

Ohio steers ride high on ROS program

The Ohio and Ohio Junior Angus Associations announced awards of over \$4,000 in prize money through their Register Ohio Steers (ROS) Angus Steer Program this past summer. Approximately 80 Angus steers were enrolled in this program for 1988 through a nomination procedure.

Over \$2,000 was awarded during the first leg of the ROS competition at the Ohio Angus Preview Show in June. Brian Hutchins of West Mansfield exhibited the grand champion Angus steer and went home with \$400 for champion, plus a jackpot of \$230 for a total of \$630. The second through the fourth place steers overall received \$300, \$200, \$100, and \$50 respectively. In addition, every steer exhibited received premiums for class placings.

The Ohio State Fair ROS Angus Steer Show was the second leg of the ROS competition. Travis Markwood of Pleasantville won \$400 in ROS prize money for exhibiting the grand champion Angus steer. David Grimes of Decatur won \$300 as the owner of the reserve grand champion. Each class winner received \$100. A carcass contest was also held in conjunction with the ROS competition at the Ohio State Fair. Four of the eight steers graded average Choice or better to make them eligible for the Certified Angus Beef Program and Ohio Angus Assn. premiums. Shannon Billman of Ostrander won \$400 as owner of the first place carcass. Lee Bergfeld of Summitville received \$150 for second place. David Grimes was third place and Toby Knipe of New Concord was fourth. A total of \$650 in premiums were distributed through the contest. Summitcrest Farms and Goodman Livestock Supply were also premium donors.



The 1989 ROS program will kick off with the Buckeye Royal ROS Angus Steer and Heifer Calf Sale on Saturday evening, November 5, at the Delaware County Fairgrounds in Delaware, Ohio. This sale is sponsored by the Ohio Angus Assn. and will feature Angus steers already nominated for the 1989 ROS Program. Plans for the 1989 program feature premiums in excess of \$12,000.

The ROS Program was started in 1987 to promote the show and sale of registered Ohio Angus steers. Steers become eligible for the program through a nomination fee paid by the seller of the steer. The program is open to all juniors residing in Ohio and out-of-state that are between the ages of 9-21 as of January 1 the year in which the steer is shown.

For information on obtaining an Angus steer for the 1989 ROS program contact the Ohio Angus Assn., Elizabeth Harsh, Secretary, 1201 N. St. Rt. 257, Ostrander, Ohio 43061, phone (614) 595-3643.