

# Wylie has champ at Chester Co. 4-H beef show

GLENMOORE - Warming up for Fall beef competition, 14-year-old Bill Wylie, Nottingham, took the grand champion steer title of the 11th annual Chester County-Summer 4-H beef show held

at Devereux Soleil Farm, here, last Saturday. Wylie showed a 1120 pound Simmental crossbred out of West Virginia

This year's reserve champion steer belonged to

13-year-old Jeff Walker, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Walker, West Chester R1. Walker's Charolais/Angus/Hereford cross weighed in at 1055 pounds and was purchased

at Octorara Farm's club calf sale. Walker was also named junior champion showman at the Summer show.

In Angus heifer competition, Gary Walker took the championship position with Shannon Mertz coming in with the reserve champion

Robbie Rohrer, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rohrer, Nottingham, placed first in first year showmanship competition and Ed Wylie, Nottingham, took top honors in the senior division.

A complete list of winners follows:

#### Lightweight

1. Jim Anderson, 2. Richard Coleman, 3. Sheila Fairbairn, 4. Brian Hutt, 5. Shannon Mertz, 6. Trudi Marsh, 7. Terri Marsh, and 8. Tammi Marsh.

#### Mediumweight

1. Joan Anderson, 2. Donald Stoltzfus, 3. Gordon Smith, 4. Lynda Coleman, 5. Eileen Fairbairn, 6. Ginny Coleman, and 7. David Ashman.

#### Light heavyweight

1. David Wylie, 2. Ed Wylie, 3. Robbie Rohrer, 4. Gary Walker, 5. Kenny Walker.

#### Heavyweight

1. Bill Wylie, 2. Jeff Walker, 3. Nelson Beam.

#### First year showmanship

1. Robbie Rohrer, 2. Shannon Mertz, 3. Trudi Marsh.

#### Junior Showmanship

1. Jeff Walker, 2. Bill Wylie, 3. Sheila Fairbairn, 4.

Jim Anderson, 5. Joan Anderson.

#### Senior Showmanship

1. Ed Wylie, 2. Dave Wylie, 3. Gary Walker, 4. Nelson Beam, 5. Richard Coleman.

Judge for the event was Donny Nichols, herdsman, Penn State University. Ringmaster was Conrad Grove, Devereux Soleil Farm.

## Juniper midge causing damage

HARRISBURG - State Agriculture Secretary Kent Shelhamer says that the juniper midge, a small mosquito-like insect, could pose a real problem for nurserymen, nursery dealers and homeowners in the commonwealth.

According to Shelhamer, the juniper midge causes damage to plants in the form of browning out and killing numerous small branches. He noted that in some cases, growers have confused the midge with a fungal infection which also kills branch tips, treating damaged plants with fungicides instead of insecticides.

Shelhamer suggested nurserymen and dealers should spray with dimethoate (cygon 2E) in accordance with label directions in early to mid-July, and should repeat applications about three weeks later.

The juniper midge lays its eggs on juniper branches during June. When the eggs hatch, the tiny larvae bore into the branch tips. These

larvae feed in the branches during the summer and create a mine or tunnel which can girdle the twigs.

The larvae, or maggots, are dormant in Winter, but remain in the juniper twigs. With the onset of Spring weather, the maggots complete their development and drop out of the twigs and burrow into the soil where they transform into adult flies to renew the cycle.

Branch tips, Shelhamer said, do not turn brown until after the maggots have abandoned the twigs, and the brown tips seen in June and July are the result of infestations from the previous year. Branch tips of one to four inches turn brown and often break off at the point where they were girdled. But usually by Fall, the dead tips have broken off and new growth gives the plants a healthy appearance.

Andora juniper, a low growing plant, is the preferred host of the juniper midge, but all prostrate varieties and some upright varieties of the juniper are also susceptible.



Bill Wylie poses with his grand champion Simmental crossbred at the 11th annual Chester County Summer 4-H beef show.



In the reserve champion slot of the steer division at the Chester County 4-H Summer beef show was an animal showed by Jeff Walker. Jeff's champ was a Charolais/Angus/Hereford crossbred.

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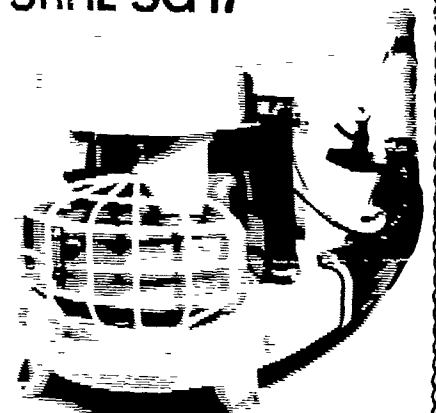
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