

# Jerry McCammon tops Little I showmanship competition

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UNIVERSITY PARK — Jerry McCammon, R1 Schellsburg, realized the thrill of victory and the agony of the Nitanny Valley frigid weather as he competed his way to the coveted honor of Grand Champion Showman of the Block and Bridle Club's 64th Little International Livestock Exposition, held last Saturday at the Penn State Beef and Sheep Center.

McCammon, an animal production major completing his junior year, exhibited his showmanship skills throughout the grueling competition. Sheep judge Robert Zimmerman, New Concord, Ohio, awarded McCammon his first blue ribbon as he outshined eight other competitors in the Dorset class. And, he captured the champion's ribbon as he showed against three other first place sheep showman.

Winning the prestigious Grand Champion Showman trophy required McCammon to demonstrate his ability to show all species of livestock. As the sheep, beef, horse and swine judges pooled their decisions, McCammon was chosen best showman, defeating the champion showmen of the other species.

It was a double victory for McCammon and his Dorset partner. Along with his showmanship achievement, he was selected champion fitter in the sheep contest.

McCammon developed his showmanship skills before

becoming a Penn State student and Barn Boy at the sheep center. He participated in his county 4-H club for 7 years and won the champion market lamb trophy twice, the first time in 1972 with his first project lamb and again in his last year of competition in 1980.

This year's grand champ is the son of Jerry and Peggy McCammon, Bedford County. An active Block and Bridle Club member, he serves as the club's ag student council representative.

The Reserve Grand Champion Showman award went to the champion beef showman, Tom Templeton, Ebensburg, Cambria County. Templeton is a senior at Penn State, majoring in animal production. After graduation, he will be employed by the Virginia Angus Association. He was awarded the champion beef showman ribbon by Chester Hughes, regional manager of the American Angus Association.

This year's champion swine showman was Bob Perneski, Saint Mary's, Elk County. He outshined 40 other swine showman by skillfully exhibiting his crossbred gilt to swine judge Keith Bard, Lewistown. Perneski is a junior at Penn State, studying animal production, and is employed at the University's hog barn.

The champion's ribbon in the horse showmanship competition went to Karen Griwatz, Wexford, Allegheny County. This was Karen's first Little 'I' and her first

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Jerry McCammon, a junior at Penn State during the stiff competition at this year's Little International Livestock Exposition, captures the I. The future livestock man is the son of Jerry and Peggy McCammon, Bedford County.



Bob Perneski, St. Mary's, was selected champion swine showman. He is a junior animal production major.



Tom Templeton exhibits his showmanship skills with this Power Play daughter, winning the champion beef showman ribbon. He demonstrated his ability by showing a horse,

swine, and sheep also to rank second only to the grand champion. Templeton, a senior animal production major, is from Ebensburg.



Lynn Pennington, Denver, N.J. was selected as the reserve champion sheep showman. This was Lynn's first attempt in the show ring. The junior animal production major works at the Sheep Center, helping with feeding, lambing, etc.



In the horsemanship competition, Karen Griwatz, Wexford, handled her Quarter Horse gelding to earn the champion showmanship

honors. Judging the horse contest was former Penn Stater Nancy Chivers Kohler.