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Holstein show held

By DIETER KRIEG
QUARRYVILLE - Top honors at this year's Lancaster District Holstein Show were shared by two well-known families who are experienced and dedicated veterans of the show circuit. Winning both grand and reserve grand championship at the show, which had more than 120 Holsteins entered, was the Robert Kauffman family of Elizabethtown.

"Andfar Astronaut Cinderella," a 5-year daughter of Paclamar Astronaut, was chosen as grand champion by judge Paul King, York County Holstein breeder. King picked her over another Kauffman entry, "Sunapee Astronaut Ruth," owned by Linda Kauffman. Miss Kauffman had the grand champion at last year's show as well.

family were named premier exhibitor and premier breeder of the show. The Freys operate a Holstein dairy farm near Willow Street and won a number of blue ribbons with their entries.

Lasting for more than five hours, the Open Black and White contest was held Thursday at the Quarryville

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Premier breeder and premier exhibitor at this year's Lancaster District Holstein Show is the J. Mowery Frey family of Willow Street. Left to right are: Susan, with the first-place 3-year old and grand champion of the 4-H Show, owned by Sandy Frey; Jimmy with the best uddered 2-year old, and John with a second-place 3-year old.

Yield grades explained

By KENDACE BERRY
LANCASTER, Pa. - Close to 200 people came to learn about "yield grades" at the auction barn of the Lancaster Stockyards during the morning hours of July 28. They came to hear H. Louis Moore, extension agriculture economist from Penn State, Lester Burdette, livestock extension specialist from Penn State, Milton Marshall, cattle

buyer for Cross Brothers, Phila., and James Anderson, the USDA livestock marketing agent located in Lancaster, and see a demonstration of cattle being graded in the different yield grades.

Mr. Max Smith, Lancaster County Extension Agent, and William Boy, president of the Lancaster Livestock Exchange, hosted the meeting.

H. Louis Moore was first to speak. He gave a short history of the yield-grading system, stating that it became mandatory about 18 months ago on February 23, 1976. The grading system has been controversial with the big question being "Are the lower graded cattle really worth less?" The highest grade cattle are graded yield

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Strauss tops hog show

By JOANNE SPAHR
LANCASTER, Pa. - They thought he was crazy when he purchased the "butterball" for \$107 back in April at the Lancaster County Swine Producers Association's feeder pig sale, but 21-year-old Robert Strauss, Jr., Durlach Road, Ephrata, went on to take his "folly" to grand champion status at the 15th annual Lancaster County FFA Market Hog Show and Sale held last Tuesday at the Lancaster Stockyards. The 215 pound Duroc-

Chesterwhite barrow was first named champion middleweight before edging out the champion lightweight for the grand champion title. The animal was later sold for \$2.37 per pound to Hatfield Packing Company, Hatfield, Pa.

Reserve grand champion belonged to Christian Herr, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Herr, Narvon R2, a second year FFA member from Garden Spot High School who culminated his first swine project by commanding \$1.30½ per

pound for his 205 pound Yorkshire-Hampshire gilt. Like Strauss, Herr also purchased his animal at the Lancaster County Swine Producers Association's feeder pig sale held at the New Holland Sales Stables on April 5. Purchasing Herr's reserve grand champ at the afternoon sale was Lancaster County Farm Restaurant, Elizabethtown R1.

Strauss' grand champion was bred by Dutch Valley

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Lancaster County's dairy princess, Twila Brubaker, congratulates Linda Kauffman for showing this Astronaut daughter to reserve grand champion honors.

Tobacco cutting begins

By JOANNE SPAHR
LITITZ, Pa. - Although varying weather conditions around Lancaster County have put its tobacco crop in different stages of production, the overall crop is about one week early, according to John Yocum, of the Penn State southeast research laboratory at Landisville. Aphids are a problem this year, although

not a severe one, and growers of the new variety, Pennlan, report it is doing as well, if not better, than Pennbel at this stage.

As of Friday morning, there were three reports that cutting had begun in the county. Paul Groff, Manheim R3, an area grower for 29 years, said that he had put away two double loads on Thursday because

the weather looked bad for Saturday - his originally scheduled day to cut.

Groff, who farms seven acres of Pennbel, planted the cut tobacco on May 20. He estimates that it weighed 60 pounds per lath, and that at this point, it is the best he's had in four years.

Other growers around the

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Robert Strauss, Jr., Ephrata R1, (left) who showed the grand champion market hog at the Lancaster County FFA Market Hog show and sale last Tuesday, shakes hands

with Jerry Clemens, hog buyer from Hatfield Packing Company Hatfield, Pa. Clemens purchased Strauss' grand champion for \$2.37 per pound on Tuesday.

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