

## Youths show award winning livestock

Two members of the Twin Valley Future Farmers of America Chapter located at Elverson, participated at the Kutztown Fair recently by showing their animals. Steve Bleacher showed three of his Hampshire swine - two in the breeding gilt class and one in the market swine class. Darrel Stoltzfus showed his medium heavy weight Angus steer. Additionally five chapter members participated in the FFA Dairy judging contest, six in the Livestock judging contest, and one in tractor driving. The chapter also exhibited its two window displays in the vocational exhibit class at the fair.

Steve, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bleacher of R3, Birdsboro, has built a swine breeding project as his vocational agriculture project. He exhibited three of the gilts he had bred at the fair. In the Hampshire breeding gilt class Steve finished first and second, but did not do as well in the market class. This was the first time Steve had shown any of his animals.

Darrel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Stoltzfus of R2, Elverson and President of the Twin Valley FFA, exhibited his 1000 pound Angus steer in the medium heavy weight class. Darrel received first in his class, and was also first in his class in fitting and third in showmanship. Darrel has a small herd of beef animals as his vocational agriculture project and shows at many local fairs in both 4-H and FFA.

On Friday August 22 the annual Berks County FFA dairy and livestock judging contests and tractor driving contest was held at the

Kutztown Fair. Clarence Jennelle, son of Mrs. Margaret Jennelle of R2, Elverson; Bill Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris of Geigertown; Larry Stoltzfus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stoltzfus of R1, Elverson; Harvey Bitler, son of Mrs. Virginia Bitler of R1, Mohnton; and Mike Aikens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Aikens of Honey Brook represented Twin Valley in the dairy judging contest. Dairy judging contestants were required to judge four classes - one of milking shorthorn cows, one of ayrshire cows, one of aged holstein cows, and one of yearling holstein calves. Two of the five Twin Valley contestants placed in the top ten. Larry Stoltzfus placed second and Mike Aikens tenth in the contest which was won by Michele Gladney of Kutztown.

Twin Valley contestants in the livestock judging contest were Robert Deeds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Deeds of R1, Birdsboro; Doug Yoder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Yoder of R2, Elverson; Steve Bleacher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bleacher of R3, Birdsboro; Darrel Stoltzfus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Stoltzfus of R2, Elverson; Jan Oatman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Oatman of R1, Honey Brook; Gail Fultz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Fultz of R1, Birdsboro; Livestock contestants judged a class of breeding sheep, a class of market swine, a class of breeding swine, a class of Hereford market steers, and a class of heavy weight market steers. Gail finished fourth in the contest, with Bob Deeds eighth, Jan Oatman ninth, and Darrel Stoltzfus tenth. Ray Zimmerman of Conrad Weiser won this contest.

In the tractor driving contest, each Berks County FFA Chapter is allowed to enter one participant. Twin Valley was adequately represented by Harvey Bitler. In this contest, each contestant is required to make a preliminary safety check on the tractor he will drive. He then hitches the tractor to a manure spreader and drives through an obstacle course. The spreader must then be backed into a stall within only two inches of clearance on each side. Finally contestants hitch to a four-wheeled wagon and pull it from a stall and back it into an adjoining stall with six inches of clearance on each side. Throughout the contest, drivers are scored on safety. This contest was won by former county FFA President Jeff Miller of Kutztown, with Harvey placing fourth in a class contest.

In the vocational exhibit class, the chapter safety exhibit received third place, while the exhibit on milk received eight place. Both exhibits had previously been shown at both the Reading and Allentown fairs.

In other recent shows, Larry Stoltzfus exhibited his dairy heifer in the Southeastern FFA Dairy Show and the Eastern Pennsylvania Black and White Show at the Kutztown Fair grounds. The heifer, Brook-Honey Needle Ada, placed twelfth in its class at the FFA show and Larry was awarded a blue ribbon for fitting.

In the near future the FFA chapter will be conducting its annual fall hoagie sale to sponsor the Elementary Pumpkin Growing Contest for all the elementary students in the Twin Valley District.

## Pull results from Buck

August 30, 1975  
12,000 Super Stock

1. Thomas Bedgar, Freeland, Md., IH 806, 253.0; 2. Michael Wright, New Freedom, Pa., IH 1066, 226.10; 3. Harry Griest, Coatesville, Pa., IH 1456, 225.10.

5000 Super Stock

1. Paul Bedgar, Freeland, Md., Farmall 450, 206.0; 2. Dale Smoker, Cochranville, Pa., AC 180, 201.5; 3. Charles Welsh, Gap, Pa., Case 800, 168.6.

9000 Super Stock

1. Harry Griest, Coatesville, Pa., IH 1456, 247.2; 2. Michael Wright, New Freedom, Pa., IH 1066, 225.5; 3. E. M. Stauffer, New Holland, Pa., Deutz 9006, 223.8.

7000 Modified

1. Lester Houck, Kinzers, Pa., Cockshutt 40 - 2-440 Dodge F.P., 224.7; 2. Glenn Darnell, Laytonsville, Md., Cockshutt 40 - 2-454 Chevys F.P. 218.9; 3. Richard Zimmerman, Mt. Joy, Pa., Cockshutt 40 - 2-440 Dodge, 289.0.

7000 Super Stock

1. E. M. Stauffer, New Holland, Pa., Deutz 9006, 279.6; 2. Marlin Brubaker, Quarryville, Pa., AC D-21, 266.2; 3. Amos Stauffer,

Ephrata, Pa., Duetz D8006, 217.5.

5000 Modified

1. Galen S. Spickler, Elizabethtown, Pa., 2-327 Corvette Massey 44 F.P., 154.4; 2. Elwood Flowers, Manheim, Pa. IH-M 427 Chevy F.P., 105.5; 3. Clarence Keener Jr., Manheim, Pa., Co-op E4 427 Chevy, 295.9

9000 Open

1. Richard Zimmerman, Mt. Joy, Pa., Cockshutt 40 2-440 Dodge, 290.4; 2. Lester Houck, Kinzers, Pa., Cockshutt 40 2-440 Dodge, 286.11; 3. Lester Landis, Lititz, Pa., Massey 55-2-440 Dodge, 274.5.

Sept. 1, 1975

12,000 Super Stock

1. Thomas Bedgar, Freeland, Md., IH 806, 195.11; 2. Harry Griest, Coatesville, Pa., IH 1456, 194.10; 3. Amos Stauffer, Ephrata, Pa., Deutz D 8006, 145.4.

5,000 Super Stock

1. Dale Smoker, Cochranville, Pa. AC 180, F.P.; 2. Carl Borngardner Anville, Pa. Farmall-M 259.3; 3. Paul Bedgar, Freeland, Md., Farmall-450, 207.1.

9,000 Super Stock

1. Thomas Bedgar,

Freeland, Md., IH 806, 209.3; 2. Harry Griest, Coatesville, Pa. IH 1456, 200.7; 3. Marlin Brubaker, Quarryville, Pa., AC D21, 188.9.

7000 Modified

1. Lester Houck, Kinzers, Pa., Cockshutt 40 2-440 Dodge, 224.7; 2. Elwood Funk, Lititz, Pa. F-30 Ford Tank, 222.6; 3. David Becker, Mt. Joy, Pa., Cockshutt 40 2-460 Fords, 218.5.

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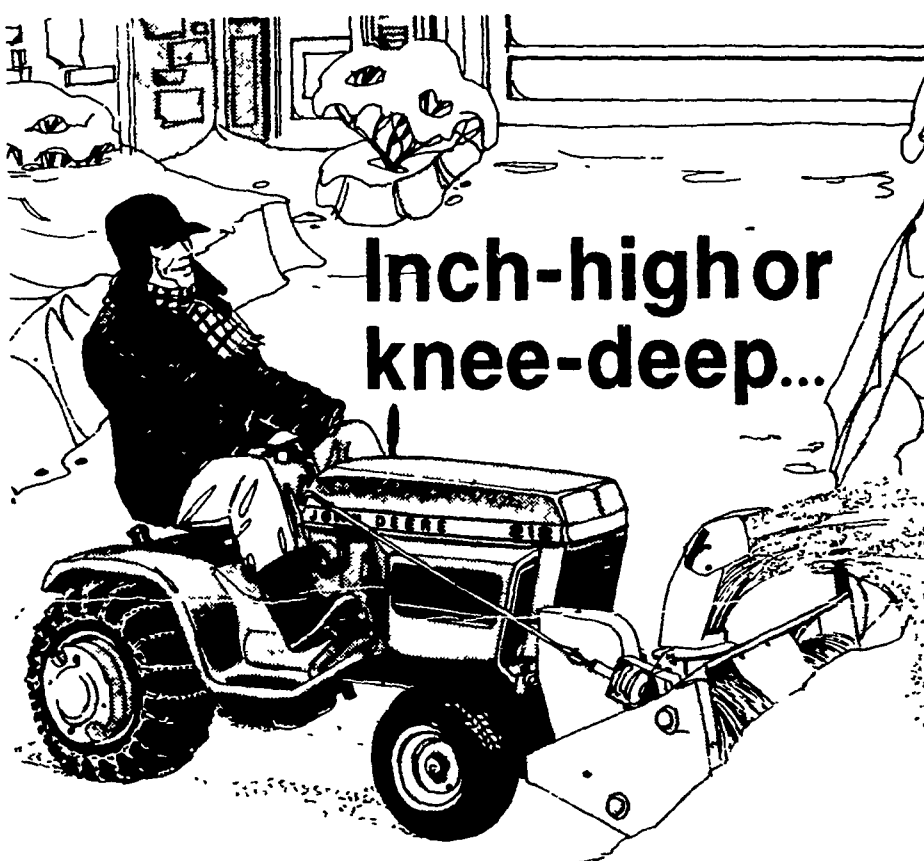
1. Mark Stauffer, Ephrata, Pa., Deutz D9006, 255.7; 2. Amos Stauffer, Ephrata, Pa., Deutz D8006, 230.2; 3. Charles Welsh, Gap, Pa., Case 800, 196.2.

5000 Modified

1. Coleman Wheatley, Bethel, Del. Massey 44 440 Dodge, 284.9; 2. Gary Mills, Fallston, Md., Massey Harris 396 Chevy, 279.9; 3. Ivan Barnsley, Laytonsville, Md., Farmall-M 440 Dodge, 264.5.

9000 Open

1. David Becker, Mt. Joy, Pa., Cockshutt 40-2-460 Fords, 218.0; 2. Lester Houck, Kinzers, Pa., Cockshutt 40-2-440 Dodge, 217.5; 3. Glenn Darnell, Laytonsville, Md., Cockshutt 40-2-454 Chevys, 210.5.



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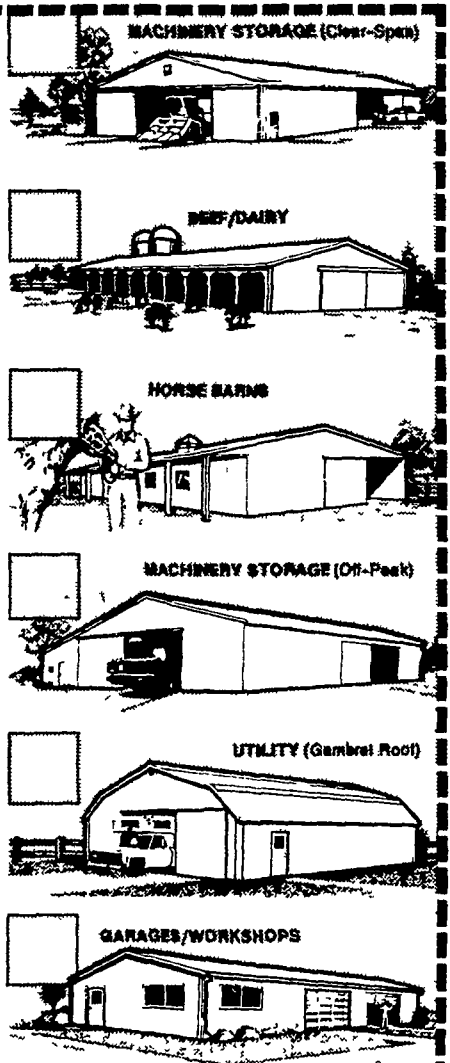
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