

Spitler sweeps Lebanon goat show

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LEBANON — Tammy Spitler, the 15-year-old daughter of Tom and Pat Spitler of R1 Newmanstown, exhibited her 2½ year old milking LaMancha doe to the grand championship during Monday's Lebanon County Goat Show, held here at the fairgrounds.

Tammy and partner, 'Lil Miss', not only took the grand championship of the show, but also claimed the championship honors in both 4-H fitting and showmanship competition.

Showing the reserve grand champion was Randy Blouch of Bethel. Randy's champion was the first place Alpine milking doe, 'April.'

This was Randy's first reserve championship at the Lebanon Fair. He is the 15-year-old son of Lee and Barbara Blouch. Along with his prize-winning 3-year-old doe, Randy owns two more Alpine kids — April's twins.

In the 4-H showmanship and fitting contest, Judge Dana Holder of Fairfield, Adams County, awarded the reserve champion's trophy to senior 4-H'er Brian Blouch, the 16-year-old brother of Randy. Brian's entry was the champion Saanen, 'Snowqueen.'

The reserve champion 4-H fitting trophy was awarded to a junior exhibitor, Dawn Spitler, the 13-year-old sister of Tammy. Her washing and clipping efforts, executed on 5-month-old Foxy Lady, a LaMancha kid, helped her follow in her big sister's footsteps.

In the FFA showmanship and fitting competition, Roberta Demler of Kleinfeltersville was awarded the champion fitter's trophy. Roberta is the 15-year-old daughter of Lewis and Mary Demler and a sophomore at Elco. She showed her champion Nubian kid, 'Titania Emily.'

The FFA champion showman trophy went to Irene Brown, the 18-year-old daughter of Helen and Clyde Brown, R1 Newmanstown. Irene exhibited the champion Recorded Grade.

Show results are:

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| ALPINE | |
| Class 1 | |
| 1 Randy Blouch Lebanon | 2 Kimberly Stein Lebanon |
| Class 2 | |
| 1 Randy Blouch Lebanon | |
| Class 3 | |
| 1 4 Randy Blouch Lebanon | champion and reserve grand champion |
| 2 Brenda Winters Newmanstown | reserve champion |
| 3 Mike Yedinak Lebanon | |



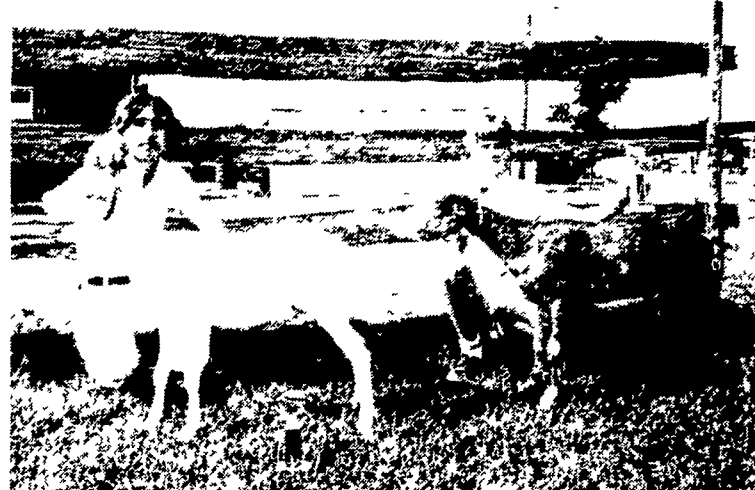
Fifteen-year-old Tammy Spitler of Newmanstown exhibited her chocolate brown La Mancha milking doe to the grand championship during Monday's Lebanon Fair competition. Spitler also was awarded the championships in both 4-H fitting and showmanship by Judge Dana Holder, Fairfield.



FFA'ers Roberta Demler, left, of Kleinfeltersville and Irene Brown of Newmanstown earned the championship trophies for fitting and showmanship, respectively. Their entries were also the champions in breed.



The reserve grand champion animal was the champion Alpine milking doe exhibited by Randy Blouch, Bethel.



The reserve champion 4-H showman was Brian Blouch, Bethel, who also captured the champion rosette with his Saanen. Dawn Spitler, Newmanstown, was chosen reserve champion 4-H fitter.

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| LA MANCHA | | Class 3 | |
| Class 1 | | -1 Tammy Spitler champion and grand champion | |
| 1 Tammy Spitler Newmanstown | 2 Dawn Spitler Newmanstown | 2 Dawn Spitler reserve champion | |
| 3 Steve Yedinak Lebanon | | NUBIAN | |
| Class 2 | | 1 Roberta Demler Kleinfeltersville champion | |
| 1 Tammy Spitler Lebanon | 2 Danielle Boyer Lebanon | 3 SAANEN | |
| 3 Stacy Horney Lebanon | | 1 Brian Blouch champion | |
| | | RECORDED GRADE | |
| | | 1 Irene Brown Newmanstown champion | |

West coast attracts Brown Swiss breeders

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders' Association held their 101st National Annual Meeting July 15-18 at the Sacramento Inn, Sacramento, California.

Brown Swiss breeders and friends came from 24 states across the country and Mexico. The 230 guests began their convention activities with a reception hosted by the California Association on Wednesday evening. The National Swiss Miss contest was also held Wednesday evening and had seven contestants. Chosen as the 1981 Swiss Miss was Rebecca Long of Thurmont, Maryland.

Thursday morning offered a variety of choices for those in attendance. Three seminars throughout the morning covered Component Pricing, Herd Health, focusing on mastitis and calfhood diseases, and Reproduction Management.

During the National Annual Meeting, Roger Neitzel, Superintendent of Records presented the National Production Awards.

Century Acres Liz C 619223 the breed's World Milk and Fat Champion took all of the individual awards with her 5 year 4 month 305 day record of 33,680 pounds milk, 1,471 pounds fat and 1,250 pounds

protein. Owned by William Faskell, New London, Wis., she received the 1980 H.R. Searles Trophy for fat, J.P. Eves Trophy for milk and the Protein Award. The awards all go to the cow with the highest 305 day ME record made during the year.

Each year Ira Inman Awards are presented to the high PTPR herd in three herd size divisions. The National Association's PTPR Program is a performance program combining Production and Type. This past year 14,634 cows in 364 herds were entered in the program.

Group I Winner (5-39 cows) was Ken Eiting of Minster, Ohio. Group II (40-99 cows) herds were topped by West Lawn Farm, Sarona, Wis. In the Group III Division (100 cows and over), winner for the fourth year in a row was Vincent Brad-dock, Dimmitt, Texas.

Brian Garrison, West Salem, Ohio, the National Youth Achievement Winner, and Viking Valley TJ Senatora 602299, the Youth Production Winner owned by Duron Bratland Spring Grove, Minnesota were also honored.

Friday night's poolside barbecue was followed by the National Heifer Sale held in the ballroom of the Sacramento Inn. The 26 heifers sold averaged \$2431. A portion of

the selling price of each heifer is donated to the National Youth Fund and supports many of the National Youth activities. Top selling heifer was Venture's Elegants Darcie 673712 consigned by Venture West, Inc., Holyoke, Colorado. She was purchased by Earnest St. John, Glendale, Arizona for \$6200.

A novelty of the sale was the

auction of a Brown Swiss quilt made by Mrs. Elmer Zook, Ephrata, Pennsylvania. At \$700, Earnest St. John was the high bidder.

The week's activities concluded with the National Sale on Saturday in the ballroom at the Sacramento Inn. The 42 head sold averaged \$4138.

Top Acres Barmary 678891

topped the sale at \$13,400. The bred heifer was consigned by Wayne E. Sliker, St. Paris, Ohio and was purchased by Edwin Genasci, Modesto, California.

Second high animal was the open heifer, Norvic BK Tara 677382. Selling for \$11,600 to M. M. Crawford, Stephenville, Texas, she was consigned by Norvic Farms, Lake Mills, Wisconsin.

Swiss breeders name officer

George W. Opperman has accepted the position of Secretary-Treasurer of the National Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders' Association headquartered at Beloit, Wisconsin. The announcement was made by William J. Notter, Jr., Holyoke, Colorado, President of the Association.

George, a 58 year old Manning, Iowa dairyman, has long been involved in Brown Swiss and dairy activities. He is a former national director and president of the Brown Swiss Association. During his time as president, the very successful Identity Enrollment Program was initiated. It was the

first program adopted by any of the dairy registry associations to bring previously unregistered animals into the Herdbook. It has involved some 25,000 cows to date.

George is a 1947 graduate of Iowa State University with a BS degree in dairy science and a minor in journalism. For three years after graduation from college he served as editor of the Brown Swiss Bulletin. He was an active breeder of registered Brown Swiss from 1950 until the dispersal of his herd in 1977. The herd was on continuous official test, classified for type and representatives of the herd were exhibited at many state and national shows.

In 1968 George was the third man to receive the prestigious Keeling Leadership award presented annually to an Iowa dairyman for outstanding leadership in the state and nation. He served as a director and second vice president of Midwest Breeders Coop; director and member of the executive committee of Midland UDIA and president of the Iowa State Dairy Association and Iowa PDCA.

George and his wife have a family of 6 children. They plan to relocate in Beloit and George will assume his responsibilities as Secretary-Treasurer in mid-August.