Harrisburg narrows down blue ribbon winners

By DIETER KRIEG

HARRISBURG - Amidst a Farm Show complex which is currently being renovated, 4-H club members from seven southcentral Pennsylvania counties competed here last Tuesday for the right to go onto state competition on Sept. 26 when the improved Farm Show Building will host the Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show in conjunction with the Pennsylvania All-American.

A total of 215 head of dairy animals, representing six breeds, were paraded through the small arena, before proud parents and 4-H club leaders from Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, and York counties. In order to be able to participate, 4-H'ers had to have won blue ribbons at their respective county shows. Those who won blue ribbons here on Tuesday will be eligible for the state event.

Special contributors to this - the 10th Annual Southcentral District 4-H Dairy Show were Atlantic Breeders, Milton Hershey Farms, New Holland Machine Co., Inter-State Milk Producers, Harrisburg Dairies, Eastern Milk Producers, and Agway, Inc. "They help make the show possible," announced John P. Harris, Dauphin County agent and chairman of this year's show. He explained that Atlantic Breeders provided the public address system, hats, and show announcer: Milton Hershey Farms provided the hay and straw, and New Holland underwrote expenses for the catalogue.

This event, like many other 4-H contests which involve more than one county, involves not just competition between individuals, but between counties as well. Traditional rivalries flourish as the youngsters and their leaders seek to add trophies and banners to their county's

For those who want to know the score, York, Lebanon, Lancaster and Dauphin Counties apparently won the most in the unofficial battle. York and Dauphin counties each had two first-place county herds, with York's coming in the contest's two biggest shows - Holsteins and Guernseys. Dauphin County won with their Brown Swiss and Jerseys, but beyond that their efforts for county teams went unrecognized. York, on the other hand, placed third in Brown Swiss and Jerseys. Youths from Lancaster County failed to put together a first-place county team for any breed, but managed to take four second-place teams out of five. They were fourth with their Hosteins, while Milking Shorthorns failed to be represented strongly enough to put together a county team.

Lebanon County won the Ayrshire county team contest and had a third place county Holstein herd.

Competition and subsequent earnings of top ribbons was pretty evenly distributed between youths representing the seven counties, with each taking a share of the top honors. York County, however, had as many champion animals come from within its borders as did any other two counties put together. Dauphin County had four and Lancaster County, three. Cumberland County received its share of

the glory partially on the efforts of Betty Deitch of Carlisle R5, who showed the grand champion of the breed. She exhibited a 2-year old daughter of Allenview Drafter, and was uncontested for the blue ribbon.

Serving as judges for the event were George Page Jr. of Columbia Cross Roads R2, Orville Yoder of Bradford County, and Richard Little of Montour County.

Detailed results of each breed show, except the Milking Shorthorn contest, may be found under separate headlines within these pages of Lancaster Farming.

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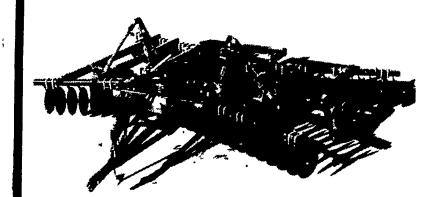
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