

## FFA market hog sale totals \$5,598

**PERKIOMENVILLE** — Thirty-four FFA members participated in the second annual Market Hog Farm and Sale on Jan 19 at the Perkiomenville Sales Stables. Buyers paid a total of \$5,598.88 for 67 FFA market hogs entered in the sale.

Annually, FFA members in a five-county area sponsor a market hog show and sale for students studying vocational agriculture and raising market hogs as their projects. Students begin

### Avoid pesticide drift

**NEWARK, Del** — Pesticide drift, the movement of pesticides away from the target area, is a serious problem for all who apply pesticides.

There are several things applicators can do to reduce the movement of pesticides off target.

Use low pressures in the sprayer and equip it with larger nozzles. These two adjustments will result in larger droplets. Small droplets blow off target very readily.

Several chemical manufacturers sell drift control agents. These liquids can be added to the spray mixture to prevent drift.

Finally, observe wind direction when spraying in order to prevent drift from moving downwind to backyards and other sensitive areas.



Ronald Geissinger, of Upper Bucks Technical School, shows the grand champion at FFA market hog show and sale



Reserve grand champion winner at market hog show and sale is exhibited by Matthew Gilliano, of Philadelphia.

their projects in the middle of October each year under the direction of the vocational agriculture instructors.

Ronald Geissinger, of Quakertown, an Upper Bucks Technical School senior, sold his grand champion market hog to Hatfield Packing Co for \$4.85 per pound. The Grand Champion hog weighed 220 pounds and sold for a total of \$1,067.

This is the fourth consecutive Grand Champion win by an Upper Bucks Technical student.

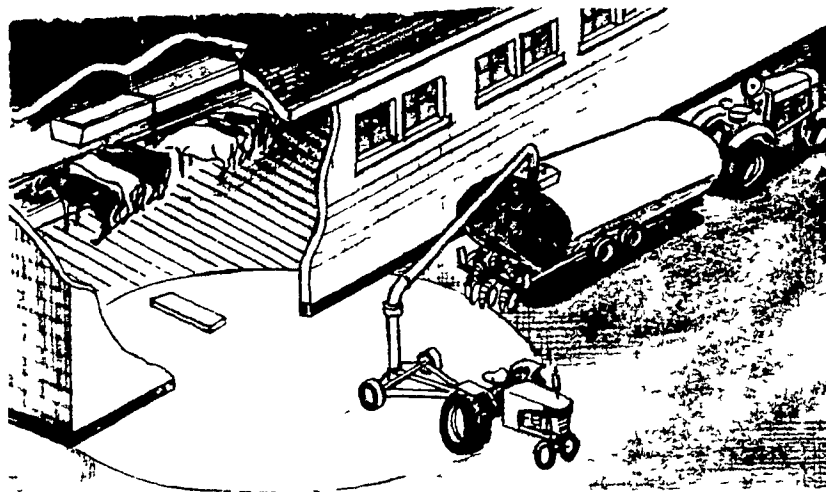
Penn Packing Company, Philadelphia, was the successful bidder on the Reserve Grand Champion at \$3.15 per pound, exhibited by Matthew Gilliano, of Philadelphia. The reserve grand champion weighed 230 pounds and sold for \$724.50.

Other Upper Bucks Technical Students placing

in the show were Todd Quimby, Upper Black Eddy, 5th in the medium weight class; Dale Hockman, Perkase, 3rd and 4th in the heavy medium class and 2nd and 3rd in the heavy weight class; Galen Leatherman, Ottsville, 3rd in the medium weight class.

The participating FFA chapters included Western Montgomery, Upper Bucks Technical School, Lehigh County and Philadelphia

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### Penn Manor YF plans 3 meetings

**MILLERSVILLE** — The Penn Manor Young Farmers will host three February meetings, Jeff Hart, advisor and agriculture teacher at Penn Manor High School, announced.

All meetings begin at 7.30 p.m. and will be held in the relocatable classroom next to the tennis courts at Penn Manor.

A February 12 meeting will be a "Tobacco Production Rap Session" and will feature John Yocum, Southeastern Field

Research Laboratory, and Steve Fisher, of Furadan Topics for discussion will be blue mold, wild fire, etch virus, row width-36 vs. 40 inches, liquid nitrogen application, new tobacco beds, sanitation problems, new chemicals for success, aphids and others, and a presentation about Furadan and tobacco.

The Feb. 24 meeting topic will be "Swine Disease Identification". Dr. Jerry Applegate, doctor of

veterinary medicine from the Pennfield Corporation, will speak on "Posting a Small and Large Pig, a Gilt," and "Identification of Reproduction Problems in a Gilt."

On Feb. 26, Richard Fowler, swine specialist from the University of Delaware, will speak on "Selecting, Developing and Breeding Gilts," and "New Sow and Farrowing Facilities".

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