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Michael Martin, New Holland RD2, and Linda High, 2490 Creek Hill Rd., Lancaster, took grand and reserve grand championships, respectively, on Thursday afternoon at the New

Holland Fair baby beef show. It was Mike's very last year of competition, and his very first grand championship.

## Winners Named At New Holland

Mike Martin won his first grand championship in ten years of showing at the New Holland 4-H Baby Beef Club show on Thursday afternoon at the New Holland Community Fair. In hog competition, young Tom Ruoss copped his second grand championship in as many years in the contest which followed the beef contest.

Mike is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin, New Holland R2. His 1500-lb. steer went to the New Holland Sales Stable after the show, where it was sold

to restaurateur Paul Smucker, owner of the Bird-in-Hand Motor Inn. Smucker paid \$1.14 a pound for the meaty crossbred. For his efforts in the showing, Mike received \$1197 from Smucker, and a \$5 bill from Abe Diffenbach, the sales stable manager who gave \$5 to every one of the 26 participants in the baby beef show.

The 26 steers, all exhibited and sold by members of the New Holland 4-H Baby Beef Club, was the largest such event in several years, ac-

cording to Mike's father, who is the club leader.

The reserve champion baby beef, a Hereford, was shown by Linda High, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey High, 2490 Creek Hill Road.

Linda's steer sold for 75 cents a pound to Frank Fillippo, a cattle dealer from Norristown.

Linda also showed the grand champion baby beef of the Ephrata Fair last Thursday, a crossbred.

The remaining 24 steers

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## Mike Grube - A Winning 4-Her

Mike Grube has won a number of prestigious awards for a young man his age. For the past few years he has been interested in livestock judging and his knowledge has paid off several times both in winning awards for livestock judging classes and in selecting animals.

Mike was a member of 4-H for 10 years beginning when he was nine years old. He carried a number of projects including market hogs, steers, field and sweet corn and teen leadership.

He was a member of the Elm-Pennryn Community Club and also belonged to the Red Rose Baby Beef Club.

While in 4-H, Mike, com-

peted on the County Livestock judging teams in both the junior and senior divisions. While on the Junior Team, Mike judged at the 4-H State Days placing third on the team. That year, the team also placed first in state competition.

This summer, Mike competed on the senior livestock judging team. At the York county contest the team placed second and Mike was high individual judge in hogs.

During the 4-H Achievement Festival this summer the team placed 5th and Mike was 20th in individual competition out of 120 4-Hers.



Market hogs has been one of Mike's projects for the past few years.

### Hearing Set for Oct. 15 . . .

## Inter-State Sues PMMB for Action

Inter-State Producers Cooperative has been granted a day in court to present charges against the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board for the Board's failure, as Inter-State put it because the board, in Inter-State's opinion, has completely failed to carry out the state's milk marketing law.

In a statement on the hearing, which is set for October 15 in Commonwealth Court, Harrisburg, the coop said, "The PMMB has totally failed in its duty to set proper farm prices for milk. Inter-State has asked the courts to direct the PMMB to immediately issue current price orders on hearings held by the PMMB more than one year ago."

Dr. Paul Hand, economist for the producers group which represents 2,400 Pennsylvania dairy farmers,

said that a hearing was held by the marketing board last November on a dairyman's request for price increase ranging from \$1 to \$1.30 per hundredweight.

This increase, Dr. Hand said, would represent an increase of from two to three cents per quart.

With the current cost situation, Dr. Hand said, the increase should be written in an order from the marketing board.

Because the board failed to write an order, a complaint (calling for a court mandate for action) was filed Sept. 24.

Since that suit was filed, Dr. Hand said, the marketing board has announced it will hold a pre-

order conference in Harrisburg on Nov. 8.

Presumably, Dr. Hand said the purpose of the Nov. 8 conference is for the board to announce what they intend to do as the result of hearings held almost a year ago.

Inter-State filed the complaint for three individual dairy farmers and on behalf of all its members. The three farmers are Daniel Martin, Manheim, an Inter-State director; Samuel Black, Tyrone; and Willis Greaser, Williamsburg.

The Coop said it has the support of other farm organizations, such as the Pennsylvania Farmers Association, in its action against the milk board.

## Dairymen Urged To Watch Costs

"Dairymen have always tried to please the cows in their feeding programs. But now, it's time for the dairyman to please himself rather than his cows. Because if he doesn't, he's going to be losing a lot of money," Dr. Richard Adams, Penn State's extension dairy specialist told a crowd of milk producers on Monday night at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center.

"Even if support prices are increased," Adams said, "we still won't be able to feed cows the same way we fed them two years ago. The most important thing you can do in a bad feed price situation is to use only that amount of feed that can be economically justified. We've known for a long while that there are times when it pays to feed a cow less than she needs to have for absolutely top production. This is one of those times."

Among the steps Adams recommended were to reduce grain feeding and, especially, to watch the price of grain, and to shop around for the best price. He reported that he'd been in a small northeastern Pennsylvania town recently, and found a \$3 difference in the price of soybean oil meal from dealers on opposite ends of town.

Reducing the cost of raising replacements was another area where Adams thought farmers could save



Dr. Richard Adams

## Lampeter Sale Sets Records

Lampeter-Strasburg's Garden Spot FFA Chapter held their annual market hog and steer sale last Friday at the close of the West Lampeter Fair. The grand champion FFA steer, a Charolais-Angus cross brought \$1.60 a pound, which was paid by Willow Valley Farms, of Willow Street.

The 1125-pound animal was raised by John Harnish,

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