

# Sheri Johnson shows York FFA swine champ

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YORK — Sheri Johnson, a senior Future Farmer at Kennard-Dale High School, won the grand champion honors at the York Fair's FFA market swine show.

The FFA competition climaxed with a sale, when Ralph Thomas

outbid all other buyers to take home the champion 220-pound purebred Duroc for \$1.10 per pound. Thomas operates the Thomas Meat Market at Shrewsbury and is a frequent buyer of top FFA and 4-H market animals.

Sheri, 16, has 13 purebred Durocs

and says the key to raising her winner was in keeping the right balance of feed and letting the animal get a proper amount of exercise. Her winning February barrow earned the 4-year FFA veteran her first York Fair hog championship, further whetting the goal she's set to someday operate her own hog farm.

Closer goals for Sheri include exhibiting at the Pennsylvania Farm Show swine competition, and plans to make a second try at the York Fair next year. She resides with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Johnson, R1 Delta, and also is pursuing FFA projects in ag mechanics.

Ron Wilson, 16 and a junior at Kennard-Dale, earned the reserve champion FFA hog honors.

Roy B. Mummert Livestock, R1 Brodbeck, was final bidder on the reserve winner, paying 70 cents per pound for the 215-pound Duroc market entry.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilson, R2 New Freedom, Ron is a 3-year member of the FFA program, and has been exhibiting hogs in 4-H since he was eight years old. Today he owns some 30 animals in his swine herd, some Durocs and some Yorkshires.

Other buyers of the approximately two dozen sale animals included York Farm



Ralph Thomas, of Thomas Meats in Shrewsbury, placed the final \$1.10 bid for the FFA champion hog at the York Fair show and sale, exhibited by Sheri Johnson of the Kennard-Dale FFA chapter.



Buyer of the York Fair's reserve champion FFA market hog was Roy B. Mummert Livestock, Brodbeck. Mummert paid 70 cents per pound for Ron Wilson's runner-up Duroc barrow.

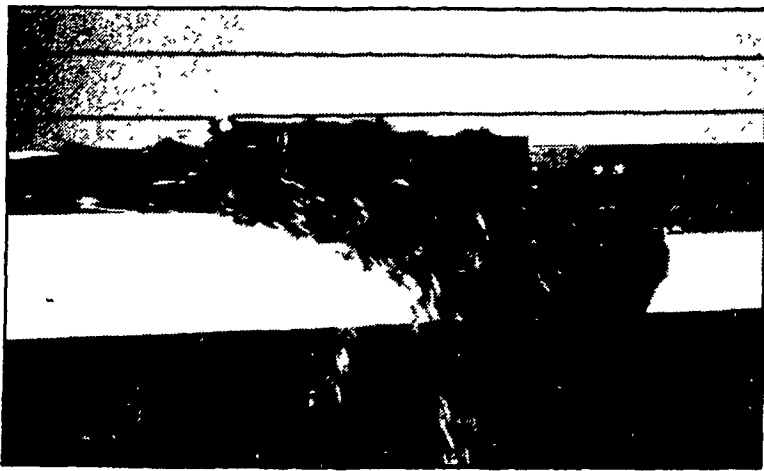
Credit, Gosset, Premix of Red Lion, and Salt and Pepper Farms, Dillsburg.

A list of winners follows:

- FFA MARKET SWINE  
Class 1 - 190 lbs  
1 Sheri Johnson 2 Ron Wilson  
Class 2 - 200 lbs  
1 2 Sheri Johnson  
Class 3 - 215 lbs  
1 Ron Wilson Res Gr champ 2 Don Billett 3

- Michele Bankert  
Class 4 - 220 lbs  
1 Sheri Johnson Grand champion 2 Beth Holtzinger 3 Ron Wilson  
Class 5 - 220-230 lbs  
1 Beth Holtzinger 2 Don Billett 3 Ron Wilson  
Class 6 - 235 lbs  
1 Michelle Bankert 2 3 Todd Grove  
Class 7 - 240-245 lbs  
1 Don Billett 2 3 Jeff Grove 4 Michele Bankert  
Class 8 - 255 lbs  
1 Paul Garner 2 Don Billett

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