

# Scott Stoltzfus wins Berks FFA swine show

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LEESPORT — Fourteen year old Scott Stoltzfus of Elverson R2 was very skeptical about bringing home any awards on August 2 from the Berks County FFA Market Hog Show and Sale, held here annually at the Leesport Market and Auction. He had entered the event for the first time. "I just didn't think my hogs were good enough," he commented with a wry smile.

But Scott underestimated his York/Hampshire crossbreds. Competing against 41 other hogs being shown by 16 fellow exhibitors, Scott showed his heavyweight barrow and mediumweight gilt to the grand and reserve champion honors. The son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilmer Stoltzfus, this proud exhibitor is looking forward to many more shows while in the FFA.

Scott, who will be attending ninth grade at Twin Valley this Fall, explained that he has shown previously in 4-H competition but never went away with grand champions before. Rounding out his exceptional day, this young man also took third place in the lightweight class, outplacing his older brother, Tim, in all three weight divisions.

Taking the blue ribbon in the lightweights was Betsy Moyer of Richland R1, with her 195 pound Duroc gilt. This young lady is the 17-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Moyer. She is a recent graduate of Tulpehocken High School and presently looking for a full-time job in agriculture.

Also commanding attention in the spotlight was Marjorie Faust of Kempton R1. Marjorie, the 16-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Faust, placed first in the junior showmanship competition. A senior at Kutztown Area High School, Marjorie explained that this is the first year she has shown hogs. She is currently raising several York/Duroc crossbreds and has three sows of her own.

The senior champion showman honor was awarded to 15-year old Randy Rabenold, Kutztown R2. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rabenold, Randy has shown hogs for three years. He too raises hogs of his own and presently has



Cheryl Wessner, Berks-Lehigh Pork Queen, presented Scott Stoltzfus of Elverson R2 with the grand and reserve champion plaques.

three purebred Hampshire sows. This Fall, Randy will be a junior at Kutztown Area High School.

Sweeping away first place in the Fitting competition was Diane Stoltzfus of R2 Elverson. Diane is the 13-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Houck and will enter ninth grade at Twin Valley, this Fall. Diane should be very proud of her

fitting skills since this too, is her first time at showing hogs.

Later in the evening the annual sale followed. Purchasing the 245 pound grand champion at \$1.50 per pound was Hatfield Packing Company, Hatfield, for a total figure of \$367.50. Also buying the 225 pound reserve champion, Hatfield Packing

paid \$1.30 per pound for a total price of \$292.50.

Fifty-three hogs were sold for an average price of \$56 per pound, by the 17 exhibitors representing five FFA chapters. Total weight of the hogs marketed was 10,605 pounds valued at a

total of \$6099.11. The average price per hog sold was \$117.29. Other buyers were: Ralph Zettlemoyer, Breinigsville; Leesport Auction, Leesport; Peters Brothers, Lenhartsville; Yoders Meats, Shoemakersville; George Moyer, Bernville; and Erich Schmidt, Leesport.

Judging the show was Carl Graybill, Jr., vocational agriculture teacher at Ephrata Area High School.

Presenting the grand champion with a plaque was Eastern Pennsylvania Pork Producers Association, while the reserve champion plaque was presented by Berks-Lehigh Pork Producers Association.

Following are the complete results of the show:

### FITTING

1. Diane Stoltzfus, Twin Valley; 2. Mike Heiter, Kutztown; 3. Marjorie Faust, Kutztown; 4. Larry Shrawder, Kutztown; 5. Dan Mosteller, Twin Valley; 6. Tim Stoltzfus, Twin Valley.

### JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

1. Marjorie Faust, 2. Richard Dietrich, Kutztown; 3. Dan Mosteller, 4. Diane Stoltzfus, 5. Henry Noss, Conrad Weiser; 6. Betsy Moyer, Tulpehocken.

### SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP

1. Randy Rabenold, Kutztown; 2. Wendy Yoder, Hamburg; 3. Larry Shrawder; 4. Cathleen Wisser, Kutztown; 5. Alan Rohrbach, Hamburg; 6. Scott Stoltzfus, Twin Valley.

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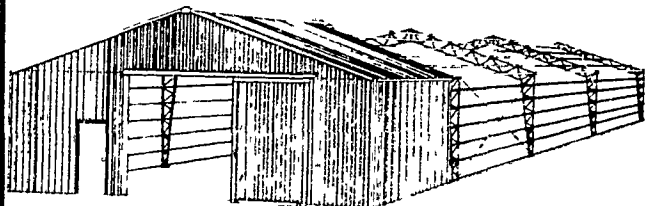
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