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Red Rose steers sweep Farm Show beef contest

HARRISBURG - Three Lancaster County youths captured the top awards in a junior steer show held Thursday afternoon at the State Farm Show. James Greider, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Greider, Columbia R2, showed the grand champion steer amidst what was termed "extremely close judging competition."

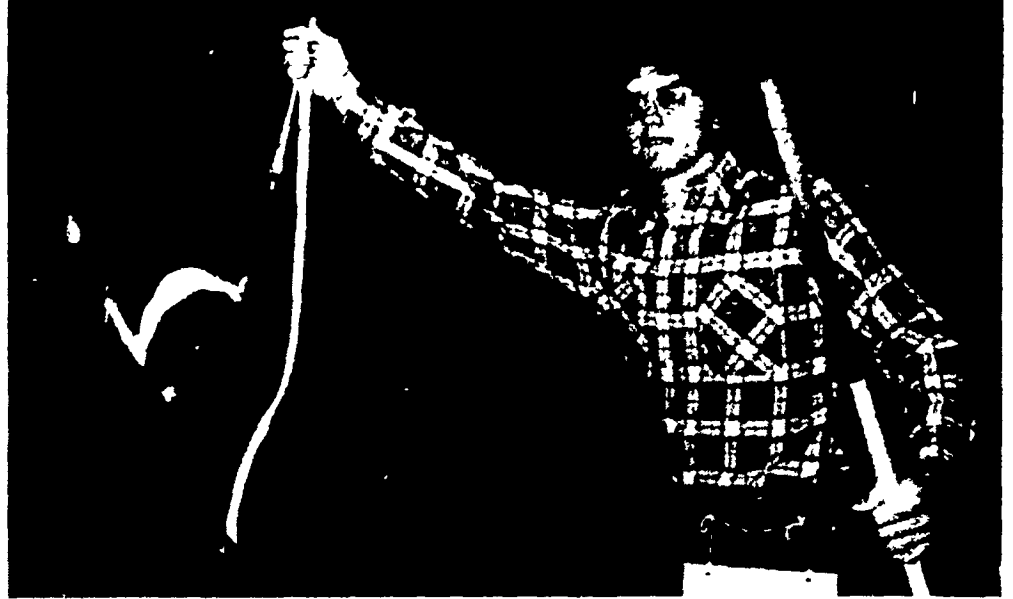
A member of the Lancaster County Red Rose Baby Beef Club, Greider showed his Chianina - Angus crossbred entry to first place in the heavyweight class - second division before taking the championship honors. His steer weighed in at 1290 pounds.

Eleven-year old Bonnie Sue Frey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Frey,

Refton, showed the reserve grand champion steer. Named "Rocky", the steer weighed in at 1260 pounds and was also an Angus - Chianina cross. The steer had placed first in the light-heavyweight competition.

Along with winning the two top honors at the show, Lancaster also had the

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Jim Greider, Columbia, showed the grand champion at this year's Junior Steer Show in Harrisburg. The Lancaster Countain's Chianini-Angus crossbred received the judge's

ceremonial slap on the rump (designating grand champion!) to the delight of many who filled the sidelines and grandstand of the large arena.

Lancaster eggs top state contest with 100 score

HARRISBURG - A Lancaster County egg producing firm captured the top honors in the display and quality contests during the Farm Show here this week. R. W. Sauder, Inc., Lititz, had one 100 percent score and one 99.75 percent score for his eggs. Sauder's entry of 5

dozen eggs also topped the field with at 99.65 scores.

Sauder's overwhelming victory included having the best dozen white eggs; best dozen brown eggs and the best five dozen eggs.

Dutchland Farms also had a 100 percent score in the competition.

All of the best of show in the egg competitions came from Lancaster County.

Richard Bennett, quality control manager for Sauder's, noted that the company had been entering the contest for the past five

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Lancaster County egg producers finished stronger than ever before at this year's Farm Show. All of the best eggs of the entire show came from Lancaster County, and two perfect scores were achieved for the first time ever. The 100 point ratings were achieved by Dutchland Farms and R.

W. Sauder. The Sauder Co., represented here by Glenn Sauder, left, and Richard Bennett, quality control supervisor, also showed the best five dozen eggs. Presenting the plaque is Jay Irwin of the County Extension office.

Star Farmer named

HARRISBURG - a 20-year old Berks County youth was named State Star Farmer for 1976 - the highest agriculture award possible through the Pennsylvania Association of FFA. The award was presented at the State FFA Association meeting held, Wednesday in conjunction with the 60th Siegfried, R2, Mertztown, Berks County.

Dale is a 1975 graduate of Kutztown Area Senior High School and has developed his own farming operation. He is renting a total of 108 acres of land for his crops which include 35 acres of soybeans and 5 acres of potatoes. In addition, he has 10 sows, has fattened 115 head of swine and fattened 25 steers. He also owns much of his own farm equipment.

While accomplishing this, Dale managed to keep up his school work and took an active part in local FFA chapter activities. He served as Sentinel and Vice-President in the local chapter and also served on numerous committees.

The Star Farmer Award puts Dale in the running for additional honors later this annual Pennsylvania State Farm Show.

This is the second consecutive year for a Berks County youth to win the top award. In addition, they



Dale Siegfried, Mertztown R1, received the Keystone Farmer Degree this week during ceremonies in Harrisburg.

were both from the same FFA chapter - Kutztown Area FFA.

He is Dale G. Siegfried, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul J.

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Hog champion shown

HARRISBURG - Richard Strauss, of Ephrata showed the champion barrow at the 60th Farm Show, a 221-pounder. The hog was the show's light heavyweight champion.

The reserve champion of the market swine show was a 230-pound barrow and littermate to the champion owned by Gary Eberly, Denver. The Eberly entry was the heavyweight champion.

William Harrison, of Littlestown, won the grand championship of the Junior Market Swine Showmanship Contest. He also was named winner in the division for 12 to 14 year olds.

Robert Hall, Julian, was winner of the 11 and under division; and Jay Bomgardner, of Annville, Lebanon County, topped all showmen in the 15 and older division.



Richard Strauss of Ephrata had the grand champion junior market hog at this year's Farm Show. The crossbred is five and a half month old and

weighs approximately 230 pounds. Strauss is a member of the Cloister FFA chapter where Lew Ayres is head of the Vo Ag Department.

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