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A pair of Lehigh Countians captured first place showing and fitting prizes in Thursday's baby beef competition at the Kutztown Fair.

Grant Grim, left, of Breinigsville RD1, took top showmanship honors while Gail Snyder, New Tripoli, walked off with the grand champion fitting prize.

Berks County Youths Compete At Kutztown

The annual Kutztown Fair got underway this week with a dairy fitting and showing contest on Tuesday, dairy cattle competition and a sheep show on Wednesday and hog and beef shows on Thursday. FFA dairy and livestock judging contests were slated for Friday, as was the FFA tractor driving contest and a 4-H dairy judging contest. Results available at press time were:

DAIRY CATTLE

Ayrshire

(Results for all breeds include performance in both open and combined 4-H and

FFA competition, unless otherwise shown)

Grand champion and senior champion - Sharon Henley, Cochranville R1; reserve grand and reserve senior - Kennard E. Henley, Cochranville R1; junior champion - Kennard Henley; reserve junior - Sharon Henley.

Brown Swiss

Grand champion and senior champion - Donna Hoffman, Bernville R1; reserve grand and reserve senior - David C. Nolan, Hollow Rd., Birchrunville; junior champion - Wasyl Onulack, Coopersburg R1;

reserve junior - Stephen Nolan, Birchrunville.

Guernsey

Grand champion and senior champion - Jacob Leiby, Shhoemakersville R1; reserve grand and reserve senior - Marlin Dietrich, Kempton, R1; junior champion - Denise Andrien; junior reserve - Jeffrey W. Smith, Bethel R1.

Holstein

Junior show: Grand champion and senior champion - Susan Seidel, Walnut St. Richland; reserve grand and reserve senior - Sharon Troutman, [Continued on Page 19]

Jane Gregory

Hopes To Be A Vet

by Melissa Piper

Jane Gregory has been a busy young lady this summer, serving as a Teen Leader for the Broken Bit 4-H Club and the B-C Cooking Club. She is a member of the Lancaster County Holstein Club also.

Jane is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gregory, RD2, Lititz and will be a senior at Warwick High School this Fall. This summer, she participated on the Lancaster 4-H Horse Judging Team which placed second at the 4-H State Achievement Festival. Jane placed first in the state in giving oral reasons for horse judging.

Along with her judging team activities, Jane was also a delegate to the 4-H Leadership Conference at

Moore Sees Poor Year For Feeders

"If he's careful, the good steer feeder could break even in the cattle business this year," H. Louis Moore told a group of Lancaster County cattle feeders on Thursday night at the Farm and Home Center. "In other words, it's going to be a bad year."

Moore is an extension livestock marketing specialist at Penn State, and was making one of his frequent appearances in Lancaster County to discuss the outlook for profits with producers. "I don't recall that we've ever had so much confusion with the beef cattle situation," he said. "Farmers, especially here, just don't know what to do with their corn and other feed grain crops, and they don't know whether or not they should go ahead and buy feeder pigs and cattle."

Painting his cattle forecast against a background of runaway world-wide inflation, Midwestern crop failure, spiraling costs and a

credit crunch, Moore said hog and cattle feeders are going to be hard pushed to make a profit in the next 12 months. The biggest pinch on profits will come from high-priced corn, Moore said.

"You used to be able to take corn at \$1.50 a bushel and sell it for \$3 by feeding it

to your steers. But there's no way you can profit by feeding \$4 corn to \$3 steers.

Moore expects corn to be selling around \$4 sometime in the next few months. Current cash prices for corn are hovering around \$3.60 in Chicago, but the Penn State economist said he'd talked to some Midwestern dealers who were offering farmers \$4 a bushel for corn stored on their farms. And the farmers weren't selling.

The big reason for high corn prices, of course, is the Midwestern drought which was the worst in over 30 years. Early in the year, forecasters had predicted a U. S. corn crop that would top 6.7 billion bushels. The August 12 USDA crop report showed an estimated harvest of 4.9 billion bushels, 20 percent below the previous forecast, and a good 12



H. Louis Moore

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Hoover, Feister Win County FFA Awards

Lloyd Hoover and Keith Feister both members of the Grassland FFA Chapter at Garden Spot captured the top county FFA awards on Thursday afternoon when they were named Star Farmer and Star Agribusinessman respectively.

Lloyd Hoover, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hoover, 30 Hoover Lane, Leola, and has been quite active in FFA and youth activities for some time. During his FFA work he has had veal calves and pigs for projects.

Lloyd is a member of the

Pa. Duroc Swine Association and also the Duroc Swine Registry Association. A few weeks ago he was also named Poultryman of the Year by the Victor Weaver Company.

He recently returned from a trip to the American Co-op Institute in Kansas City after being a state winner in the Co-op program. Lloyd also served as president of the Grassland FFA Chapter this year.

Named Star Agribusinessman for the County was E. Keith Feister,

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Jane has been busy this summer between being a Teen Leader for 4-H and comprising one of the Horse Judging Team members.



Keith Feister (left) and Lloyd Hoover won top county FFA honors Thursday when they were named Star Agribusinessman and Star FFA Farmer, respectively.

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