Dairy, Goat, Sheep Winners Named at 1973 Kimberton Fair

Chester County's Kimberton Fair, just outside Phoenixville, was the area's first farm fair of the year. Ending July 28 after a ten-day run, the fair draws visitors and exhibitors from all over Chester County and surrounding areas.

The fair is about 20 years old, and the agricultural exhibits have been included for the last 15 years. The agricultural exhibits received state sanction, and therefore state funds for prize money, six years ago. Goats are an unusual feature of the Kimberton Fair, with about 150 of the animals entered in competition. There was also a sizeable contingent of sheep and over 200 dairy cows. Hogs were not exhibited, and there were only a few beef animals.

In the Guernsey competition, the senior and grand champion was a two-year-old cow owned by Holly Ann Scheib, Phoenixville RD2. Ms. Scheib also showed the junior champion, a junior calf. The senior and grand champion Ayrshire was an aged cow shown by Kennare E. Henley, III, of Cochranville RD1. Another Henley, Sharon Lynne, showed the junior yearling which took junior champion honors.

Mildred Seeds, Downington, showed the two-year-old cow which took senior and grand champion honors, in Jersey competition. Junior champion was a junior yearling owned by Denise Andrien, West Chester.

In Brown Swiss competition, a four-year-old took senior and grand champion honors, while a senior calf was named junior champion. Both animals were from Buttonwood Farm in Birchrunville.

Carl Yoder, Elverson, took the senior and grand champion ribbons for his aged cow in the Holstein competition. Junior champion honors went to a senior yearling owned by Ivan W. Hess,

f. Royersford.

In sheep competttion, the winners, by breed, were:

Dorset: grand champion ewe -Karen Blumenthol, Chester Springs.

Shropshire: grand champion ewe - Warn Menhennett, Cochranville.

Suffolk: grand champion ram and ewe - William MacCauley, Jr., Newton Square.

Hampshire: grand champion ram - Joan Liesau, Spring City. Grand champion ewe - Ann Baroni, Chester Springs.

Only doe were shown in the goat competition. Grand champion winners in each breed were: Alpine - Mrs. Gail C. Putcher, Milford, RD1, N.J.; LaMancha, - Dr. and Mrs. Richard H. Stoneback, Oxford; Nubian - Richard H. Stoneback, Jr., Oxford, Saanen - Richard H. Stoneback, Jr.; Toggenburg -Sarah Weinstock, Phoenixville.

Lancaster Farming, Saturday, August 4, 1973–13 State 4-H Days Aug. 6-8

Approximately 1,000 awardwinning boys and girls representing the Commonwealth's 100,000 4-H members will convene on The Pennsylvania State University campus August 6-8 for the annual State 4-H Days.

The event will feature scores of agricultural and home economics demonstrations by both teams and individuals who have recently won blue ribbons in county and regional competition. Champion judging teams in agriculture also will be selected.

Agricultural contests include dairy, entomology identification, flower judging and identification, riflery, general hvestock, horse, poultry, horticulture, archery, and meat identification and judging.

Two other events, an Automotive Contest and Tractor Operator's Contest, will test participants on their driving skills and knowledge of vehicle safety.

Ten teams, selected during regional eliminations last month, will compete in a Horse Bowl

Pa. Broiler Placements Up 13 pct.

Placements of broiler chicks in the Commonwealth during the week ending July 28, 1973 were 1,266,000. The placements were 13 percent above the corresponding week a year earlier, and 8 percent above the previous week. Average placements during the past 10 weeks were 10 percent above a year earlier.

Settings for broiler chicks were 2,078,000 - 4 percent below the previous week and 9 percent above the comparable period a year earlier. The current 3-week total of eggs set is 13 percent above the same period a year ago.

Inshipments of broiler-type chicks during the past 10 weeks averaged 1,000 compared with 46,000 a year ago. Outshipments averaged 293,000 during the past 10 weeks, 8 percent above a year earlier.

Placements in the 21 States were 56,400,000 - 2 percent above the previous week and 6 percent

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with the winner eligible to enter the Northeast Regional 4-H Horse Bowl at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition in Harrisburg.

Initiated four years ago, "Consumerama" presentations will be geared to the teenage consumer. "Consumerama" consists of a series of three activities designed to help increase consumer competency. Activities include a consumer bowl game, planathon, and consumer judging.

Judging contests and educational demonstrations will be held throughout August 7 with awards being presented at an assembly probram August 8 in the University's Schwab Auditorium.

Edward A Mintmier, assistant State 4-H leader at Penn State and State 4-H Days chairman, explains the purposes of the event are to develop self-confidence by participating in judging and demonstration contests; increase skills in project work; and gain valuable experience in making on-the-spot decisions.

below the same week a year earlier. Average placements during the past 10 weeks were 3 percent below a year ago.

Settings were 72,219,000 - 1 percent below the previous week and 2 percent below a year earlier. The current 3-week total of eggs set is 3 percent below the comparable period a year ago.

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