

Penn State hosts Jr. Livestock Field Day

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UNIVERSITY PARK — Youth from all over the state of Pennsylvania converged on the Penn State Beef and Sheep Center recently for the Annual Junior Livestock Field Day.

The event was designed to promote a basic understanding of each of the three species of livestock. This was done with demonstrations on meat cutting, livestock selection and showmanship.

Professor Jim Watkins of the Department of Dairy and Animal Science discussed meat selection and grading. He stressed the importance of meat as the end product of the livestock industry.

Selecting the ideal market animal was the subject of a discussion led by Erskine Cash, professor of Animal Science. Using a set of slides, Cash visually stressed selecting animals for meat and muscling not just height, length and trimness. Do not go "ultra-modern or to the old-fashioned short, wasty types of animals," he said.

The livestock enthusiasts were given demonstrations on proper

versus improper methods of showmanship. Members of the various barn staffs including herdsmen and students, presented the demonstrations featuring one poor showman and one excellent showman. Designed to contrast these exhibitions show those in attendance right from wrong.

In addition, a judging contest, consisting of two classes of beef, sheep, swine and meats, was held. The top winner, placing over 230 contestants, was Melissa Trostle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Trostle of Red Lion, York County. Melissa lost only 10 points out of a total of 400. A tie for second place was broken on a random class selection. Placing second was Bob Livingston of Dover, York County, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Livingston. Third place went to Tammy Eisenhour, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Eisenhour, of York County.

Fourth place went to Kenianne Rarick, Reading, Berks County daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rarick. Julie Myers of Wellsville, York County, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Myers, was fifth.

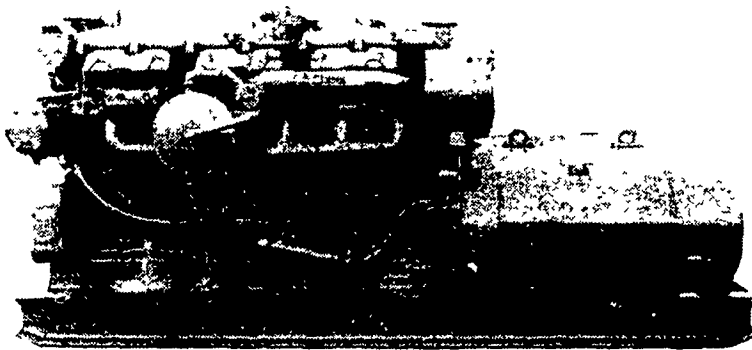


Melissa Trostle, left, of York County was named the high individual in the Junior Livestock Field Day judging contest. Melissa is the 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Trostle. With her are other judging winners in order of their placing, from left, Bob Livingston, 18, York; Tammy Eisenhour, 16, York; Kenianne Rarick, 15, Berks; and Julie Myers, 15, York.



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