Pa. exhibitors bring home champs from Montgomery Fair

GAITHERSBURG, Md. -Three Pennsylvania exhibitors brought home championship trophies from the Montgomery County Fair held here last week.

In the Open Class Milking Shorthorn competition, Three Springs Farm, Newville showed the Grand Champion Female, Three Spring's TFP Paula.

The Open Swine Show found Pennsylvania entries tying up the championships in the Yorkshire, Hampshire, and Spotted Poland China contests.

Mrs. J.C. Strawbridge, Stewartstown, exhibited both the Grand Champion Boar and the Grand Champion Sow in both the Yorkshire and Hampshire shows. And Hobart Muller, New Oxford, exhibited the Grand Champion Spotted Poland China boar.

A complete listing of the Montgomery County Fair champions follows:

OPEN DAIRY AYRSHIRE Grand Champion Bull -

David and Jim Patrick, Maple Dell Farm, Woodbine, Md.

Grand Champion Female -Karen L. Clark, Woodbine,

BROWN SWISS

Grand Champion Bull -Lawrence Bassler, Sand Rock Farm, Rocky Ridge,

Grand Champion Female -Allen Bassler, Rocky Ridge,

GUERNSEY

Grand Champion Bull -Wayne Spurrier, Union Bridge, Md.

Grand Champion Female -Wessel, Melvin A. Chestertown, Md.

HOLSTEIN

Grand Champion Bull -Robert Raver, Braver Holsteins, Dickerson, Md. Grand Champion Female -Leslie C. King, Kinstead

Farm, Demascus, Md. **JERSEY** Grand Champion Bull -Marilee Hershberger, Marivale Jersey Farm,

Boyds, Md. Grand Champion Female - Waverly Farm, Clearbrook, Friendship, Md.

MILKING SHORTHORN

Grand Champion Bull -James Nicholson, Trickle Keith Martin, Hampstead. Brook Farm, Detour, Md. Grand Champion Female - Kelly Martin, Hampstead. Three Springs Farm, Newville.

OPEN BEEF

ANGUS

Grand Champion Bull -Lee Miller, Woodsboro, Md. Grand Champion Female -William D. Canby, Brookville, Md.

CHAROLAIS

Grand Champion Bull -James Heppner, Cameo Farm, Silver Springs, Md. Grand Champion Female -James Heppner.

POLLED HEREFORD Grand Champion Bull -Huckleberry Hall Farm,

Smithsburg, Md. Grand Champion Female -Huckleberry Hall Farm.

SHORTHORN Grand Champion Bull -

'Bud' Eyler, Leneva Acres, Myersville, Md. Grand Champion Female -

Robert Stiles & Sons, George Bowman, West

OPEN SWINE CHESTER WHITE

Grand Champion Boar Grand Champion Sow

SPOTTED POLAND CHINA

Grand Champion Boar -Hobart Muller, New Oxford. Grand Champion Sow -Dorcus Sheckles, Germantown, Md.

HAMPSHIRE Grand Champion Boar -Mrs. J.C. Strawbridge, Stewartstown.

Grand Champion Sow -Mrs. J.C. Strawbridge.

YORKSHIRE Grand Champion Boar -Mrs. J.C. Strawbridge. Grand Champion Sow Mrs. J.C. Strawbridge.

POLAND CHINA Grand Champion Boar -James Martin, Hampstead,

Grand Champion Sow -James Martin.

DUROC Grand Champion Boar -Keith Martin.

Grand Champion Sow -David Holloway, New Freedom, Md.

BERKSHIRE Grand Champion Boar -Garland Gantt & Family,

Gambrills, Md. Grand Champion Sow -James Martin.

OPEN DAIRY GOATS **NUBIANS**

Grand Champion - Sharon Maloid, Lovettsville, Md.

Grand Champion - Brad & Teresa Wigle, Keymar, Md. **TOGGENSBURGS**

Grand Champion - Jane & Walter Burkle, Cumberland,

DAIRY GOATS

OTHER VARIETIES Grand Champion Michelle Randolph, Olney,

NUBLANS Grand Champion - Jim Randolph, Olney, Md. 4-H BEEF

ANGUS breed Champion - William Canby, Brookville, Md.

HEREFORD Breed Champion - Laura Tessier, Laytonsville, Md. SHORTHORN

Breed Champion - Kristina Harper, Gaithersburg, Md.

4-H DAIRY

Grand Champion Fitting and Showmanship - Roger Wright, Mount Airy, Md.

Supreme Junior Champion Female - Duean Stiles. Damascus, Md.

Supreme Senior Champion Female - Peggy Burdette, Gaithersburg, Md.

AYRSHIRE

Grand Champion Female -Deb Cavell, Boyds, Md. **BROWN SWISS**

Grand Champion Female -Cherylann Catron, Dickerson, Md.

HOLSTEIN Grand Champion Female -Peggy Burdette.

JERSEY Grand Champion Female -

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4-H&FFA **RABBITS** DUTCH

Best of Breed - Eric Meleney, Bethesda, Md. Best Opposite Sex - Eric Meleney.

FRENCH LOP

Best of Breed - Paul Brady, Laytonsville, Md. Best Opposite Sex - Paul

Brady. **NETHERLAND DWARF** Best of Breed - David

Mesko, Rockville, Md. Best Opposite Sex - M. Ritchey, Rockville, Md.

NEW ZEALAND Nest of Breed - Melanie Bogushefsky, Gaithersburg, Md.

Best Opposite Sex - David Graham, Gaithersburg, Md. 4-H SWINE

Grand Champion Market Hog - Billy Gregg, Gaithersburg.

Grand Champion Fitting and Showmanship - Roy Gregory, Laytonsville, Md.

DUROC Grand Champion Female -Ronald Magaha, Jr., Beallsville, Md.

HAMPSHIRE Grand Champion Female -

Roy Gregory, Laytonsvile,

SPOTTED POLAND CHINA

Sherry Sheckels, Silver Springs, Md.

YORKSHIRE

Grand Champion Female -Criquette Mills, Gaithersburg, Md.

Maryland's Senator Mathias introduces ag preservation bill

ANNAPOLIS, Md. -Senator Charles McC. Mathias Jr., of Maryland, last week introduced legislation encouraging farmers to resist the pressure to sell their land to developers and to keep their land in agricultural

production. The Farmland Development Rights Act would offer tax advantages to farmers similar to those now offered to homeowners so they will participate in state programs designed to

preserve farming land. Mathias said his bill tracks programs in New York, New Jersey and Maryland where farmers can sell the development rights of their property to the state. The state purchases an easement on the property which

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using the land for any other than agricultural purposes.

"The sale is theoretically in perpetuity but the farmers may buy back the rights after 25 years if it can be shown that profitable farming is no longer feasible,"

Mathias said. The Mathias bill will allow a farmer to use the proceeds of these sales to buy more farmland without having to pay a capital gains tax. It will also allow a one-time only tax exemption of \$100,000 if the farmer is over

Mathias observed that since the states have limited funds available for these programs, the development rights are often sold for less than market value.

"My bill will narrow the financial gap by allowing the

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ference as a gift for tax purposes," he said.

Mathias said discussions with Senator Jim Clark, President of the Maryland Senate, convinced him that action at the federal level was needed to keep far-

mland in production. "Unfortunately, our country's farmlands are being converted to nonagricultural uses at a rate of over three million per year." Mathias said. "In the last decade alone, this urbanization process has swalloped up land the size of West Virginia."

"If the United States is to remain the world's leading exporter of agricultural products, we must act now to encourage American farmers to continue farming their land," the Maryland Senator said.

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