

Berks County FFA Hog Show and Sale

The Berks County Future Farmers of America Market Hog Show and Sale was held on Wednesday, August 1 at the Leesport Market and Auction. The Grand Champion hog was a 190 pound gilt bred and shown by Elton, Muth, Alburts RD1, from the Brandywine FFA Chapter. The Reserve Champion was a 220 pound barrow shown by Glen Christman, Kutztown RD2, from the Kutztown FFA Chapter.

Placings in the lightweight class, which included hogs weighing between 180 and 200 pounds, were as follows: first - Elton Muth; second and third - Marlin Dietrich, Kutztown RD2, Kutztown FFA; fourth - Bryan Schoener, Womelsdorf RD1, Conrad Weiser FFA; fifth - Elton Muth; sixth - Robert Stoltzfus, Elverson RD2, Twin Valley FFA; and seventh - Dale Siegfried, Mertztown, RD1, Kutztown FFA.

Placings in the medium weight class, which included hogs weighing between 201 and 220 pounds were as follows: first - Dale Siegfried; second - Marlin Dietrich; third - Robert Stoltzfus; fourth - Bryan Schoener; fifth - Marlin Dietrich; sixth and seventh - Melvin Houck, Elverson RD2, Twin Valley FFA.

The following placings were recorded in the heavyweight class, which included hogs weighing between 221 and 250 pounds: first - Glenn Christman, Kutztown RD2, Kutztown FFA; second - Melvin Houck; third - Glen Christman; and fourth - Robert Stoltzfus.

Five awards were given in the fitting contest, which is judged on how well the FFA members prepared the hogs - if their tails

are shaved nicely, their ears are clipped, and their hair is clean. Winning first in fitting was Marlin Dietrich, with Elton Muth second, Dale Siegfried third, Glen Christman fourth, and Melvin Houck fifth.

The showmanship contest, judged on how well the boys presented their hogs to the judge, also had five winners. Elton Muth placed first, Glen Christman second, Marlin Dietrich third, Robert Stoltzfus fourth, and Melvin Houck fifth. All of the above classes were judged by Mr. Kenneth Ketterer, Associate County Agent from Cumberland County.

All hogs shown at the morning show were sold on Wednesday afternoon. A total of 4345 pounds was sold for \$2775.25. Average price received was \$.64 per pound or \$132.15 per hog. The grand champion and reserve grand champion animals were both

purchased by Hatfield Packing Company. The grand champion animals sold for \$1.00 per pound and the reserve champion for \$.75 per pound. Others buyers of FFA hogs were: Bernard Brandt, Fredericksburg; Lynn Schwalm, Herndon; Norman Martin,

Myerstown RD2; Edgar Black, Skippack; and Leesport Market and Auction.

The Berks County FFA wishes to thank the Leesport Livestock Auction for hosting the Show and Sale, all buyers, and all others who helped to make the Show and Sale a success.

Kutztown Fair Schedule

The motto for the 104th annual Kutztown Fair, known as "The Biggest Little Fair in the State," is "More to See in '73." Fair dates are August 21 to 25.

The fair will open at 4 p.m. Monday, August 21, with the annual Eastern District Holstein (Black and White) Show. Monday is also designated as Fair Preview Night with admission free.

Tuesday, August 21 is Ladies Night; Wednesday, August 22, is Grange Day; Thursday, August 23 is All Civic Clubs Day, while Friday, August 24 had been designated Firemen and Veterans Night. Nightly entertainment is a feature at the Kutztown Fair. Entertainment Monday night will feature the Shorty Long show, followed on Tuesday with the Blue Ridge Quartet, Wednesday the Del Reeves Show, Thursday with Barbara Mandress, Friday Jack Green and the Jolly Giants, and on Saturday will be Tommy Cash. The Blue Ridge Quartet will perform at 3 p.m.

In addition to the entertainment, the fair will have something the whole family can enjoy. Wednesday has been designated as Blue Ribbon Family Fun Day.

Future Farmers of America from Berks and neighboring counties and 4-H youth from Berks County will again take the spotlight when it comes to livestock judging. The youthful exhibitors will be competing not only for cash premiums and ribbons but for 11 trophies.

Granges will be competing for prizes totaling \$995.00, the top premium being \$150.00. Judging will be based on quality, variety and display. Junior granges will compete for prizes totaling \$430.00, the first being \$65.00. Junior grange exhibits will be judged on theme, display and

quality. Schedule of events for the Fair is:

- Monday, August 20**
- 4 p.m. - Eastern District Holstein Show; Judge, Jack Remsburg, Middletown, Md.
- Tuesday, August 21**
- 6 p.m. - Dairy Fitting and Showing Contest.
- Wednesday, August 22**
- 10 a.m. - Judging Holstein Dairy Cattle; Judge James Repard, Ithica, N. Y.
- 4 p.m. - Judging Sheep; Judge, Kenneth W. Staver, Palmyra.
- 7 p.m. - Judging Colored Dairy Breeds; Judge, Paul King, Delta, Pa.
- Thursday, August 23**
- 8:30 a.m. - Judging Breeding Swine; Judge, Dr. Robert Herr, New Holland.
- 10:30 p.m. - Judging Barrows; Judge, Dr. Herr.
- 2 p.m. - Beef Fitting and showmanship.
- 7 p.m. - Judging Beef Cattle.
- Friday, August 24**
- 10 a.m. - FFA Dairy and Livestock Judging Contest.
- 1 p.m. - FFA Tractor Driving Contest.
- 7 p.m. - 4-H Dairy Judging Contest.

Penn Willow Club Holds Round-Up

The Penn Willow 4-H Club held its annual sewing and cooking Round-up at the Safe Harbor Park with approximately 100 people attending.

Mrs. Kleckner awarded The Best of Show for the second year in cooking to Judy and Karen Schaffer. Wendy Huber was acknowledged with a perfect score in cooking.

Kathy Huber was awarded a blue ribbon for a pant suit she made in the project Create with Fabrics. Forty-two other Blue Ribbons were also given to 4-H'ers in sewing.

The sewing members also modeled what they made in a fashion show. The outing also included games and a covered dish supper.

News Reporter,
Ronald Walton

Pig & Rabbit Club

Holds Final Meeting

The Elizabethtown Area Pig and Rabbit 4-H Club met August 2 at the home of J. Warren Heisey, where the Club held its annual picnic and last meeting of the 1973 Club year.

After eating a picnic supper Dan Baum, Club president, brought the meeting to order.

Jay W. Irwin, associate Lancaster County Ag agent, commended the club on their year of club work. He also commented on taking and showing the pigs at 4-H Pig Round-up and the activities of 4-H Achievement Day, next week.

Barb Myer and Dan Baum told about their visit to Washington D. C., where they were - Pennsylvania delegates at the 4-H Citizenship Short Course.

The Club voted to donate the remaining money in the treasury to the Farm and Home Foundation.

The meeting was followed by singing and games led by Stephen Horten.

News Reporter,
Barb Myer

Underfeeding Dairy Cows

Underfeeding shows up on the better cows in a herd, says Harvey E. Shaffer, Extension dairy specialist at The Pennsylvania State University. There is little to be gained in breeding for high production unless cows are fed for high production.

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