

No records at junior market animal sales

FARM SHOW — There were no record prices paid in 1962 for the champion junior market animals.

In fact, at the closing auction sales on Friday, Jan. 15, the prices paid for the grand champions were closer to those paid for the reserve champs in previous record years.

And even to get the prices to their lower 1962 levels took a lot of cajoling by auctioneer Abe Diefenbach, rhythmic clapping by the audience and speeches by politicians, such as State Sen. Henry G. Hager, president pro tempore of the Senate; and J. Luther Snyder, deputy ag secretary.

This year's grand champion steer brought \$5.00 a pound, well below the record of \$6.60 two years ago and the \$6.10 paid last year. The reserve champ two years ago brought \$3.35 a pound.

The price paid for the grand champion junior market hog fell by more than half, bringing \$9.00 a pound. Last year, the winning bid went to \$19.50 a pound. The reserve champion two years ago brought \$8.50.

The top bid of \$12 a pound for this year's grand champion market lamb was actually up \$2.00 a pound from last year, but well below the \$22 a pound paid in 1960. In that year, the reserve champion brought \$10.50 a pound.

And the champion carcass lamb brought \$3.50 a pound, the same as last year, which was half of the \$7.00 a pound paid in 1960.

But even with the lower champion prices, and the correspondingly lower averages, a total of \$164,543.75 was brought into the pockets of 4-H'ers and FFA'ers across the state for future projects or nesteggs toward future educational or agricultural endeavors.

The sale of 120 steers totaled \$122,652.15 for an average of 79.72 per hundredweight, excluding the champions.

The sale of 92 lambs brought in \$9,785.50 for an average of 68.56 per hundredweight, not including champions.

The sale of four carcass lambs grossed \$541.30.

The sale of 96 hogs totaled \$22,684.80 for an average of 90.30 per hundredweight, not including champions.

The overall sale total also includes the purchase of the 100 junior market swine that did not make the sale by Hatfield Packing for 48.00 a hundredweight, \$1.75 above the top St. Louis price on Thursday, Jan. 14.

The top bid of \$5.00 a pound on the grand champion steer of Cecil Teets, of Freedom, came from representatives of Danny George, of George's IGA Foodliner, of Bethlehem. The Penn State-Beaver Campus freshman earned \$6,525 for his 1305-pound Angus-Limousin-Chianina cross.

Top bidders on the reserve champion steer of Lisa Shaffer, of Hooversville, at \$1.50 a pound were Richard Brandt Farm Real Estate, of Reading, and Carl Wenger, of Wengers Farm Machinery, Myerstown.

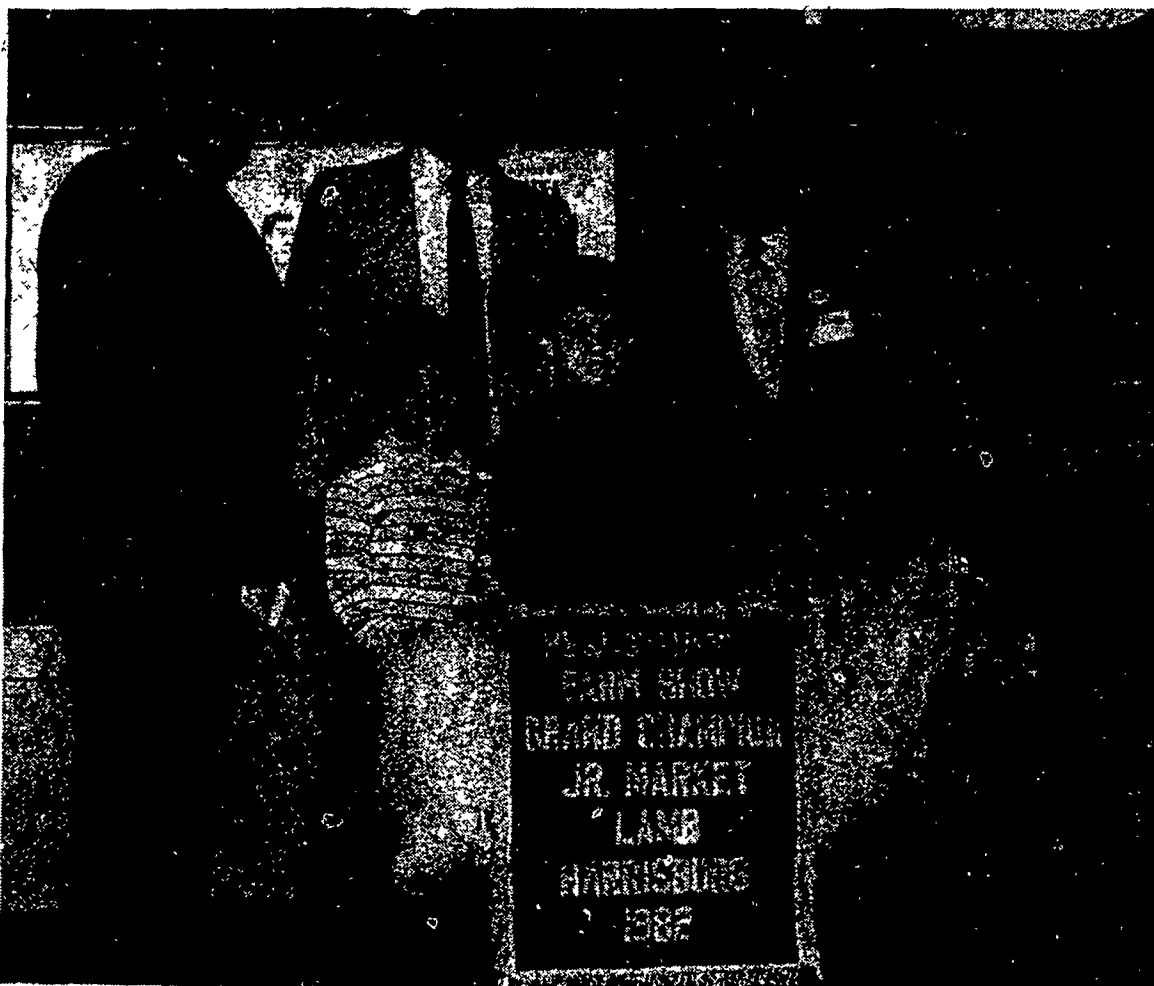
The 120-pound grand champion lamb of David Harpster, of Boalsburg, went to Fox Markets, of Middletown and Hershey, at \$12 a pound. Harpster received a total of \$1,440 through the sale.

The reserve champion of Scott Kuzemchak, of Pleasant Gap, brought \$7.00 and was sold to Henry Kuykendall, of Ration Maker Premixes, Asheboro, N.C.

The grand champion carcass lamb shown by Julie Kuzemchak was sold for \$3.50 a pound to Ray Seidel, of Kerchenhill Farm, Kutztown. Top bidder on the reserve champion carcass lamb at \$1.50 a pound was Charles R. Berry, of Elverson. The reserve champion was shown by Todd Niebauer, of Ebensburg.

Once again, Hatfield Packing Company, was the top buyer in the junior market hog sale. Hatfield purchased the grand champion of Gus Parlett, of Annville, for \$9.00 a pound, as well as the reserve champion of Kurt Brown, of Klingerstown, for \$5.00 a pound.

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David Harpster, of Boalsburg, holds his grand champion junior market lamb; while secretary, standing at right, and representatives of purchaser, Fox Markets, of Middletown.



Grand champion steer entourage includes, from the left, representatives of purchaser, George's IGA Foodliner, of Bethlehem; State Sen. Henry G. Hager, and Cecil Teets, owner.



Cecil Teets, of Freedom, in sale ring with his grand champion steer, Blacky, during a break in bidding.



With reserve champion steer, from the left, are top bidders Richard Brandt, Farm Real Estate and Carl Wenger, of Wengers Farm Machinery, Myerstown; Lisa Shaffer, of Hooversville, owner; and State Sen. Henry G. Hager.



Grouped behind the grand champion market hog are, from the left, State Sen. Henry G. Hager, Jerry Clemens, of Hatfield Packing, the purchaser; Gus Parlett, of Annville, owner; and Ezra Good, also of Hatfield.