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Ernie Frey captures junior beef title

BY DEBRA STRICKLER
HARRISBURG — Two Lancaster County youths swept the coveted grand and reserve honors of the 1980 Junior Beef Show held here Thursday afternoon. Ernie Frey's six years of strong dedication to 4-H beef

projects resulted in his capture of the 1980 Beef Show's grand banner.

The judges second tapping of Christian Herr's reserve heavyweight champion provided the final assurance

— Lancaster County was to dominate the 1980 State Beef Show.

Ernie Frey is the 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Frey of R2 Quarryville.

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Ernie Frey of R2 Quarryville took the grand championship. Doug Parrot of the show judge, is on the left.

Lancaster Co. shepherds dominate sheep show

BY SHEILA MILLER
HARRISBURG — Three Lancaster County families took championship honors during sheep competition at Sunday's Farm Show.

Starting off the day, Barbara Herr, Narvon, showed the grand champion market lamb on foot. The winning lamb was a crossbred, Cheviot x Suffolk.

She continued her winning streak by taking the grand championship in both Dorset rams and ewes in breeding sheep competition. Her female champ had previously stood second in her class in national competition at Louisville, Kentucky.

Herr, a junior at Garden Spot, has started into the sheep business in earnest. She owns six ewes in her family's flock, along with even showstring Dorsets. Besides these sheep, she raises wethers and market lambs to sell.

Although she has raised Hampshires and Suffolks, as



The champion Suffolk ewe was shown by Clyde Brubaker for Milton Morgan, of Lancaster.

well as Dorsets, she says she likes the Dorset breed best because they have a good temperament.

Herr said this was the first year she has done well at the Farm Show, although in previous years she has won

many honors and placed well in competition.

When asked if she would rather be doing something else than spending her time showing sheep, Herr commented it takes a lot of her time but she would rather be

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Farm groups, industry decry U.S. grain embargo

BY CURT HARLER
LITITZ — Every major farm organization representing local farmers, and several agribusiness groups, have slammed President Carter's decision to embargo grain sales to Russia.

Carter said the U.S. will not sell the Russians 17 million tons of grain in excess of the amount we are committed to sell.

The embargo was called in retaliation for the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan.

The Russians, suffering a severe crop shortage, were expected to buy at least that amount of grain from U.S. farmers.

Despite the President's assurances he would take steps to see the U.S. farmer was protected against

financial loss, most local farm groups issued statements opposing the embargo.

Farm Bureau, the Pennsylvania Grange, PennAg Industries Association, the Fertilizer Institute, and the Farmers Union all said they were upset by the embargo.

Allan Grant, American Farm Bureau Federation President, said cutting off wheat and other farm

commodity exports to the Soviet Union would be unwise and self-defeating.

He was speaking to the group's annual convention in Phoenix, Arizona.

"Other, more effective methods of political and economic retaliation are available to this and other North Atlantic Treaty nations to protest the Soviet

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Grand View fields supreme champion



The supreme champion dairy animal, the first cow so honored at the Pennsylvania Farm Show, was the handsome Holstein shown here between Max Perry, left, and Norman Craig. Her stablemate, flanked by Marvin Miller, was the grand champion Guernsey.

BY DICK WANNER

HARRISBURG — Grand View Farms, a brand new dairying venture which filled their barn in Middletown this past May, got off to a roaring start in the show ring by capturing grand championships in both Holstein and Guernsey breeds at the Pennsylvania Farm Show. And to cap that achievement, the top Holstein was named Supreme Champion, the first year that title has been bestowed on any cow at the Farm Show.

The herd is the result of a collaboration between a trio of dairymen with a vision of building an outstanding breeding herd. Maxwell Perry, the man who led the supreme champion into the ring, has been a dairyman all his adult life, first in Kentucky, then in Indiana.

Norman Craig, the other herdsman, was as immersed

in the Guernsey breed as Perry was in black and whites.

And Marvin Miller, who owns Grand View Farms, has had a life-long dream of developing a top-notch breeding herd.

After he had hung his armload of prize banners in the dairy barn, Perry talked about their plans for the herd. "We intend to make half our money by selling breeding stock," he said. "The milk is going to pay the bills, of course, but the sale of good animals is going to be important to us."

All the cows in the herd were bought at dispersal sales, Perry pointed out. The Holsteins all came from Pennsylvania, while the Guernseys have come from half-a-dozen in the South and the Midwest.

For a breeder, a win from

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