

Maryland holds 100th State fair

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — At least three new record price levels were established at the annual 4-H and FFA livestock sale, held September 2 at the Maryland State Fair in Timonium.

Market hogs led the way with a new state fair record price of \$5.50 per pound for the grand champion, a 230-pound purebred Duroc gilt shown by Kelly Martin, 13, of Hampstead. This far surpassed the previous record, according to William A. Curry, Extension livestock specialist at the University of Maryland in College Park.

There were 57 market pigs sold—a record number—and they set a record average price of 98 cents per pound, not counting the champion pig. This was 10 cents

per pound above last year's sale average.

Another Baltimore County 4-H member, Bud Strohmmer, 18, of Woodstock, had the reserve champion pig, a 240-pound purebred Hampshire barrow. It sold for \$3 per pound.

A new state fair livestock sale record was also set in the sheep division where Bradley W. Ahalt, 14, of Jefferson sold his 120-pound grand champion market lamb for \$5.10 per pound. This eclipsed the previous record of \$5 per pound, set in 1976.

Another Frederick County 4-H member, Gregory N. Hevner, 11, of Keymar, had the reserve champion market lamb. It also weighed 120 pounds, and it brought \$2.35 per pound. Greg's brother,

Some are in a hurry



Tracy L. Wolfe, 11, of Middletown, had to move fast to stay out of the way as Domino, her Angus-Hereford crossbred steer, made a rush to get in the holding chute during weigh-ins for 4-H and FFA market animals.

And some are stubborn



It took three men pulling and one pushing to get this Angus-Hereford steer into the holding chute during weigh-ins for 4-H and FFA market animals.



QUEEN'S COURT—The new Maryland Farm Queen is Vickie Beckley (center) of Washington County. She was selected during the Farm Queen contest in August at the 100th Maryland State Fair in Timonium. Members of her court are (left to right): Donna L. Cole (Baltimore County), third runnerup; Karen Clark (Howard County), second runnerup; Karen E. Holloway, of Darlington (Harford

County), first runnerup, and A. Carla Eck (Queen Annes County), fourth runnerup. Karen Holloway is a well-known participant in 4-H livestock competition and livestock judging at the state fair. She placed first for three consecutive years of junior and senior 4-H livestock judging competition from 1976 through 1978.

Jeffrey S. Hevner, 15, had shown the grand champion market lamb in four previous years—1975, 1978, 1979 and 1980.

The 40 market lambs in this year's state fair livestock sale brought an average price of \$1.20 per pound, not counting the grand champion. This was exactly the same as last year's average. The number of sale animals was also exactly in line with previous years.

No price records were set for either beef or dairy steers in the 4-H and FFA livestock sale, and prices averaged 2 and 3 cents per pound, respectively, below last



On successive days in August, at the Maryland State Fair, Becky Sue Lynch, 15, of Linwood won the ladies lead and sheep fitting and showing contests for 4-H and FFA members. Her showmanship trophy in foreground was augmented by a silver platter presented by Mrs. Walter Schoenian of Hi-Lo Acres farm at Clarksville.

year's levels. There were 40 beef steers and five dairy steers sold. This compared with 31 beef steers and eight dairy steers in last year's sale.

The grand champion beef steer, a 1,260-pound crossbred, was exhibited by Beth Mullinix, 15, of Lisbon. It brought \$3 per pound from Esskay, a major meat packer in east Baltimore.

The record price for 4-H and FFA beef steer champions at the Maryland State Fair was \$3.80 per pound paid in 1975 for a Chianina-Angus crossbred shown by Pam Miller of Woodsboro.

This year's reserve champion 4-H and FFA beef steer, a 1,200-pound Hereford, was shown by Keith Bennett, 16, of Daisy, another Howard County 4-H member. It brought \$1.40 per pound.

This year's champion dairy steer was 1,290-pound Holstein shown by Harry Sellers, 15, of New Windsor. It brought 95 cents per pound. Average price for the five dairy steers sold was 64 cents per pound, not including the champion.



Ted Katsigianis recently joined the animal science faculty at the University of Maryland in College Park as Extension beef cattle specialist. One of his first official duties was to act as superintendent for the 4-H and FFA beef cattle show, August 31 and September 1 at the Maryland Fair. Here he mouths a Hereford steer in the holding chute to check on its age.

Katsigianis came to Maryland from the University of Kentucky. He is a native of New York state.