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Lancaster Farming Photo

Kerry Boyd, right, went away from the Lancaster FFA Hog Show Wednesday loaded down with trophies and cash. This handsome Duroc-Hampshire cross earned him the

show's grand champion trophy presented here by Tony Folker, secretary of the Lancaster County Swine Producers Association.

FFA Hog Show Has 302 Entries

Ephrata's Kerry Boyd walked off with the grand champion trophy at Tuesday's 12th annual Lancaster County FFA Market Hog Show and Sale. The 15-year-old Ephrata High School student won out over one of the largest fields ever entered. A total of 52 FFA members entered more than 300 hogs in the show.

Boyd is the son of Elmer Boyd, Ephrata RD1. In addition to the grand champion ribbon, Kerry won two breed championships and one reserve breed championship. His 205-pound grand champion, a Hampshire-Duroc cross, sold to Penn Packing for \$1.30 a pound, a total of \$266.50. Judge Henry Gruber, who

heads up livestock procurement for A&B Packing Co., Allentown, awarded the show reserve grand champion ribbon to Robert Strauss, 18, and his two brothers, Richard, 15, and Steve, 14. Like Boyd, the three are also Ephrata Area High School students, and are the sons of Mr. and Mrs.

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Ends Worst Drought in 40 years . . .

Rains Fall On Parched Midwest

The worst drought in 40 years has hit the Midwest, and there's no doubt that livestock feeders here in southeastern Pennsylvania and throughout the Northeast will be paying dearly for corn and soybeans. No firm estimate of yield reductions will be available, though, until the USDA's crop report is published on August 12.

Some Midwestern areas had gone as long as six weeks without rain, and temperatures soared in record breaking heat waves. Reports of the mercury hitting the century mark for days on end were not at all uncommon, and some days with 110-degrees were noted.

On Thursday, rain did fall on most of the Corn Belt, driving futures prices in the Chicago exchanges down the limit. Unfortunately, for much of the crop the rains came too late to help the yield picture.

On Friday morning, Lancaster Farming spoke with Neil Gunkel, of the Illinois Department of Agriculture. It was raining outside his office window in Springfield, but, said Gunkel, "It's not doing us nearly as much good now as it would have done a week ago."

"A lot of our corn has

already tassel and it's short, so the rain isn't going to do too much good on that acreage," Gunkel said. "Some of the late-planted corn will be helped, and the soybeans will benefit from the rain we're having right now. But we're still looking

for corn yield in Illinois to be down by 25 to 30 percent from last year. That's a 245.6 million bushel drop. Soybeans will be down 20 to 25 percent or about 57.6 million bushels."

In Iowa, Deputy Secretary [Continued On Page 41]

Perennial Cover Crop Seen Halting Erosion Problems

News of a cropping practice that could eliminate the need for soil erosion countermeasures was one of the more startling pieces of information greeting farmers who visited the weed control field day on Wednesday at Penn State's 88-acre Southeastern Field Research Laboratory at Landisville.

Dr. Nathan L. Hartwig, from the University, told the group of about 100 that he believes a perennial cover crop and no-till planting

methods could virtually eliminate soil erosion. "If you were using crownvetch or birdsfoot trefoil, you could even run your corn rows up and down the hills," Hartwig told the group.

"You wouldn't need diversion terraces, you wouldn't need strips and you wouldn't have to plant on the contour," he said. "You have better moisture infiltration, and you may even get some bonus nitrogen from a legume cover crop."

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The Berks County DHIA report appears for the first time this week in Lancaster Farming. The publication will now be carrying the DHIA reports from York, Berks, Lebanon, Lancaster and Chester Counties on a monthly basis.

Christine Erb

"Getting Involved is Everything"

by: Melissa Piper

Christine Erb is a young lady who believes that getting involved in worthwhile projects is important. Her dedication and work in 4-H certainly proves that she can be taken at her word.

Christine, who is seventeen, lives on a farm at RD1, Mt. Joy with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Erb, two sisters and one brother.

She is a member of the Mt. Joy Sewing Club, recently completing a free lance project that included making a camel hair tailored coat and is also a member of the Mt. Joy Busy Bakers Cake Decorating Club.

This is the first year Christine has had a steer project and belongs to the local Red Rose Baby Beef Club which is under the leadership of Harold Fry and Wilmer Nissley. Christine has also carried numerous projects such as gardening

and flowering in the Elizabethtown-Donnegal Community 4-H Club.

Besides her regular project work, Christine serves as co-president of the Lancaster 4-H County Council and will be traveling to Penn State to compete in the Achievement Festival on the county Consumerama Team.

When asked what the team competition involved Christine explained that the Consumerama team "judges products on their worth and cost to the average buyer and consumer". Last week she attended a 4-H sponsored Citizen Short Course in Washington D. C. and said she had the opportunity to meet with Congressman Eshelman and an aid of Senator Schweiker.

"The Citizenship course," she said, "helped me to understand just how government works."

"I learned more about the

government than I knew for many years," she explained. "I feel it was a good learning experience and I received a lot of information on how to get involved in community work."

Also this summer, Christine served as an advisor for the leadership training school held in conjunction with the 4-H State Congress.

When asked how she is interested in 4-H work Christine said that when she was nine she wanted to learn how to sew and asked her mother if she could join 4-H. Her first year proved to be very successful as she made seven more pairs of slippers than she was required to

"I must have been most enthused 4-H member in the area that first year she said.

"I just loved sewing took right off." Her work and training paid off since she is now able to sew most of her clothes.

This week at county Display Revue, Christine will be modeling a camel hair coat that she constructed and fully lined herself.

Christine has not only become a leader in her area clubs but has also helped raise money

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Christine Erb models her camel hair wool coat that she made during a free lance project in sewing.

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