

Williams shows hog to top of Lehigh Round-up



Susan Williams, 14, exhibited the grand champion market hog during the Lehigh County 4-H Swine Round-Up held last Wednesday. Hatfield purchased the Duroc x Spotted crossbred for \$4.70 a pound.

QUAKERTOWN — Last Wednesday was a grand day for 14-year-old Susan Williams of New Tripoli whose 235-pound Duroc x Spotted market hog was chosen grand champion of the Lehigh County 4-H Market Swine Round-Up.

Judging the 104 animals, enthusiastically exhibited by 27 Lehigh 4-H'ers, was Kenneth Ketterer, Newville.

Susan's champ was named first place light-heavyweight hog and the heavyweight champion before going on to the show's top honors. This was quite an achievement for the first-year 4-H'er who also was selected reserve champion showman in her division. Susan's champion sold to Hatfield Packing Company for \$4.70 a pound.

For reserve grand champion, Judge Ketterer selected the first-place medium-middleweight hog and mediumweight champion. This 220-pound Hampshire was shown by 13-year-old Seth Gruber, also of New Tripoli. It sold to George's Foodliner, Bethlehem, for \$2.30 a pound.

In the lightweight classes, Mark Lazarus, 9, from Germansville, had the first place heavy-lightweight and was selected as the division champion. His Duroc x Spotted hog, weighing 195 pounds, brought \$1 a pound from A & B Packing, Allentown, for Medford Packing Co., Chester.

The reserve champion lightweight was the first place medium-lightweight animal exhibited by Seth Gruber. This 190-pound Yorkshire gilt also sold to Medford for \$1 a pound.

Scott Lazarus, 10, of Germansville, showed his 230-pound Duroc barrow to the reserve championship of the middleweight division. This champ went to George's Foodliner after bringing a 90-cents-a-pound bid.

The reserve heavyweight champion was shown by 9-year-old Amanda Gruber, New Tripoli. The 245-pound Yorkshire gilt was purchased by Leidy, Inc., Souderton, for \$1 a pound.

The 104 head averaged 83.5 cents a pound. Auctioneering the sale, which was held at the Quakertown Livestock Market, was Jim Mohr.

In the showmanship and fitting

competition, Mark Lazarus claimed both championships for first year members, while Wendy Lazarus accepted the reserve champion fitter's ribbon.

Scott Lazarus swept the championship honors in the junior division for 4-H'ers between the ages of 8 and 11, while Amanda and Ben Gruber shared the reserve champion awards for fitting and showmanship, respectively.

In the intermediate division, Todd Bennecoff was selected champion fitter and showman, and Bonnie Wessner claimed both reserve champion awards.

And in the competition between the 4-H'ers in the Over-15 category, Leslie Lazarus took the champion fitter and reserve champion showman honors. Will Wilson was named champion showman and Dave Brannan was the reserve champion fitter.

Class results are:

LIGHTWEIGHT
Light (170-180 pounds)
1 Wendy Lazarus Germansville. 2 Todd Morehouse, New Tripoli. 3 Amanda Gruber New Tripoli. 4 Mark Lazarus, Germansville. 5 Susan Williams, New Tripoli.

Medium (185-190 pounds)
1 Seth Gruber, New Tripoli. 2 Ben Gruber, New Tripoli. 3 Susan Williams New Tripoli. 4 Dave Brannan, Emmaus. 5 Scott Lazarus, Germansville.

Heavy (195-205 pounds)
1 Mark Lazarus, Germansville. 2 Dave Brannan, Emmaus. 3 John McCauley, New Tripoli. 4 Cheryl Wessner, New Tripoli. 5 Andy McCauley, New Tripoli.

MIDDLEWEIGHT
Light (210 pounds)
1 Brad Morehouse, New Tripoli. 2 Todd Morehouse, New Tripoli. 3 Amanda Gruber New Tripoli. 4 Jason Moyer, New Tripoli. 5 Bonnie Wessner New Tripoli.

Medium (215-225 pounds)
Class
GROUP 1
1 Seth Gruber, New Tripoli. 2 Bonnie Wessner, New Tripoli. 3 Brian Engler, Kempton. 4 Kathy McCauley, New Tripoli. 5 Jim McCauley, New Tripoli.

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