

# Guernsey field day held

By Dieter Krieg  
**LITTLE BRITAIN** - Guernseys weren't the only topic of conversation at the Fred Crider farm on Tuesday as an estimated 100 people gathered here for this year's Guernsey Field Day.

Frequent comments were heard about the weather - which was perfect for strolling through the pasture to look at the Crider herd, and for sitting beneath big shade trees while munching on barbecued chicken. The hot air mass which held most of Pennsylvania in a grip for the past week was over with, and as it turned out, it rained the following day.

The featured speaker for the event was Ray Weber from the National Dairy Council. He outlined public relations and milk promotion

programs, citing significant increases in those fields during the past several years. He encouraged dairymen to continue their support for milk promotion efforts and ended his talk with: "Farming is a noble profession, be proud of it."

One of the highlights of the day's activities was the judging contest which saw Tom Kirk, Thelma Garber, and Brad Koppey win top honors in respective divisions for youths, ladies and men.

Koppey was an unusual winner in the men's division in that he was born and raised in the New York metropolitan area, and has neither worked with nor owned cattle. The closest he has come to farming has been a few hogs for an FFA

project, he told Lancaster Farming. A sophomore at Garden Spot High School, Koppey moved to Red Run, near Terre Hill, while in the sixth grade. His only judging experience has been in school, and he attributes his skill to his coach and v-o-ag instructor, Robert Woods.

Finishing behind Koppey in the men's division were: 2. Jesse Balmer, Lititz; 3. Stephen Tillotson, Peach Bottom; 4. Scott Wolfe, Quarryville; 5. Don Breneman, Strasburg; and 6. Steve Witkowski, Chapel Road, Lancaster.

Thelma Garber, first-place winner in the women's division, has a Guernsey-oriented farm background and previous judging experience. However, this was the first year she won the



The number one Guernsey judges in divisions for men, ladies, and youth were, respectively, left to right: Brad Koppey, Thelma Garber, and Tom Kirk.

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number one spot. She resides with her family at Willow Street R2.

Mary Kirk of Peach Bottom RD followed in second place, with Jane McSparran, Peach Bottom third. Rounding out the top six were: Joyce Wagner, Quarryville; Mildred Linde, Oxford; and Elsie Rohrer, 1058 Lime Valley Road, Lancaster.

Tom Kirk, son of Frances and Mary Kirk, Peach Bottom, finished 10 points ahead of Connie Balmer, Lititz, in the youth division of the judging contest. Ted Ayres of Oxford placed third, followed by: 4. Kathy Breneman, Willow Street; Mary Ellen Bitler, Peach Bottom; and Gerald Garber, Willow Street.

The field day, hosted by Fred Crider, who serves as president of the Lancaster County Guernsey Breeders Club, was held on the former Arthur Brown farm. Crider moved here 11 years ago from Franklin County.

For the past four or five years, field day happenings have included a drawing for a calf. This year's winner, Clarence Weaver of Lititz, had his choice of two, both of them out of the Crider herd, and sharing a common



Clarence Weaver, Lititz, was the winner of the calf drawing held at the Guernsey Field Day last Tuesday. Holding the calf is Fred Crider, Little Britain, on whose farm the field day was held and who donated the animal.

granddam. Weaver studied carefully, eventually picking the animals, valued at between \$100 to 200, the darker and slightly larger one.

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