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Robert Hess, center, got a congratulatory kiss from Mom on Thursday after winning the 1975 reserve grand championship at the

junior steer show in the Farm Show Arena. Bob is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hess, Lancaster RD2.

Lancaster Co. Youth Wins Steer Reserve

The reserve grand champion baby beef award at the Farm Show went this year to 15-year-old Bob Hess, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hess, Lancaster RD2. The Penn Manor sophomore, in his sixth year of showing, lost the grand champion honor to Tom Templeton, from Ebsensburg, Cambria County.

Bob's steer was a champion light-heavyweight that tipped the scales at 1195 pounds. It is the son of a

Maine-Anjou sire and a Charolais-Angus dam, and was born on the farm of Carl Herr, a well-known Lancaster County cattle breeder.

Bob reported that he's been walking his steer for at least a mile every day to get it ready for the Farm Show. The animal was named grand champion at the 1974 Lampeter Strasburg Community Fair. Another Hess steer, shown by Bob's 11-year-old brother, Tim,

took a first place ribbon in the 1126-1135 pound category of light heavyweight competition at the Farm Show.

Competition this year was strictly by weight class rather than by breeds as it had been in previous years. The winning animal was a coal black Chianina-Angus crossbred.

James Wylie, from West Chester in Chester County, showed the champion lightweight, while his

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The FFA Star Farmer for 1975 is Jeffrey Miller, shown here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl S. Miller.

Jeff is a senior at Kutztown Area High School.

Huge Crowds Attend 59th Pa. Farm Show

Farm families from all over Pennsylvania's southeastern corner fared very well at the 59th edition of the Pennsylvania Farm Show, coming back home laden with ribbons, plaques and prize checks. Although the doors didn't officially open until Monday morning, there was already a huge crowd walking through the exhibit hall on Sunday afternoon.

When the Farm Show did open on Monday, sunny skies brought a near-record number of visitors to the 80-acre complex in the Commonwealth capital. Attendance for the first day was estimated at 150,000, the best first day turnout since 1967 when the current week-long record of 710,000 was established. The sun gave way to clouds and light snow by late afternoon, but it had no effect on the crowd.

Even the spirit of détente contributed to the size of the free gate. Dr. Ivan A. Gavva, agricultural counselor at the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C. and his assistant, Dr. Vladimir G.

Sheremetev, wound up a two-day visit to Harrisburg with a check of the latest in agricultural technology on display at the Farm Show.

The queens of the Farm Show — dairy cows — were the first livestock into the ring on Monday morning and in a twist of reverse English with respect to the equal rights movement, bulls were stricken from the competition in the dairy department at the 1975 Show.

The sun's reappearance at the second day came too late to boost the attendance. Officials estimated the crowd at 125,000, off 25,000 from opening day. Most of Monday's four-inch snowfall had melted away by mid-afternoon, as the outside temperature climbed into the mid-40's.

The traditional "big

Wednesday" crowd outdid itself as more people than ever before poured into the huge complex at Cameron and Maclay Streets. Officials estimated the attendance at 210,000, surpassing the previous record by 5,000 established in 1972 and equalled the following year. Every bit of available open space within miles of the Farm Show was pressed into duty as a parking area.

Many of the emergency parking lots were muddy, causing one state police officer to joke, "As long as the hood ornament wasn't covered over, we felt it was okay to keep parking the cars."

One of the sidelights at the Wednesday show was a milking contest challenge from Bette Altemus, ac-

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Dairymen Honor Smith and Scott

A pair of York Counties shared the spotlight on Tuesday night during the 105th annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association at Harrisburg during the Farm Show.

The 1974 Pennsylvania Dairymen's Award of \$100 and an inscribed plaque "for valuable and noteworthy contributions to the state's dairy industry" went to York County Agent John Smith.

At the same meeting, Robert M. Scott, Delta R2, received the 1974 Superior Supervisor Award from the Pennsylvania Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

Smith has been York County agent since 1952, and the award recognized his

program to promote effective dairy production and marketing practices in his county.

The results of the Dairy Herd Improvement Association testing reports attest to his promotion of sound production improvement practices in York County. In 1952, there were 92 herds with 2,488 cows on test with an average production of 8,134 pounds of milk and 345 pounds of butterfat.

In 1974, 78 DHIA herds with 4,417 cows produced 13,031 pounds of milk and 508 pounds of butterfat.

York County's 4-H dairy judging team placed second

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FFA Honors Go to Area Youths

Lancaster and Berks County youths shared top honors at the 46th Annual Pennsylvania FFA Convention held in Harrisburg on Wednesday of Farm Show Week.

Jeffrey C. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl S. Miller, Kutztown RD3, was named State Star Farmer for 1975. The State Star Agribusinessman for 1975 is James Felpel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin B. Felpel, Ephrata RD2.

Jeffrey, 17, is a senior at Kutztown Area Senior High School. In addition, to helping with the family operation of 280 head of dairy animals and 1000 acres,

Jeffrey has developed his own farming program to include 26 head of dairy, 66 acres of field corn, 21 acres of silage corn, 33.5 acres of alfalfa, 25 acres of barley, 13 acres of oats, 6 acres of sorghum, 70 acres of pasture and 9 head of dairy beef animals.

While accomplishing this, Jeffrey manages to keep up his school work, he is a member of the National Honor Society. He is also active in Grange and 4-H.

Jeffrey's leadership activities in FFA were serving as Chaplin, Reporter and President of his local Chapter, and he is currently serving as President of the

Berks County FFA. He also attended the National FFA Leadership Training Conference in Washington, D.C.

Some of Jeffrey's other awards of recognition were: State Production Credit Farming Award, for outstanding record keeping; a gold medal in the State Project Book Evaluation Contest; a member of the first place FFA Dairy Judging Team and represented Pennsylvania at the National FFA Dairy Judging Contest, as a team they won a gold medal and as an individual Jeffrey won a silver medal.

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