

Market hogs sold at Ephrata Fair

EPHRATA - Ray Good, Ephrata RD1, sold his grand champion market hog for \$3.85 a pound to Hatfield Packing, September 28 at Ephrata Fair. His cross bred hog weighed 242 pounds. (See related story on page 118).

The reserve grand champion, owned by Rick and Steve Strauss, Ephrata

RD5, sold for \$1.25 a pound to Penn Packing. Their hog weighed 214 pounds.

Hatfield packing bought Kerry Boyd's 202 pound lightweight champion hog for \$.76 a pound. Boyd, of Ephrata, also sold his 204 pound reserve lightweight champion for \$.75 a pound to Penn Packing.

Penn Packing was the

highest bidder for Harold Kauffman's 218 pound reserve mediumweight champion which sold for \$.77 a pound.

Bruce Hess paid \$.87 a pound to Chris and Barb Herr, Narvon, for their 234 pound heavyweight reserve champion market hog.

Penn Packing Buying Station, Ephrata, and Hatfield Packing, Hatfield, made the most purchases at the sale.



Rick and Steve Strauss, Ephrata RD1, are shown with their reserve champion market hog at Ephrata Fair. Penn Packing bought the 214 pounder for \$1.25 a pound, September 28.

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children are chosen from the audience during this number for a special ride down SESAME STREET.

Closet Poinsettia now for holiday blooms

FLEMINGTON, N.J. - It's time to put the Poinsettias back into the closet if you hope to have colorful bracts for the holiday season. It's already October and care should commence on all the holiday plants to insure bountiful blooms by December, says Robert Schutzki, New Jersey County Extension Agent.

Poinsettia, probably one of the most popular holiday bloomer, is a short day plant. It requires a short day or more important a long dark period to initiate the flower process. If plants are to flower, they must be kept in darkness from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m., from the first of October to Thanksgiving. Careful attention is essential to insure that the dark period is not interrupted by indoor or outdoor lights. Quite often commercial producers experience problems with street lamps or other external lighting which produce enough radiant energy to prevent the normal flower process.

Generally we can expect a visual sign of flowering approximately two to three months after the initiation of controlled daylight.

We can produce the short day-light by placing the plants in a closet or by placing a box over the plant for the recommended period of time. Keep in mind that the plant must not be disturbed for that 15 hour period.

During the light hours, the plant should be placed in a sunny window. A Southern window will provide an excellent condition. Try to maintain soil moisture at moderate and uniform levels. The soil should neither be soggy wet nor bone dry. Fertilizer can be applied either by liquid, granular, or slow release type. It has been shown the Poinsettia requires a regular feeding program.

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