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## Armstrong Co. steer tagged grand champ

BY SHEILA MILLER

**FARM SHOW** — The grand champion Junior beef steer of the 65th Pennsylvania Farm Show was a 1255 pound crossbred, called Monkey Lip by an Armstrong County youth who showed the big black steer to the top honors.

Seventeen-year-old Blaine Clowser led the heavyweight Limousin x Chianina x Angus crossbred to win his first Farm Show grand championship. The youth and steer basked in the limelight of blazing television cameras and news reporters' microphones seconds after Judge Doug Parrett of Urbana, Illinois delivered the traditional Grand Champ slap.

Judge Parrett described the top Farm Show steer as one that combines the traits consumers and cattlemen need to look for in order to

make money for the whole beef industry.

"A grand champion steer needs to meet certain minimum standards.

"It needs to be growthy — a steer that will be efficient and save money for the cattleman

"It needs the right volume of muscling to produce the most pounds of meat

"And it needs the right amount of fat to reach the choice grade. In our society, corn-fed beef is a status of high quality meat

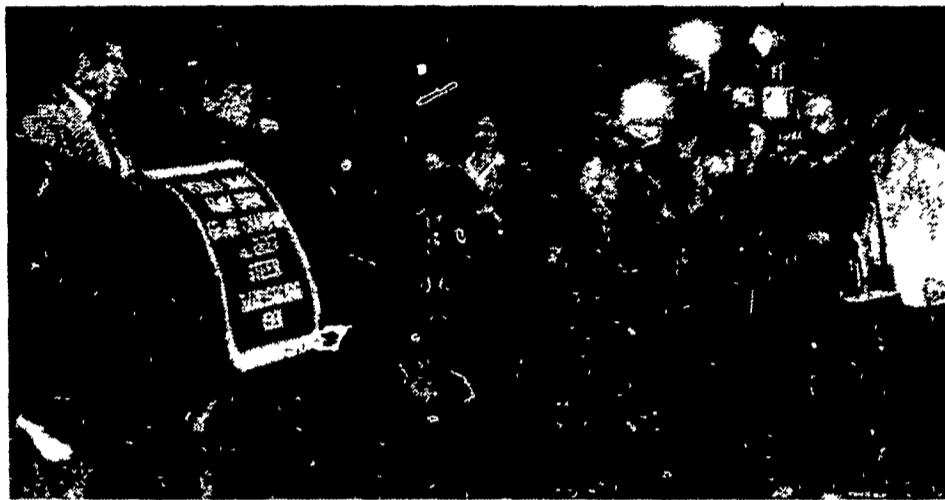
Our meat industry is changing because of the amount of ground beef used and the type of meat processing available. But, a grand champion steer still needs enough fat for high quality — but not too much fat that it's inefficient"

Clowser's steer put all these traits together in one neat package, and gave the youth the thrill of victory in a field of tough competition.

Clowser's first Farm Show victory will be his last, however. The senior at Dayton High School will be joining the students at Penn State this September. Clowser said the money he gets from the sale of his champion steer will be used for his education.

The son of Roger and Charlotte Clowser used his livestock judging ability when selecting his steer

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With camera lights burning and television reporters itching for on-the-spot interviews, seventeen-year-old Blaine Clowser of Dayton, Armstrong County and his grand champion Farm Show steer, Monkey Lip, bask in the limelight with Pa. Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell.

## Bankert hog wins jr. market swine

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN

**FARM SHOW** — Purebred Durocs captured the two top placings in Thursday's junior market swine competition, in which entries were cut by one-fourth due to non-compliance with pseudorabies regulations

The grand champion Duroc, which came out of the final heavyweight group to enter the small arena, was shown by Michele Bankert, R3, Hanover. It was her first major placing at the Farm Show

The reserve grand champion "red," a light heavyweight, was exhibited by nine-year-old Eric Sheiss, of Chambersburg, whose older brother, Donald, took the grand championship last year.

In all, there were 143 entries judged in the dozen groups of competition.

Some 46 entries, scheduled to be shown by 23 youth, were disqualified from competing because they didn't have the necessary laboratory certification declaring the hogs free of pseudorabies.

Some of these entries were turned away and not admitted to the Farm Show complex. Other students planning to show didn't bring their hogs to the show.

Entries from Chester

County and parts of Berks County were disqualified from entering the complex because of the lack of certification. Other students, such as those from Carbon County, didn't bring their entries

Judge Charles Andrews Jr., of Bloomingburg, Ohio, who also judged last year's competition, had high praise for the quality of this year's hogs

"The overall quality of all of the hogs is just super," he told the youthful exhibitors before naming the grand champion

"I'm particularly impressed with the quality in the bottom end of the classes. The bottom end quality is at least 50 percent better than last year. They

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A highlight of the Farm Show dairy competition came at the very end of the show when Ginny Thornburgh, the Governor's wife, presented special awards to each of the breed grand champion award winners. Sam Yoder, left, with is

best-of-breed cow, accepted his plaque from Mrs. Thornburgh while Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell and Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Cindy Neely looked on.

### Presents awards to each breed champ

## State's first lady honors top cows

**FARM SHOW** — When Ginny Thornburgh handed out plaques to the dairy grand champions on Tuesday afternoon, she performed a service to the show which some of the exhibitors hoped afterwards would become an annual feature of the dairy competition.

Most years, the dairy competition just kind of

trailed off, with judges clearing the tables, two or three cows tied to a rail at one end of the arena looking forlorn and lost, and most of the spectators beating out of the stands hours before the last cow left the ring.

Even the parade of champions, and the selection of a supreme grand champion in some years seemed to fall a little flat

But there was electricity in the air on Tuesday, when the Governor's wife, Mrs. Thornburgh, swept into the arena late in the afternoon judging, bringing with her a retinue that included Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell, both deputy secretaries, a handful of state troopers and others.

She paused to congratulate the owner of the grand champion Holstein, picked just moments before. Mrs. Thornburgh grasped the

animal's halter like a city girl while a small army of people with cameras surrounded her, the owner, Ben Jackson of Bradford County, and the magnificent four-year-old that captured the top breed honors, Royal

Haven Unique Crisco. "In all my years at the Farm Show, that was one of the nicest things I ever saw," said Sam Yoder, who's been coming to the

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## Kauffman named FFA Star Farmer

**BY DEBBIE KOONTZ**  
**FARM SHOW** — Lancaster County sported a lot of winners at this year's Farm Show but one in particular that will long be remembered is Steve Kauffman of Elizabethtown who received the coveted title of Pennsylvania Star Farmer

Kauffman was cited for his efforts at the Keystone Awards Banquet Wednesday at the Forum of the

Education Building. Another Eastern Region FFA'er, Glenn Wenger of Lebanon, was named State Star Agribusinessman. Look for more information on these two star farmers on page A17.

Over 1800 people attending the convention watched as Keystone Farmers, parents, and businesses were cited for their support and ac-

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