Bradford dairy youth compete at Troy Fair

TROY — Last Tuesday's Troy Fair Youth Dairy Show found Bradford County 4-H'ers and FFA'ers clipping, grooming, and exhibiting 180 head of the counties finest dairy cattle.

Lending a critical eye during the type contests were Tioga County dairy producers Roy Simpson and David Norman. The final word on fitting and showmanship skills was given by two Extension agents with plenty of practice — Perry County's John Harris and Clinton County's Richard Plotts.

In the Holstein show, Donald Jenkins of the Troy FFA tied up both the grand champion and junior champion awards. The reserve grand champion honors went to Larry Russell of Northeast Bradford FFA, while Deanna Sparling of East Canton 4-H captured the reserve junior championship.

The grand champion Guernsey was shown by Michelle Wright, also a member of the East Canton 4-H. However, the reserve grand champion Guernsey was exhibited by Charles Castle, a member of the Harry Gates FFA. Castle's entry was named junior champion before going on to stand second in the show. The reserve junior champion Guernsey was shown by Stacey Brackman of East Canton 4-H.

A Hill-N-Dale 4-H member, Lisa Chapman captured the grand champion honors in the Jersey competition, with the remaining Jersey championships going to East Smithfield 4-H members. Lorin Andrien's entry was selected as the reserve grand champion, Marlene Martz showed the junior champion, and John Allford's entry took the reserve junior champion honors.

In the Ayrshire competition, the junior championship was awarded to a 4-H entry exhibited by Brant Andrus of the Mt. Lake club. Laurie Antisdel of Windham 4-H had the reserve junior champion entry.

The following exhibitors received showmanship awards for their performance in the ring.

Jereme Braund, Mt. Pisgah 4-H; Michael Jenkins, Leona 4-H; Eric Roberts, East Canton 4-H; Michelle Wright, East Canton 4-H; Wendy LaMont, East Canton 4-H; Martha Saxton, East Canton 4-H; Donald Jenkins, East Canton 4-H; Rich Upham, Northeast 4-H; Charles Castle, Harry Gates FFA; Bruce Andrien of Leona 4-H; and Jane Harris, Mt. Lake 4-H.

Fitting winners were: Terry Swain, East Canton 4-H; Brent McClelland, Leona 4-H; Terry McClelland, Leona 4-H, Jay Braund, Mt. Pisgah 4-H, Tony Sterling, Gillett 4-H; Eric Roberts, East Canton 4-H; Michelle Wright, East Canton 4-H; Lisa Chapman, Hill-N-Dale 4-H; Martha Saxton, East Canton 4-H; Tammy Campbell, East Smithfield 4-H; Tom Wright, East Canton 4-H; Leah Guffey, North Towanda 4-H; Charles Castle, Harry Gates FFA; Lewis Dunbar, Harry Gates FFA; and Marlene Martz, East Smithfield 4-H.

Marlene Martz, left, and John Allford pull their junior and reserve junior champion Jerseys to the top of the line during competition last Tuesday at the Troy Fair. Both showmen are members of the East Smithfield 4-H.

Conferees reach agreement on child nutrition programs

WASHINGTON — Senator Jesse Helms, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, praised cooperation of House and Senate conferees in reaching agreement recently on budget savings in the child nutrition programs.

"While every savings that the Senate Agriculture Committee wanted, and which I wholeheartedly endorsed were not effected, we did reach agreement that saves the taxpayers almost $1.5 billion in fiscal year 1982," Helms said.

This savings — in a program that would have cost an estimated $5.7 billion in the next fiscal year — falls within requirements of the Senate budget resolution adopted this spring, Helms said.

Helms chaired the Senate-House conference. Rep. Carl D. Perkins of Kentucky was chairman of the House conferees. Mr. Perkins is Chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor.

Child nutrition feeding programs include such things as school lunch and breakfast; supplemental food for women, infants and children (WIC); child care food; summer feeding; and special milk programs.

Conferees agreed savings could be made by.

— Eliminating the special milk program, where cartons of milk are handed out, unless no other feeding program existed in the school or institution.

— Tightening up on eligibility and verification requirements for child nutrition programs.

— Documentation of income in order to qualify for free and reduced price school lunches.

— Generally reducing the subsidy level in all programs (i.e. reduced lunch prices increasing from 20 cents to 40 cents).

— Setting cash subsidies at 109.25 cents for free meals, 69.25 cents for reduced price meals, and 10.5 cents for "paid" meals.

— Setting commodity subsidies at 11 cents for each meal served instead of 14.75 cents.

— Putting a "cap" of $1.017 billion on the WIC program for fiscal year 1982, a "cap" of $1.060 billion for fiscal year 1983, and $1.126 billion for fiscal year 1984.

— Limiting the summer feeding program to schools and public institutions in areas in which 50 percent or more of the residents are below 185% of the Federal poverty guidelines. Residential summer camps could still be eligible for summer feeding.

— Elimination of the food service equipment assistance program, which provided funds to help schools purchase such equipment.

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