill Meng, show manager, 1163 Meng Road, Bowling Green, Ky. 42101 (502) 529-3421, or Tom Burke, show chairman at the American Angus Hall of Fame, Smithville, Mo. 64089 (816) 532-0811. **AJ**



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