

## Pa. ranks high in regional FFA judging

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. - In the 15-state North Atlantic Regional FFA judging contest held at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, Mass., recently, Pennsylvania placed higher, consistently, than any other state participating.

All told, the Pennsylvania FFA'ers racked up two first placings - in dairy cattle judging and safe tractor operating. Three second rank berths also went to the

Commonwealth in milk quality and dairy foods judging; agricultural mechanics, small gas engines; and livestock judging.

The top ranking dairy cattle judging team was comprised of Steve Ritchey, Loysburg; David Pittman, Loysburg; and Herb Clapper, New Enterprise R1. The team's strong area was in Ayrshire judging in which

they were named the high team of the contest.

Individually, Steve Ritchey was the first place judge over all members involved in the contest, winning his highest recognition in judging Brown Swiss.

David Pittman was rated seventh, individually, over all dairy cattle judges.

Tim Casner, Newport, Pa., was named the first place



Tim Casner

individual in the safe tractor operating contest.

In milk quality and dairy foods judging, the second place Pennsylvania team was comprised of twin sisters Maxine and Eileen Messner, New Holland, Pa. Dan Hershberger, Quarryville, completed the team effort.

These three team members placed sixth, seventh, and eighth, in the individual placings.

The second placed small gas engines team was comprised of David Renninger and Jerry Wagner, both of Beaver Springs.

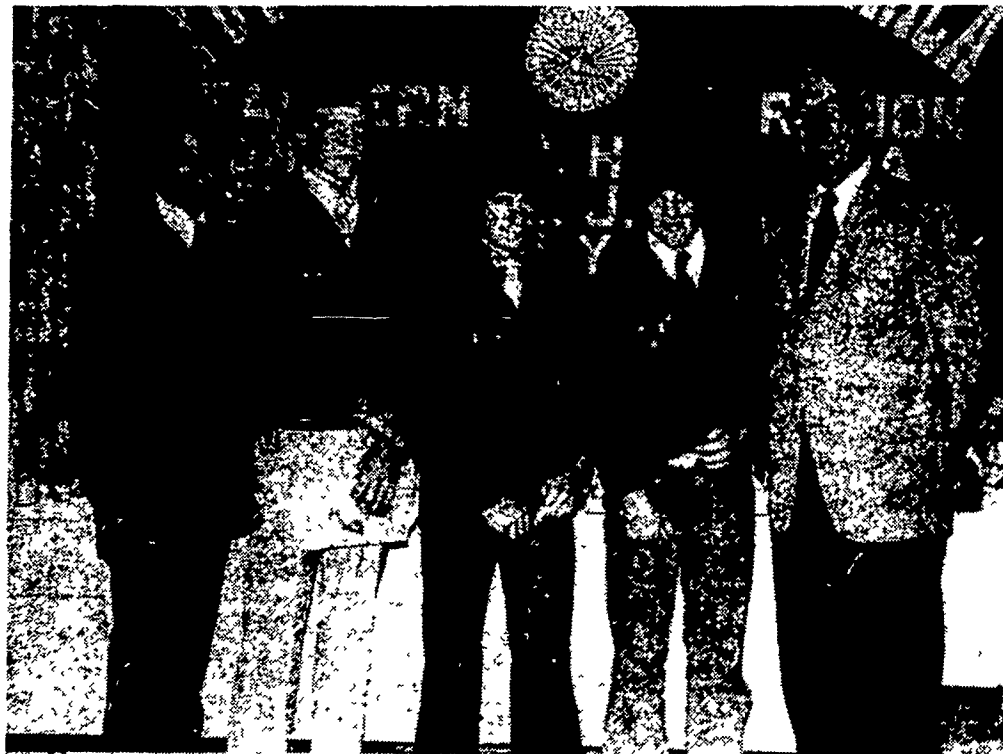
Dennis Householder, Holbrook R1; Chris Klinedinst, Wrightsville R1; and Jody Trautuetter, Darlington R1, comprised the second ranking livestock judging team. Individually, Jody Trautuetter placed sixth in the contest, Chris Klinedinst placed ninth, and Dennis Householder placed 10th.

In ornamental horticulture judging, Pennsylvania dropped two notches to take fourth place with Felicia Gordner, Brownstown, named 10th place individual.

Fifth place honors went to the Commonwealth's FFA members in the FFA electrical contest for agricultural mechanics. Daniel Witwer, New Holland, and Dallas Smith, Dover, both placed individually with Witwer ranking fourth and Smith taking ninth place honors.

In poultry judging, Pennsylvania placed sixth.

Clifford Day, vocational agriculture teacher from Garden Spot High School, served as chaperone.



The first place dairy judging team from Pennsylvania is flanked by Bruce Maloch, the National FFA secretary (left), and Willis Hayes, president of the Eastern States Exposition on the right. The team members consisted of Steve Ritchey, Loysburg; David Pitman, Loysburg; and Herb Clapper, New Enterprise R1.



The second place milk quality and dairy foods team at the North Atlantic FFA Regional Judging contest was comprised of individuals from Pennsylvania. Chaperoned by Clifford Day, left, a vocational agriculture teacher from Garden Spot High School, the members of the team were: Eileen Messner (second from left), her twin sister Maxine (fourth from left), and Dan Hershberger (right). Standing in the center of the group is Bruce Maloch, the national secretary of the Future Farmers of America.

## Yoders sweep Shorthorn show

HARRISBURG - For the second straight year, Nedra Yoder, 18, of Shoemakersville, captured the grand and senior championship honors in Milking Shorthorn judging at the 22nd Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show with Pinesedge Melody, a 6-year-old. The winning entry was sired by Pinesedge Appollo. Nedra, showing as a 4-H member, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Yoder.

Frederick Yoder, 17, of Shoemakersville, brother of Nedra, showed the reserve grand and reserve senior champion, a 3-year-old, Pinesedge Flora Cheri 15th. The animal's sire is Tabbagong Flora's Prince. Frederick, a 4-H member for 10 years, showed the senior champion Milking Shorthorn at the 1975 Junior Dairy Show. The young man also showed the junior champion, Pinesedge Davy Cherry 18th, a senior yearling. The

Pinesedge Dawey. Frederick showed as a 4-H member.

Wendy Yoder, 15, sister of Nedra and Frederick, showed the reserve junior champion, C.H. Gay Irma, a senior calf. The reserve junior champion was sired by Lilydale Lucy's Promise 10th. Wendy has been a 4-H member for six years.

Although the Yoders completely dominated the Milking Shorthorn show, they did not have the ex-

Doug Marsh of Sadsburyville had the first-place intermediate calf, and Charles Weiss of Fombell had the best 2-year old.

Charles R. Weiss, 13, of Fombell, Lawrence County, exhibiting Promise Lisa, a two-year-old Milking Shorthorn, captured the champion fitting and showmanship honors at the Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show. Charles has been a 4-H

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