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Double sweeps in dairy, sheep at Manheim Fair

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN
MANHEIM — It was a day of sweeps in the dairy and sheep competition at the Manheim Community Farm Show on Thursday.

Cows from the Holstein herd of Harold Witmer, R2, Manheim, took both the grand championship and reserve grand championship honors, along with at least a half-dozen other major honors.

In the sheep competition, entries by 17-year-old Jim Stauffer, 345 Weaver Rd., Lancaster, also captured both the grand championship and reserve grand championship trophy and rosette. (For story on sheep show and full results, see page A 32.)

The Witmer entries were

shown in the Holstein competition by son, Lamar Witmer, who also maintains a herd on the family farm located on the Lancaster-Lebanon county border near Lawn.

The grand champion was a five-year-old, who Lamar described as a slow developer. Taking both the aged cow and senior champion honors, Lan Lebo K Builder Suzette is milking about 100 pounds a day, being fresh about six weeks.

As a three-year-old, she placed third at Manheim, was first as a four-year-old last year and came on to take the top honors this year.

Her dam is Lisa Harmony Pride, who was bred to Tihon Kif'Blüder still as an un-

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Top honors at Manheim Fair Thursday went to Harold Witmer, R2, Manheim, with grand champion, an aged cow held at left by Lamar

Witmer, and the reserve grand champion, a four-year-old held by Jeff Witmer.

Pa. livestock take top honors at KILE

BY SHEILA MILLER
HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania livestock producers exhibited some of their finest animals at the 24th Keystone International Livestock Exposition held here last week at the Farm Show Complex.

In cattle competition, Royal Charolais swept the championships, taking both the heifer and bull grand and reserve grand championships along with other top awards.

Earl and William Renner, Waynesburg, showed the reserve grand champion Hereford bull in their breed's Open Show. And, in the Polled Hereford competition, 4-K Cattle Co. and Y-Not Farm of Northpoint, Armstrong County exhibited the reserve grand champion bull, Walking Tall.

In the Junior Angus Breeding Cattle Show, York County's Christine Shive continued on her winning way with her heifer B V Pinkie Pride 49, tagged the reserve grand champion female.

Ten-year-old Scott Hazlett, from State College, Centre County, upset the veteran swine showman in the Barrow On-Foot competition. The young son of Penn State's swine herdsman, Vernon Hazlett, showed his heavyweight Duroc barrow to the grand champion honors. The barrow was the Junior champion and defeated the Open champion exhibited by LaVern Weller and Sons from Dwight, Illinois.

A number of Pennsylvania swine producers took breed championships with their barrow entries. See related story on page C-16.

A Berks County farmer showed the grand champion Shropshire ewe in the Open Breeding Sheep Show at KILE. William E. Yoder of

Kutztown took the top honors with his WEY Shrops entry.

And a Bradford County shepherd swept the Rambouillet competition, taking both the ram and ewe grand and reserve grand championships. See story on page D-8.

Don and Wende Swartz of Hummelstown, Dauphin County showed the champion Appaloosa stallion in the equine division of KILE. The grand champion Appaloosa mare was exhibited by Wane Marmelo of Bethlehem, Northampton/Lehigh County.

Crystal Garvin, Penfield, Clearfield County, and her two-year-old colt captured the reserve grand champion stallion honors in the Paint Horse Show.

Two Pennsylvania Arabian horse exhibitors took home reserve champion trophies in the mare and gelding division. Wilfred Stevens of Bangor showed the reserve champion mare, three-year-old Wil-Or-El Garenza. And Carole Friendly, Macungie, showed the reserve champion gelding, Aazzy.

In the Quarter Horse competition, Bill Dickerson of New Hope, exhibited the grand champion stallion.

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NEDCO and AMPI flirting

BY CURT HARLER
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS — Like a shy couple courting, representatives of two dairy cooperatives have been watching each other closely. While both confirm something is going on, both deny they started it.

Behind the coy exterior, Northeast Dairy Cooperative Federation, Inc. and Associated Milk Producers, Inc. have begun talks which could lead either to a joint venture between the two or the eventual merger of the co-ops.

AMPI, with home offices in San Antonio, Texas, is the nation's largest dairy co-op with 32,000 farmer members.

NEDCO, based in Syracuse, N.Y., is a federation of small cooperatives serving farmers in northern Pennsylvania and New York.

"At this point anything done was strictly initiated by NEDCO," said Leland Anderson, AMPI's assistant to the general manager.

"AMPI wants a

representative in the Northeast. I think they approached us," said NEDCO's Calvin Cobb.

No matter who started making eyes at whom first, both NEDCO and AMPI maintain they will do only what is best for their individual members.

Both agree there is no set timetable and that the talks

are only at the discussion stage.

NEDCO and AMPI have had business dealings in the past. On occasion AMPI has purchased butter from NEDCO and has been active in NEDCO's processing operations.

Neither co-op has brought

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\$10,000 bull calf tops Guernsey sale

LANCASTER — Out-of-state buyers kept the bidding lively at the 55th Renewal and Pennsylvania State Guernsey sale held Thursday afternoon.

Still, some fine Guernseys sold at reasonable prices to those bidding.

A total of 36 Guernseys sold at an average price of \$3039.

Top animal in the sale was Green Manor Mavis Legend, a bull calf born April 27, 1980. He sold for \$10,000 to Curtiss

Breeding Industries, Inc., of Elburn, Illinois.

Curtiss outlasted a group of Pennsylvania Guernsey cattle breeders who had formed a syndicate in hopes of keeping Legend in the state. Contending bidder representing the syndicate was John Marchesak.

Top female in the show was England Farms H Mill, with records over 13,000 pounds milk and 635 pounds fat. She sold for \$5100 to J. Hannond Dungan, Long Meadow, Mass. Dungan was a major buyer at the sale.

The Legend bull calf was bred and consigned by John D. Myers and Marvin Sanner, R1 Littlestown. An embryo transfer calf, he is line bred to the old Fame bull. His dam, Sniders Prince Lily, is an Excellent-91 cow and a two time national class leader.

Legend was sired by Olympic View B Maverick, a bull with a plus predicted difference of 1158 pounds-milk and 52 pounds fat with 93 percent repeatability.

Legend's selling price may have been helped by a promotional movie showed before the sale which boosted the Guernsey breed and, among other animals, featured Legend.

The top cow, bred by T. Howard England, North East, Md., was consigned by Scott, Elsie and Dennis

Wolff, R2 Quarryville.

Next high seller was Merit Wistar Mabel, an open heifer born December 3, 1979. The calf, consigned by Richard and Pauline Merritt, Farmington, Conn., was first place junior calf at both the Connecticut and

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Legislative roundup

Senate passes bill to cut farm stock tax

HARRISBURG — A measure which could save family farm corporations \$5000 a year passed the state Senate Monday and awaits the Governor's signature.

HB 1608, sponsored by Lancaster County Representative Noah Wenger, exempts closely held family farm corporations from the state's capital stock franchise tax.

Obtaining the Governor's signature should be no problem. "He promised me earlier he would sign the bill into law," Wenger noted.

The measure passed the Senate unanimously, 48-0.

Stalled was HB 1176, sponsored by Joseph Pitts, which would require valuation of farmland at its agricultural use rather than for other uses such as

development for homes.

It passed the Senate last week and was returned to the House for concurrence on an amendment which includes forest land in the valuation provision. Observers say it probably will move when the legislature reconvenes November 17.

Also important to farmers and ready to move at that

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