

CERTIFIED ANGUS BEEF



Indiana Cattleman Receives Top Honors In CAB Program Value Discovery Project

Francis Lueken Jr. of Lueken Angus Farm, Ferdinand, Ind., received grand champion honors in the 1994 Certified Angus Beef (CAB) Program Value Discovery Project. The awards ceremony was held July 20 in Denver, in conjunction with an educational symposium and EXCEL-Ft. Morgan, Colo., plant tour.

The champion consignment of five steers averaged 1,146 pounds live weight, achieving a 3.02 average daily gain (ADG). With a 717-pound average weight, the carcasses averaged Yield Grade 2.64. Four steers graded average Choice and qualified for the CAB Program.

In addition, this consignment earned the highest retail yield award, which is based on the best overall Yield Grade of carcasses within a consignment meeting CAB Program specifications.

Receiving reserve champion honors was Ralph Bridges of Bridges Angus Farm, Lexington, Ga. Averaging 1,180 pounds live weight, his consignment achieved a 3.14-pound ADG. At a 735-pound average, the carcasses graded mid-Choice and Yield Grade 2.95. Four of the carcasses met CAB Program specifications.

The reserve champion consignment also earned the second highest retail yield award and the third highest combined score award.

To earn the highest combined score, the consignment must have the highest combined feedlot performance and carcass merit per day on test scores. Duncan Wilson of Coralina Ranch, Ft. McKavett, Texas, earned this award. Healso earned the highest feedlot performance award with his consignment's 4.05-pound ADG.

Achievement of Excellence awards were presented to producers with consignments having two or more carcasses meet CAB Program carcass specifications. Two consignments had four carcasses meet specifications; 12 consignments had three carcasses meet specifications; and 18 consignments had two carcasses meet specifications.

The CAB Program sponsors the Value Discovery Project to provide cattle producers the opportunity to retain ownership of a small number of cattle in a commercial feedlot environment and increase

industry awareness of the Program's specifications.

Currently in its fourth year, the 1994 Value Discovery Project focused on producer education by sponsoring an EXCEL plant tour and symposium at Colorado State University Project. results were announced at an awards breakfast where Darrell Wilkes, Integrated Beef Technologies, along with selected producers, emphasized the importance of producers discovering their cattle's end-product value.

All project steers were sired by registered Angus bulls and met the CAB Program live animal specification of predominately black hair color. While five or six steers could be entered in each consignment, awards were based on the best five.

In December 1993,547 project steers arrived at Decatur County Feed Yard in Oberlin, Kan. The cattle represented 97 project entries sponsored by a total of 67 producers from 20 states. Nine processing

dates were selected based upon when feedyard management determined groups of steers had reached an optimum marketing point of 0.5 inches of backfat. Steers were processed at EXCEL's Ft. Morgan, Colo., plant.

Of the 538 steers completing the project, 111 head, or 21 percent, met CAB Program carcass specifications which include modest or higher marbling score, "A" maturity, Yield Grade 3 or leaner, and medium to fine marbling texture. CAB Program's current nationwide average percent of identified cattle meeting these specifications is 18 percent.

Value Discovery Project result booklets are available from the CAB Program office by calling (419)853-4066.

Grand Champion -Awarded to the consignment with the highest carcass merit per day on test score, Francis Lueken Jr., Lueken Angus Farm, Ferdinand, Ind.

	PROJECT AVERAGE	CHAMPION CONSIGNMENT	RESERVE CONSIGNMENT
Starting Wt.	688 lb.	736 lb.	685 lb.
Ending Wt.	1,159 lb.	1,146 lb.	1,180 lb.
ADG	3.19 lb.	3.02 lb.	3.14 lb.
Hot Carcass Wt.	725 lb.	717 lb.	735 lb.
Ribeye Area	12.3 sq. in.	13.1 sq.in.	12.5 sq. in.
Backfat	0.53 in.	0.59 in.	0.54 in.
Final YG	2.96	2.84	2.95
Days on Test	155 days	139 days	158 days
Slaughter Age	14.7 mos.	16.5 mos.	16.5 mos.
QUALITY GRADE			
Prime	2.2%	-	-
Choice o/+	19.7%	-	-
Choice -	51.5%	-	-
Select	26.4%	-	-
Standard	0.2%	-	-
YIELD GRADE			
1	5.8%	-	-
2	46.7%	-	-
3	43.9%	-	-
4	3.7%	-	-
5	0%	-	-

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Reserve Champion -Awarded to the consignment with the second highest carcass merit per day on test score.
Ralph Bridges, Bridges Angus Farm, Lexington, Ga.

Highest Feedlot Performance -Awarded for best overall average daily gain for one consignment.
1st -Duncan Wilson, Coralina Ranch, Ft.

McKavett, Texas;
2nd — W.B. Warner, Black Diamond Angus Ranch, Spearville, Kan.;

3rd -Barbara Downey, Downey Ranch, Wamego, Kan.

Highest Combined Score -Awarded to the consignment with highest combined feedlot performance and carcass merit per day on test score.

1st -Duncan Wilson, Coralina Ranch;
2nd — W.B. Warner, Black Diamond Angus Ranch;
3rd — Ralph Bridges, Bridges Angus Farm.

Highest Retail Yield -Awarded for the highest retail yield of steers that met Certified Angus Beef carcass specifications within a consignment.

1st — Francis Lueken Jr., Lueken Angus Farm;
2nd — Ralph Bridges, Bridges Angus Farm;
3rd -Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas.

Achievement of Excellence -Two or more head met CAB Program carcass specifications.

Arkansas

James Butler, Green Forest.
James Roberts, Green Forest.
Bill and Jerry Woods, Woodstone Angus Ranch, Hackett.

Colorado

Roger and Pat Schalla, Schalla Ranch, Calhan.

Georgia

Ralph Bridges, Bridges Angus Farm, Lexington.
Walt Helmreich, 6-H Angus Farm, Crawford.
Dewey Johnson, Johnson Farm, Jefferson.
Ben McLeod, McLeod Farms, Cordele.

Indiana

Francis Lueken Jr., Lueken Angus Farm, Ferdinand.

IOWA

Dean Eakins, Drakesville.

Kansas

Barbara Downey, Downey Ranch, Wamego.
Scott & Judy Edwards, Double E Angus Farm, Bison.
Bob Lemenager, A.D. Angus, Mid-Continent Farms, Washington.

Larry and Kent Powell, Powell Angus Ranch, Kalvesta.

W.B. Warner, Black Diamond Angus Ranch, Spearville,

Missouri

William & Charlotte McDowell, McDowell Farms, Vandalia.

Montana

Page Anderson, CA Ranch, Three Forks.
Mike L. Prescott, Jefferson River Cattle Co., Twin Bridges.
Veebaray Company, Lambert.

Nebraska

Jim Baldrige, North Platte.
Terry Enfield, Enfield Ranch Company, Arthur.
Mont L. Larsen, Larsen Angus, Butte.

Ohio

Earl McKarns, Shamrock Vale Farms, Kensington.

Oklahoma

David Stark, S/S Ranch, Miami.

South Dakota

Gary Wilken, Meadow.

Texas

Angelo State University, San Angelo.
Michael Klein, Windy Bar Ranch, Austin.
Duncan Wilson, Coralina Ranch, Ft. McKavett.

West Virginia

Jon and R.D. Blakeslee, Argobrite Angus, Union.
Marie Kile, Cabins.

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EVER' DAY THINGS

A Cryin' Shame®

*"The whole thing is nothin' but a dirty cryin' shame, that an innocent seven-year-old boy had to die; that my son will never get to live or laugh or cry because... some," then he sounded the D, for dumb, but stopped himself because he was on the TV... farmer had to burn his field."
The nightly news tape was over.*

*It's a cryin' shame the wind suddenly came up and switched direction making the burning grass smoke get pitched into the oncoming traffick making the boy's mom have to deal with nature's responsibility and make decisions without the benefit of step by step directions.
The rancher, the man who harvests the environment with cattle, for decades, got burned.*

It's a cryin' shame the news never tells how it all turned out. It seems people look to the news for more than news. Why can't the news tell how the boy's mother might be charged with negligent vehicular homicide for drifting into grass fire smoke so thick you couldn't see the hood ornament then stopped dead center in the middle of the interstate highway.

*It's nothin but a cryin' shame the boy was playin' in the back of a minivan behind the seat without a seatbelt when the next car driving more than 70 mph crashed into the van and spilled his life. Maybe the mother was the one shamefully stilled.
The news only seems to be concerned with what's a shame*

*The news didn't tell how the mncher learned to burn the grass from the college who's terearched that ecosystem for 50 years, and his grandfather, when he was ten.
His grandpa had learned about the grass burnmg from some men who'd burned it for 5,000 years. The People of the Middle Waters and their Kanza cousins burned to call the bison and keep the prarie*

*It was a cryin' shame those folks had to lose their boy, It was a cryin' shame the mncher will likely lose his place. It's a cryin' shame Eisenhower's Autobahn cut through the heart of the tall grass prairie's culture to bring the traffic.
The practice of the People of the Middle Waters will be substituted for the step by step directions of the people who want everything.*

