

Beth Holtzinger wears Pa. Berkshire crown

FARM SHOW — Beth Holtzinger, a junior at Red Lion High School, York County, began her second-year reign as the Pa. Berkshire queen at this year's Farm Show.

Beth, who described herself as "prissy when I was little", started in the Berkshire hog business after she won the FFA chapter gilt in 1979 for her essay on care of hogs and how to build up a herd. Since then she has bred her prize gilt to a registered Berkshire boar and has given the pick-of-the-litter to the 1980 contest winner.

Living on her parent's 250 acre farm, Beth explained she has learned much about what it takes to be successful in farming.

"A farmer is someone who's outstanding in their field. I feel a woman can be as successful in farming as a man. It's a hard business to be in — anyone who can make it is successful," she said.

Under the guidance of her parents, Lester and Edna Holtzinger, Beth has learned the responsibility and work it takes to make a diversified operation successful. She said she helps out in raising the farm's potato and tomato crops, and lends her hand in

the chores of washing eggs in the family's 500 laying White Leghorn chicken house and raises turkeys to market for Thanksgiving.

Along with her hog projects, Beth raises a steer each year that she shows in county contests, KILE, and Farm Show. Her menagerie of farm animals also includes three sheep, a horse named Silver, and a pony called Pixie.

"I love showing pigs," said Beth. "They're easier to show than a steer — you don't have to worry about setting up a pig."

Beth recalled when she made her decision to enter the vo-ag curriculum in 9th grade, her parents, four brothers and three sisters said she'd never make it.

"That made me even more determined to be a successful farmer," she said.

Since then, Beth has earned many honors in FFA and agriculture. She has earned her Green Hand degree, Star Green Hand, Chapter Farmer, and Star White Rose degrees.

As a member of the York County judging team, she was second out of 180 at the 1979 Timonium contest and later that year placed fifth

individually in beef judging at Keystone.

Her public speaking ability earned her a gold medal at 4-H States, and her performance in the class room earned her the recognition of Outstanding Sophomore.

Beth has also earned the respect of her peers and was voted County FFA president this year, and served as president of Jay teens, a service organization with the Jaycees, and president of her sophomore class.

Looking to the future, Beth explained she will be representing Pennsylvania in the National Berkshire Queen contest this year — one of her goals. She said she also hopes to run for State and National offices in the

FFA. Going to college to study agriculture education is another goal in Beth's future plans. And she said she hopes someday to live out West and have her own farm.

Her plans also will include her finance, Greg Innerst of Red Lion, a fellow FFA'er.

With all her activities, the Berkshire Queen said she doesn't have much time for other interests, although she enjoys latch hooking rugs and reading.

"Someday, Greg and I would like to have the best Berkshire herd in the hog industry," Beth smiles.

"Being a successful farmer is what matters — it doesn't take a lot of money to be happy."



The Farm Show Berkshire Bred Gilt Show found Beth bestowing ribbons to the winners, maneuvering the tan bark in heels like a pro.

N.J. produce firm has license suspended

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — Greer Bros. Dist., Inc., Jersey City, N.J., had its produce trading license revoked for failing to pay promptly for \$78,354 worth of fruits and vegetables the firm purchased.

Under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, all interstate traders in fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables must be licensed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

USDA is authorized to suspend or revoke a trader's license for violating the act, which is a code of good business conduct for the produce industry.

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service had charged the firm with failing to make full payment promptly for 24 lots of fruits and vegetables purchased between January and


August 1979. Charles Brader, marketing official with AMS, said the firm had the opportunity to answer the charges, but did not. USDA's Administrative Law Judge John G. Liebert ruled that, based on evidence, the firm had committed willful, repeated, and flagrant violations of the act.

As a result of Liebert's order, the firm may not conduct business subject to the act until November 1982 and then only if a PACA license is obtained.

Also, the firm's officers and major stockholders — Albert J. Greer and Emanuel Greer — may not be employed by or affiliated with any PACA licensee until November 1981, and then only if the employer posts a surety bond and USDA approves.



Beth Holtzinger, of R2 Red Lion, has been crowned Pa. Berkshire Queen for the second consecutive year.



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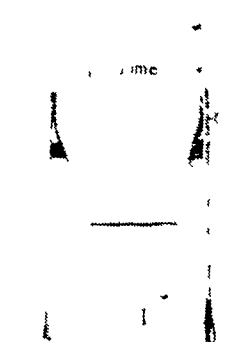
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