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Lancaster County Scores High in Timonium Show

By LF Staff Reporter

Lancaster County scored high in the Eastern National Livestock Exposition here this week when a Four H group's entry of five Angus steers placed first in a tough field. This was the third year in a row Lancaster County topped the victory.

The county's entry of group of five Hereford steers placed fourth in a class of 15, also duplicating last year's record.

James V. Coyner, field representative for the American Aberdeen Angus Breeders association, from Warren, Va., told Lancaster Farming that 74 herds of Blacks from 21 states were represented in the 305 head of breeding stock and 149 steers on exhibit at the Eastern National.

Report From Kentucky

Over in the whiteface division, the story was much the same. J. D. (Doug) Gay, Jr., former national president of the American Hereford Association, and owner of Brook View Farms just outside Lexington, Ky., told LF that this is by far the best Hereford show on record at Timonium, with the bulk of the nation's major herds represented.

Alan Atlason, secretary of the national Shorthorn breeders association reported much the same story when asked by Lancaster Farming following the banquet at the Exposition grounds Tuesday night.

Lancaster County was well represented. Four-H groups stacked up one first, two seconds, one third, fifth, eighth, ninth, two tenth places and a 13th.

Lancaster County was in the Shorthorn show with Irl Daffin's Warwick Farms, R2 Litz, and in the open class Angus steer show with Frey Frey, R2 Quarryville.

Champ Hamp Wether

Champion Hampshire wether at Eastern National was a Lancaster County entry shown by Clyde Brubaker, R1, Ephrata, in the 4-H division. The following entered Angus that made up the winning group of five in 4-H: Thelma Cassel, R1, Marheim; Betty Bowman, R1, Ronks; Donald Rutt, Peach Bottom; Dorothy Stehman, R3 Lancaster and Donald Hastings, Kirkwood.

Other Lancaster County awards included:

Miss Stehman, second in individual Angus;

Mr. Cassel third in individual judging, Mr. Hastings ninth, Miss Bowman 10th among 41 entrants;

Mr. Rutt 13th in heavyweight animals, 37 entered;

Jane Greiner, R4 Marheim 1st among 35 in lightweight class, Hereford judging; Clyde Brubaker, R1 Ephrata, fifth; Carl Bollinger, R1 Litz eighth in a class of 31;

Louis Lamm, R1 Berneville, No. 10 in 39 entering heavyweight class.

Timonium, Md. — Ankoný Farms, Rhinebeck, N. Y., took the

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Lancaster County Turkey Processing



Next Thursday is Thanksgiving, and this photo might well be most typical of Lancaster County's role in filling the abundant board. Here the poultry industry is tops, such as the packing scene above taken at the Esbenshade Farm near Paradise. — (Photo by Giant Heilman, Litz, Pa.)

Groff Winner In Capon Show At Lancaster

James Groff, RD7, Lancaster, topped a field of 14 to win Lancaster County title in the county-wide 4-H Capon Club Roundup at Hotel Brunswick in Lancaster Tuesday morning.

Carl Dawson, extens on poultry specialist from the Pennsylvania State University college of agriculture described the show as one whose "quality was quite satisfactory. There has been a tremendous improvement in the quality of capons over the years," he continued after judging the 14 pairs of dressed birds, "and to day the emphasis is on meat-type birds through crosses, instead of producing a dual purpose—eggs and meat—bird."

Judging was on the basis of amount of meat, and "this is primary," the judge advised the young men and women, inviting them to participate by judging on their own. Other factors considered were good dressing qualities and straightness of breastbone.

He offered credit on as he went along, working with Assistant County Agent Victor Plaster. Scoring second was Wilmer Esbenshade of Lancaster, while Harry Newcomer of R2 Litz was third. Other placings were 4, Eugene Weaver, R4 Lancaster; 5, Scott Greenleaf, R1 Oxford; 6, Floyd Moore, Jr. of 780 Eden Road, Lancaster. The first place

Hot? Cold? Take Your Choice in November Range

Wide swings in weather were noted throughout Lancaster County this week, with warm weather, cool weather, damp weather and dry weather.

Matter of fact, the thermometer tumbled to a low of 24 at the mid point last week, then bounced up to 70 on Sunday, the warmest on record for that date.

There has been frost, a touch of snow, but nothing quite like the 78 degrees in Nov. 1929. Add to the wide variety of weather a bit of fog Wednesday morning.

Some buds thought it was spring again, but as a rule frosts has quenched the blush of blooms.

Greider Flock Wins Title in Laying Contest

Greider Leghorn Farm, Mount Joy, today holds two of three top ratings at the end of the first month of the Pennsylvania Egg Laying Contest.

At the end of October, one pen was first, another third, in the Pennsylvania ranking, and the flock is currently third in the New Jersey Egg Laying Contest.

winners were White Vantress, weighing 7½ and 8¼ lbs.

Others participating were Dale Shirk, R1 Quarryville; Mary Rupert, Kirkwood; Janet Hastings, Kirkwood; Glen Porter, R1 Washington Boro; James Hess, R1 Strasburg; Keith Overgaard, R4 Lancaster; Roger Stoner, 105 Eden Lane, Lancaster, and Dale Herr, R1, Kirkwood.

Sponsored by the Lancaster Kiwanis Club, the roundup grossed 65 cents a pound for the exhibitors, selling to the Kiwanis Club. Jim Groff's two display birds netted \$10.24, Wilmer Esbenshade's \$11.38. The Holstein Quartet provided entertainment.

McSparren Again Named Master of Fulton Grange 66

Activities will be busy on the calendar of Fulton Grange 66 the next few weeks, starting off with a bus trip to the Ice Follies at Hershey Dec. 2. Rev. Roy Townsend, pastor of Little Britain Presbyterian Church, will speak at the next meeting Nov. 28, and a pie judging contest for women will be staged the same evening. Mrs. Paul Mount will be judge.

Charles G. McSparren was installed as master, with ceremonies in charge of Alfred Wanner from the Salisbury Grange.

Also installed were: Edward James overseer; Howard Miller, steward; Clair Murphy, assistant steward; Robert Reed, chaplain; Mrs. Mabel Brabson, lecturer; Mrs. Charles G. McSparren, secretary; Walter Wood, treasurer; Robert Armstrong, gatekeeper; Mrs. William Walton, Ceres; Mrs. Ellis Sheets, Pomona; Miss Ione Groff, Flora and Miss Evelyn Richardson, lady assistant.

Thanksgiving Delay

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, your Lancaster Farming may be delayed a day next week. Some may receive their LF's Saturday, others on Monday.

We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving.

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Champ \$1.06 Lb; Average \$25.56 In Steer Show

Prime yearlings fed out by farm youth from Lancaster and nine nearby counties sold late last week for a total of \$73,543.41 in the Southeast District 4-H Club Baby Beef & Lamb Club Roundup and Sale at Lancaster Stock Yards. There were 284 youngsters entering 300 head of steers, and 15 pens of lambs.

Average prices fell in sympathy with the lower public market cattle prices, with a final figure of \$25.65, compared to \$30.62 in the 1954 show, and \$31.09 in 1953. Average weight was a fraction over 1,000 lbs, compared to 978 last year and 980 the year before.

Abe Diffenbach was auctioneer in the long, slow sale that lasted four hours until the 299 head had been sold. Weather was clear and cold.

Leading the winners list was Northampton county, but Lancaster County came in for its share of blues and purples, with the show's reserve championship, champions in all breeds but the highest Angus, and breed reserves.

\$1.06 LB FOR "BUTCHIE"

"Butchie," grand champion of the Southeast District 4-H Show, an Angus baby beef shown by 17-year-old Phyllis Buss, of Easton RD2, Northampton county, sold for \$1.06 a lb to the Reading Terminal Market, Philadelphia. Weighing 1,190 lbs the grand champion brought \$1,261.40.

Reserve grand champion, a Hereford weighing 890 lbs, shown by Mary Jane Herr, 12, of Refton, Lancaster county, sold for 55 cents a lb to Hildebrand, Strasburg. "Mickey" as known, totaled \$492.25.

"Shorty," the Shorthorn champion, shown by Shurley Longenecker, 15, of Litz RD2, sold for 36 cents a lb to Acme Markets, Philadelphia. Weighing 1,020 lbs he totaled \$367.20.

The reserve champion Angus, shown by Helen A. Graybill, Marheim RD3, brought 36 cents a lb and was bought by Sechrist Brothers, Dallastown and York. The weight was 1,075 lbs and total value \$387.00.

Hereford \$32.00 Cwt

The Hereford reserve champion shown by John H. Hess Jr., Lancaster, sold for 32 cents a lb to Bill McCoy, Lancaster. Weighing 915 lbs he totaled \$292.80.

The reserve Shorthorn champion shown by Marian Hackman, Elizabethtown RD3, sold for 34 cents a lb to Robert Blair, Allentown. The total value was \$374.00 for 1,100 lbs.

Last year's grand champion sold for \$1.00 a lb and the reserve grand champion sold for 76.75.

Total weight of the 284 baby

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