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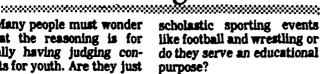


The Purpose of FFA **Judging Contests** by Warren Wagner **Agricultural Instructor** Lampeter-Strasburg High School

Thoughts

in Passing

Many people must wonder what the reasoning is for really having judging contests for youth. Are they just another contest similar to



In contrast to sporting events winning isn't the important reason for having judging contests. Winning or placing in the top ten is only an incentive to encourage enthusiasm in the educational process, involved in the livestock and dairy judging contest.

If winning or competition isn't the reason for having livestock and dairy judging contests then what are the reasons?

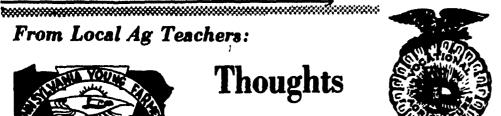
The real purpose can be found right at the grass root level or the farm. For a farmer to be a good manager, he must be able to select good animals which will be profitable for him to produce.

To be able to do this he will have to be able to identify various qualities and characteristics which good animals should possess.

In training students to participate in contests we are teaching them to identify various qualities and characteristics of animals. This knowledge is put into practical experience then in the form of judging contests where students have the opportunity to compare animals and select the better animals. This skill can easily be applied on the students own farming experiences where they learn to cull or keep certain animals.

A practical learning experience for students then is the true purpose of the judging contest. They allow students to gain valuable knowledge while participating in a contest.

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Berks Baby Beef Sale

James K. Holcombe, RD1, Mohrsville, showed the grand champion steer at the Berks County Baby Beef round-up and sale that was held on October 16th at the Leesport Market.

The angus steer weighed 1050 pounds and was sold to Ray Matz of Robesonia for 68 cents a pound.

Reserve honors went to Anne E. Holcombe also of RD1, Mohrsville. Her 1055 pound angus was sold to Edgar K. Black of Skippack, for 56 cents a pound. Both the youngsters are the children of Paul L. Holcombe, Jr. of Mohrsville.

28 4-H steers were sold at the auction with the average weight being 918 pounds. The average selling price was 47 cents per pound.

Senior champion fitter was James K. Holcombe, Mohrsville with reserve fitter honors going to Carolyn L. Sweigart of RD1, Bernville.

James Holcombe also received the senior champion showman honors with Cathleen Muth of RD1. Alburtis receiving reserve showman honors in the senior division.

Lori A. Haas, RD2, Douglasville, won the Jr. Champion fitting honors with Liane Haas also of RD2, Douglasville taking reserve.

Jr. champion showman honors also went to Lori Haas with Liane Haas taking reserve champion showman

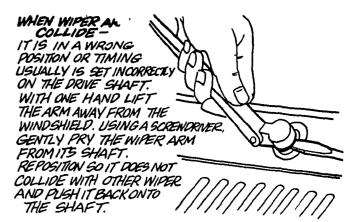
honors. Five 4-H steers from Berks County will be going to the Farm Show. They include the animals of Dennis Dietrich, RD1, Hamburg; Darlene Dietrich also of RD1, Hamburg; James Dietrich, RD1, Hamburg; Renee A. Sweigart, RD1 Bernville and Steve A. Bashore RD1, Mohrsville.

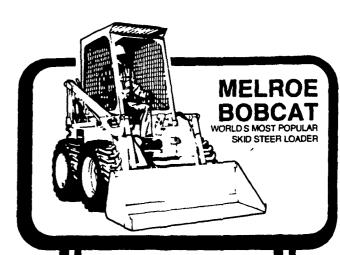
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