

Bankert is York swine showman

YORK — Red Lion sophomore FFA'er Shelley Bankert walked, prodded and cajoled her purebred Hampshire hog to catch the judge's eye and win the award of champion FFA swine showman at the York Fair.

"You have to keep the hog moving at a nice pace, not running or going too slow, and you always want to have that animal between you and the judge," advises this 15-year-old hog showing expert.

But give the judge room to see your animal, she adds, keeping the hog moving about five to six feet back from the official, and keep it clear of other animals.

That's a big order, especially if a hog turns irritable and opts not to cooperate. But it all came together for Shelley, who took the showman trophy for the first time.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Bankert, R3 Red Lion, Shelley grew up in the hog business and has been helping with the family's show entries since she was six and barely taller than the biggest sows.

She presently owns 16 hogs for FFA and 4-H exhibits, plus tends a few sheep and raises field corn for other Future Farmer projects with the Red Lion chapter.

Champion fitter at the York Fair

competition was Todd Grove, who placed just behind Shelley in the showing competition, while Shelley stood second in the fitting runoff. Placing third in both showing and fitting was Paul Garner.-J.B.

Following is a list of FFA breeding swine winners:

- FFA BREEDING SWINE**
- Berkshire Sr. Sow**
1, 2 Marilyn Garner, res and champ
- Duroc Feb. Sow**
1, 4 Ron Wilson res champ, 2, 3 Sheri Johnson
- March Sow**
1 Ron Wilson, champ, 2 Melissa Peters
- April Sow**
1 Kyla Peterman
- Spotted Swine Jan. Sow**
1 Sheri Johnson
- Feb. Sow**
1 Melissa Peters, champ, 2 Sheri Johnson, res champ
- March Sow**
1, 2 Sheri Johnson Jr. Yearling
- Yorkshire Jan. Sow**
1 Ron Wilson
- Feb. Sow**
1, 3 Michele Bankert, res champ, 2 Ron Wilson
- March Sow**
1, 4 Ron Wilson, 2, 3 Michele Bankert
- April Sow**
1 Ron Wilson
- Sr. Sow**
1, 3 Ron Wilson, champ, 2 Michele Bankert Jr. Yearling
- 1 Ron Wilson 2 Michele Bankert

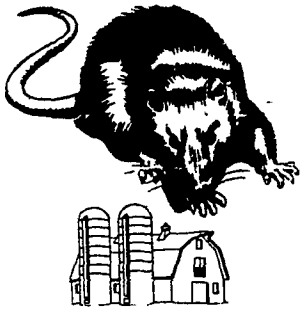


Gus Parlette took two breed gilt championships in the 4-H hog exhibits, winning both the Spotted Hog division, as well as the honors in the Chester White category.



Shelley Bankert, of the Red Lion FFA chapter, captured the honor of champion FFA hog showman at the York Fair showmanship competition. A sophomore, Shelley's been exhibiting hogs at the Fair for nearly a decade.

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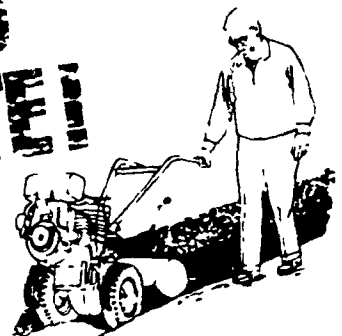
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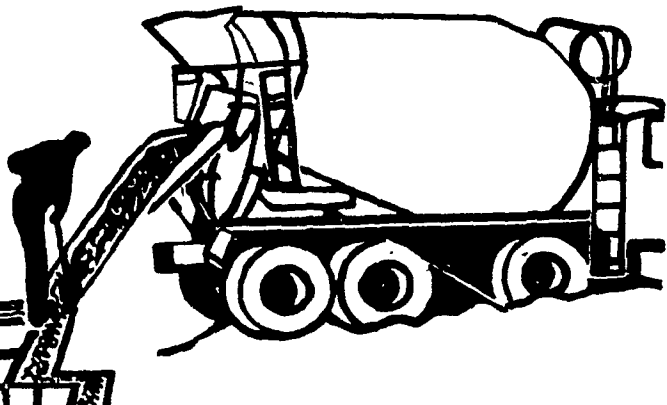
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