

Ayrshire awards go to Henleys

HARRISBURG — Members of the Kennard Henley family are accustomed to winning the grand champion trophy in Ayrshire competition, and this year's event at the Farm Show was no exception. It was a Henley cow that won both the open and junior competitions.

At one point, it seemed the Henleys might have to buy a warehouse just to store their Ayrshire awards. They began showing in the early 1960's, and soon were hauling champion cows to shows all over the East coast and into the Midwest. In 1976, an especially busy year, they competed in 29 shows and came home with 25 grand champion breed awards.

Kennard Henley doesn't know if that's a world record or not, but he does know it was a lot of work. And he doesn't ever expect to be that busy on the show circuit again. "My kids are getting out of school, it's getting more expensive to haul cows to shows, and I've been in the trucking business for the past three years," Henley said.

"But we'll probably keep on showing five or six times a year."

As they've cut the number of shows, the Henleys have also cut the number of cows in their herd, and they've moved onto a smaller, 20-acre farm. But the 28 cows they still have are top-quality animals, Henley pointed out.

Not just good, but consistent. This year's grand champion was the junior champion in last year's Farm Show.

Because they needed a truck to haul their Ayrshires, it was just a short haul for Henley when he went from being primarily an Ayrshire breeder and exhibitor to being primarily a trucker.

Now Henley's sons, Kennard, III, and William, take care of the farm chores. Most of the work these days revolves around the cows, since the Henley's buy all their feed.

While his family is at home milking, Henley is on the road, delivering mushrooms to places like Abilene, Texas, New Orleans, and St.

Louis. It's a job which, he says, keeps him out sometimes 28 days a month, and which requires even more hours, if that's possible, than dairying.

But while he's not showing as much as he used to, Henley doesn't miss many shows. He sometimes plans trips so he can catch a good Ayrshire competition on his way home, meet many of the countless friends he's made on the show circuit, and catch up on gossip.

The only difference between the way things are now and the way they used to be, Henley said, is that the truck is loaded with mushrooms instead of Ayrshires. And he's finding the mushrooms more profitable than the show circuit.



Reserve grand champion honors in Ayrshire competition went to this two-year-old entry by Don Shetterly shown with the cow, and E.E. Keefer, Millersburg.

Here's who won apiary awards

HARRISBURG — Winners in the apiary products competition were scattered throughout Eastern Pennsylvania.

Prize for the top county exhibit went to Montgomery County followed by York and Lancaster County Associations.

Several individuals placed samples in the winnings in a number of classes. Among them are:

- COMMERCIAL CLASSES**
Light Comb Honey
 1 Paul E Crow Wormleysburg 2 John E Berger R1 Middletown 3 Harold B Green Palmerton 4 Wayne Livingston R1 Carlisle 5 Fred Rich Royersford
Dark Comb Honey
 1 Wayne Livingston 2 Harold B Green 3 Paul Krepicz R2 Slatington 4 Fred Rich 5 John E Berger
Light Cobana
 1 Milt Murray Enola 2 Wayne Livingston 3 Fred Rich 4 John E Berger 5 David Buffington R2 Halifax
Dark Cobana
 1 Fred Rich 2 David Buffington 3 John E Berger
Light Cut
 1 John E Berger 2 Paul E Crow
Light Chunk 3 pounds
 1 Earl V Miller R3 Dover 2 John E Berger 3 Paul E Crow
Extra White
 1 John E Berger 2 Wayne Livingston 3 Warren Motter Marysville
White
 1 Earl V Miller 2 Milt Murray 3 Harold B Green 4 Francis Motichka Honesdale 5 John E Berger
Extra Light Amber
 1 Quay Minnich Red Lion 2 Earl V Miller 3 John E Berger 4 John Creighton R2 Honesdale 5 Francis

- Motichka Honesdale**
Light Amber
 1 Ron Colwell R1 Spring Mills 2 Earl V Miller 3 Nathaniel Miller R3 Dover 4 John Shank R2 Columbia 5 John E Berger
Amber
 1 Francis Motichka 2 Paul Cummins Conshohocken 3 Earl V Miller 4 Milt Murray 5 John Shank
Dark Amber
 1 Milt Murray 2 Earl V Miller 3 Harold Reddinger Hummelstown 4 John E Berger 5 Glen R Handwork Somerset
Light five pounds
 1 Earl V Miller 2 John E Berger 3 Milt Murray 4 John Shank 5 John Creighton
Dark five pounds
 1 Earl V Miller 2 Chester Murray Lancaster 3 John E Berger 4 John Shank 5 Herr Zimmerman Lancaster
Crystal or Creamed
 1 Paul G Cummins Conshohocken 2 Francis Motichka Honesdale 3 Daniel Brubaker R1 Ephrata
Beeswax Commercial
 1 Harold Greene 2 Stewart Mathias R2 Hummelstown 3 Earl V Miller 4 Paul Krepicz R2 Slatington 5 Chester Murray Lancaster
Beeswax Modeled or Designed
 1 Paul Krepicz 2 Harold Green 3 Carl Becker Northampton 4 Triangle Apiary Liverpool 5 Wayne Livingston
Specialty Pack
 1 Joan Schmidt R2 Landenberg 2 Earl V Miller 3 Triangle Apiary Liverpool 4 Daniel Brubaker 5 Jeffrey D Mathias R2 Hummelstown
Individual Exhibit
 1 Wayne Livingston 2 Ron Colwell 3 Joan Schmidt 4 Earl V Miller 5 Mark S Hill R1 Granville
County or Association
 1 Montgomery Co. Beekeepers Association 2 York Co. Beekeepers 3 Lancaster Co. Honey Producers Assoc 4 Dauphin Co. Beekeepers 5 Berks Co. Beekeepers Assoc
4-H CLUB HONEY

- Light Amber**
 1 Nathaniel Miller R3 Dover 2 Hans Spahr Dover
Amber
 1 Nathaniel Miller
VOCATIONAL
 1 Patrick Kalgren R1 Falls Creek 2 Dwayne Frey York Springs
Dark Comb Honey
 1 Nathaniel Miller R3 Dover
Extracted Honey-Extra Light Amber
 1 Dwayne Frey York Springs 2 Jim

- Alecxih R2 Lancaster**
Extracted Honey Light Amber
 1 Nathaniel Miller 2 Dwayne Frey
Extracted Honey Amber
 1 Nathaniel Miller
Extracted Honey Dark Amber
 1 Dwayne Frey York Springs
Best Exhibit, Comb Honey
 1 Milt Murray
Best Exhibit, Extracted Honey
 1 Earl V Miller



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Twin Valley student shows the top junior Holstein

HARRISBURG — Seldom do you find an eight-year-old cow in the show ring, and even less do you find such an oldster going home with the top prize in a competition.

But Donald Stoltzfus showed his easy-going eight-year-old "Penwood Stroke Honey" to the junior championship in a crowded field of Holsteins Tuesday afternoon at the Farm Show. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey W. Stoltzfus, Morgantown, in Chester County, Donald competed as a 4-H member. He is a junior in the Twin Valley High School ag program.

Donald said he's been showing since he first got into 4-H a few years ago. Although he and Honey have earned a number of blue ribbons before - she has been Chester County's 4-H champion - this was the first Farm Show championship for both of them.

When he graduates from high school in 1981, Donald hopes to embark on a career in dairying. He already owns four cows in the 60-cow Stoltzfus herd. His brother Glenn, 13, also helps with the dairying chores, and the nine-year-old twins, Dwight and Duane pitch in occasionally, too.

"Eight really is kind of old for a show cow," Donald said. "Most cows are gone by the time they're this old. She milks out around 18,000 pounds a year, but she never peaked really high. Maybe the fact that she hasn't overworked herself has helped her to stay around longer."

"And she's strung together a lot of respectable lactations. That's helped too."

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