

Peach Bottom families sweep Solanco dairy shows

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QUARRYVILLE — Although this year's Solanco Fair dairy show will not go down in the record books as one of the fair's largest, those exhibitors present on Wednesday and Thursday went after the blue ribbon with no less enthusiasm.

The number of entries had been steadily increasing since the completion of the fairground barns in 1976 and 1977. However, fair officials estimated there were about 40 less animals, this year than in past contests.

A Peach Bottom father and son duo teamed up for top honors in the Holstein competition.

Paul and Mark Welk exhibited the grand and reserve grand champion black and whites, respectively. Paul's champ Welk-Crest Mohawk Skokie was elected grand champ in this her first tanbark outing. The 3-year-old Woodbine Chief Mohawk daughter has records to 18,000 pounds of milk and 731 of fat for a 4.0 percent test.

Welk's son Mark took the Reserve Champion spot with Yankeeland Milestone Sherry. No stranger to the winner's circle, the 2-year-old Poverty Hollow Milestone daughter was grand champ in Lancaster County 4-H competition this summer.

George and Doris Hough of Peach Bottom went all the way, this year, with their 6-year-old Jersey dry cow entry. Since she was a calf, the Hough's Milk-N-Honey Generals Tinsel has been entered in the Solanco contest. According to Doris, the champ always won her class, but this year marked the first as grand champion.

Another Peach Bottom family,



Father and son, Paul, left, and Mark Welk of Peach Bottom, walked off with Grand and Reserve Champion Holstein titles, respectively. Paul is at the halter of grand champ Welk-Crest Mohawk Skokie, a 3-year-old. Mark is joined by his reserve winner, 2-year-old Yankeeland Milestone Sherry.

swept the Ayrshire competition. Warren Schmuck, who exhibited last year's Solanco champ, must be a believer in the adage, "like mother like daughter." Schmuck's grand champ Spruce Villa S. Letty is the 4-year-old daughter of his 1981 winner. The Oak Ridge Commander Star daughter is projected at 15,800 pounds of milk and 648 pounds of fat. Her full sister notched the Reserve Grand Champion spot.

Cedar-Fringe Ingrid Anna wrapped up the Guernsey competition for owner Robert Kirk of Peach Bottom. The 3-year-old Deacon daughter, who was reserve grand champion last year, is projected at more than 14,000

pounds of milk.

The Eckmans of Peach Bottom made winning a family affair in Holstein fitting and showing competition.

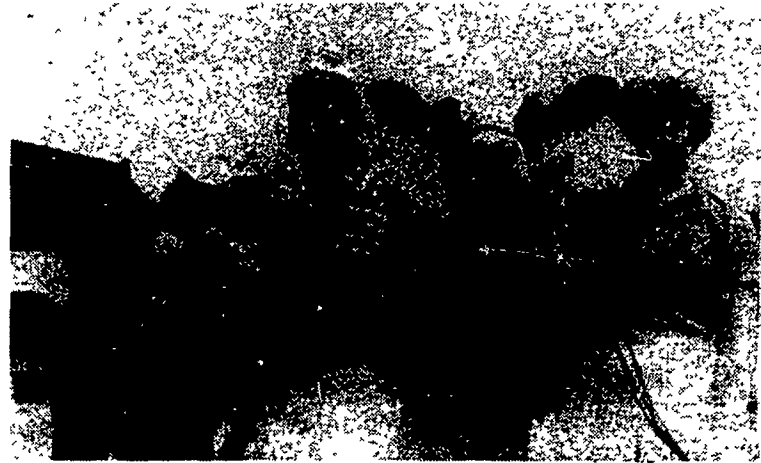
Brian Eckman, 12, collected the junior division champion showman and fitter titles with senior calf "Asta." Brian's sister, Melissa Eckman, 14, bested a field of seniors to gain top showing and fitting honors in the senior division with her 2-year-old "Molly." Brian and Melissa are the children of Don and Faye Eckman, Peach Bottom.

For the color breeds, Steve Wagner, 10, nailed down the junior division showing and fitting title with "Anne," his Guernsey senior yearling. Steve is the son of Bob and Joyce Wagner, Quarryville.

Ayrshire exhibitor, Kris Esbenshade, 16, collected senior showing and fitting honors with senior yearling "Daisy." Kris is the daughter of Fred and Nancy Esbenshade, Quarryville.

Additional results of the 1982 Solanco Dairy Show follow:

- Holsteins**
- Junior Calf**
- 1 Steve Hershey Ronks 2 Ira Welk Quarryville 3 Paul Welk Peach Bottom 4 David Herr Quarryville, 5 Mike Peifer Kirkwood
- Intermediate Calf**
- 1 Ira Welk 2 Karen Kauffman Peach Bottom
- Senior Calf**
- 1 James Miller Christiana 2 Ken Miller Sr Christiana 3 Brian Eckman 4 Mark Hess Quarryville 5 Ken Miller Jr
- Junior Yearling**
- 1 Diane Hershberger Quarryville, 2 Phil Rutt Quarryville 3 Steve Hrshey 4 Karen Kauffman 5 Paul Welk
- Senior Yearling**
- 1 Maurice and Paul Welk, 2 Becky Troop Cochranville 3 Lorrn Putt Quarryville, 4 David Herr 5 Ken Miller Jr



This brother and sister duo swept showing and fitting honors during the Solanco Holstein Show. Brian Eckman, 12, was named Junior Champion Showman and Fitter, while sister Melissa, 14, notched the Senior Champion title. The sibling champs are the children of Don and Faye Eckman, Peach Bottom.



Steve Wagner, 10 - Color Breed Junior Champion Showman and Fitter.



Kris Esbenshade, 16, - Color Breed Senior Champion and Showman and Fitter.

- Junior Champion**
- Paul and Maurice Welk
- Reserve Junior Champion**
- Becky Troop
- Dry Cow**
- 1 Monica Syndicate, Peach Bottom 2 David Hunt Quarryville
- 2-Year-Old**
- 1 Mark Welk, 2 Melissa Eckman 3 Susan Herr 4 Mark Hess 5 Brian Harnish Christiana
- 3 and 4-Year-Old**
- 1 Paul Welk, 2 Dale Bollinger 3 Becky Troop 4 Susan Hess
- Aged Cow**
- Becky Troop
- Grand Champion**
- Paul Welk
- Reserve Grand Champion**
- Mark Welk
- Ayrshire**
- Junior Calf**
- 1 Anita Brommer Conestoga 2 Karen Schmuck Peach Bottom, 3 Michelle Gordon Peach Bottom
- Intermediate Calf**
- 1 Kris Esbenshade 2 Max Brommer Conestoga, 3 Denise Ambler, Cochranville 4 Fred Esbenshade Quarryville, 5 George Gordon Peach Bottom
- Senior Calf**
- 1 and 2 Kris Esbenshade, 3 Karen Schmuck

- Junior Yearling**
- 1 Warren Schmuck, 2 Karen Schmuck
- Senior Yearling**
- 1 Chris Ambler Cochranville, 2 Warren Schmuck, 3 Kris Esbenshade, 4 Max Brommer, 5 Karen Schmuck
- Junior Champion**
- Kris Esbenshade
- Reserve Junior Champion**
- Anita Brommer
- Dry Cow**
- 1 Karen Schmuck, 2 Anita Brommer, 3 Warren Schmuck
- 2-Year-Old**
- 1 and 2 Warren Schmuck
- 3 and 4-Year-Old**
- 1 Warren Schmuck, 2 Karen Schmuck
- Aged Cow**
- 1 Warren Schmuck, 2 Karen Schmuck
- Grand and Reserve Grand Champions**
- Warren Schmuck
- Jersey**
- Junior Calf**
- 1 David Aument, 2 George and Doris Hough, 3 Randy Graver

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George and Doris Hough, left, and Warren Schmuck, right, join their respective color breed grand champs in the Solanco Fair winner's circle. The Hough's 6-year-old dry cow, Milk-N-Honey Generals Tinsel bested the Jersey competition, while Schmuck's 4-year-old Spruce Villa S. Letty notched top Ayrshire honors.



Tim Ulrich, left, of Quarryville, and Matt Bushong, right, of Columbia, share duties following the Solanco color breed show.



Robert Kirk, Peach Bottom, is at the halter of his 1982 Solanco Grand Champion Guernsey, Cedar-Fringe Ingrid Anna, a 4-year-old

Deacon daughter, claimed top spot this year, after taking reserve honors at last year's contest.