

Champion pig not raised by a farmer

BY KIMBERLY HERR

LANCASTER — This year's Grand Champion pig at the Lancaster County 4-H Pig Round-Up and Sale, which took place Thursday at Lancaster Stockyards, was not owned by a farm youth.

Instead, the 215-pound Duroc gilt was the property of Floyd Huber, a 15-year-old East Earl R2 resident.

If he does not live on a farm, how did he ever get interested in pigs?

"Just by getting involved in 4-H," Huber explained.

He is a member of the New Holland Community 4-H Club and has been showing pigs for six

years. This was the first year he took Grand Champion, although he was a first place class winner last year. Huber is the son of Ivan and Fern Huber.

Huber bought his pig from Wyand Durocs and Tamworths, Maryland, after reading their ad in Lancaster Farming. He showed two other pigs, winning another first and a second place.

The Reserve Grand Champion was owned by Tom High, 17-year-old son of Floyd and Dorothy High.

His 225-pound pig was a Duroc-Hampshire-Yorkshire cross. High bought a gilt two years ago at an FFA show and bred her to a Duroc

owned by Rick Pfautz, Ephrata, to produce this year's Reserve Champion.

High, who lives on a 21-acre farm in Ephrata, was participating in the 4-H show for the first time, but he has shown pigs in various FFA shows. He is a member of the Lincoln Community 4-H Club.

Did he think he would win?

"I thought I maybe had a pretty good chance," High said.

There were 41 exhibitors in the show and sale. There were 123 pigs shown and 134 sold. The overall weight was 29,345 pounds, with 219 pounds being the average weight.

Matt Parsons, swine Extension specialist from Penn State, was the judge for the show.

"They were excellent quality pigs," Parsons said.

He explained he was looking for "pigs that are lean, free from fat, with evidence of muscling in them."

Other top winners were Tim Pfautz, Stevens, with the Champion Pair, weighing in at 195 pounds each, and Liz Chapman, Manheim R5, with the Reserve Champion Pair, weighing 225 and 220 pounds.

Prices were down from last year. The Grand Champion brought \$2.40 per pound, down 77 cents from last year.

The Reserve Champion brought \$1.50 per pound, down 50 cents from last year.

Both were purchased by Hatfield. The Champion and Reserve Champion pairs each brought \$1 per pound.

The overall average of 59.09 cents was down 17.28 cents from last year's 76.37.

Results from the show are as follows:

LIGHTWEIGHT — Class 1 1 & 2 Jeff Wagner, Bainbridge R1, 2 Alex Hartzler, Mount Joy R1 Class 2 1 Shawn Haldeman, Manheim R3, 2 Scott Trimble, Peach Bottom R2, 3 Laura Folker, New Holland R2 Class 3 1 Michelle Dean, Strasburg R1, 2 Chad Folker, New Holland R2, 3 Mike Pfautz, Stevens R1 Class 4 1 Michelle Dean, 2 Dave Fisher, East Earl R2, 3 Chad Folker
Lightweight Champion & Reserve - Michelle Dean
MEDIUMWEIGHT — Class 5 1 & 2 Floyd Huber, East Earl R2, 3 Shawn Haldeman Class 6 1 Sheldon Heisey, Elizabethtown R4, 2 Steven Heisey, Elizabethtown R4, 3 Stacy Nestleroth, Manheim R5 Class 7 1 & 2 Tom High, 3 Kevin Hess, 130 Elm Road, Litzitz Class 8 1. Floyd Huber; 2 Michelle Dean, 3 Sheldon Heisey
Mediumweight Champion — Floyd Huber Reserve — Tom High

HEAVYWEIGHT — Class 9 1 Tom High, 2 Chris Chapman, 3. Karen Becker, Manheim R3 Class 10 1 Michelle Dean, 2 Steven Heisey, 3 Chris Chapman Class 11 1 Craig Kreider, Quarryville R1, 2 Sharon Heisey, Elizabethtown R4, 3 Renee Haldeman, Manheim R3 Class 12 1 Liz Chapman, 2 Joyce Wagner, Bainbridge R1, 3 Beth Nestleroth
Heavyweight Champion — Tom High Reserve — Michelle Dean
Grand Champion — Floyd Huber Reserve — Tom High
Champion Pair — Liz Chapman Reserve — Tim Pfautz

FITTING AND SHOWING — Junior 1 Tod Pflederer, 2 Chad Folker, 3 Shawn Haldeman Senior 1 Mike Pfautz, 2 Tim Pfautz, 3 Floyd Huber

Berks Breeders Make Plans

LEESPORT — Berks County Rabbit and Cavy Breeders Assoc. have some exciting plans for this fall. The first ARBA sanctioned show in the county in many years will be held at 9 AM October 23.

This show which is open to the world will take place at the new Community Center Building at the Berks County Agricultural Center, just north of Reading off Route 183. Eight rabbit and cavy judges from five states have been secured to place the 29 sanctioned breeds. Dozens of trophies and placement ribbons to fifth place will be awarded.

Delicious homemade food will be available that day. For show catalogue write: Mrs. Dolly Bare, 529 N. Wyo. Blvd, Wyomissing, Pa. 19610.

On Sept. 6 at 7:30 PM, Dr. John Harkness, veterinarian from Penn State University will speak about rabbit diseases, treatments and prevention. This meeting is open to

the public and will be held at the Agricultural Center auditorium.

The Reading Fair's rabbit show for Berks County raised animals will be Sept. 20th at 6 PM.

Recently the county 4-H fair was held. Approximately 70 rabbits and cavies were shown by 20 4-H'ers. Best of Breeds were as follows: Angora-Candi Wittman; Himalayan and Rex-Heath Fisher; Dutch and English Spot-Charlene Plushanski; English Lop and Satin-Tracey Weaver; French Lop-John Hussman; Mini Lop - Beth German; Netherland Dwarf-Scott German; New Zealand White - Chris Bubbenmoyer; New Zealand Red - Billy Stoffregen; Mixed - Chris Blatt. Best in Show was Chris Bubbenmoyer's 'NZW Sr. Buck. Best Opposite Sex was Tracey Weaver's Siamese Satin Sr. doe. Best cavy was a tortoise shell and white Sr. boar Teddy and Best opposite sex was a TS&W, Sr. sow American, owned by Charlene Plushanski.



The Reserve Champion pig, owned by Tom High, left, was also purchased by Ezra Good for Hatfield Packing at Thursday's 4-H Pig Round-Up.

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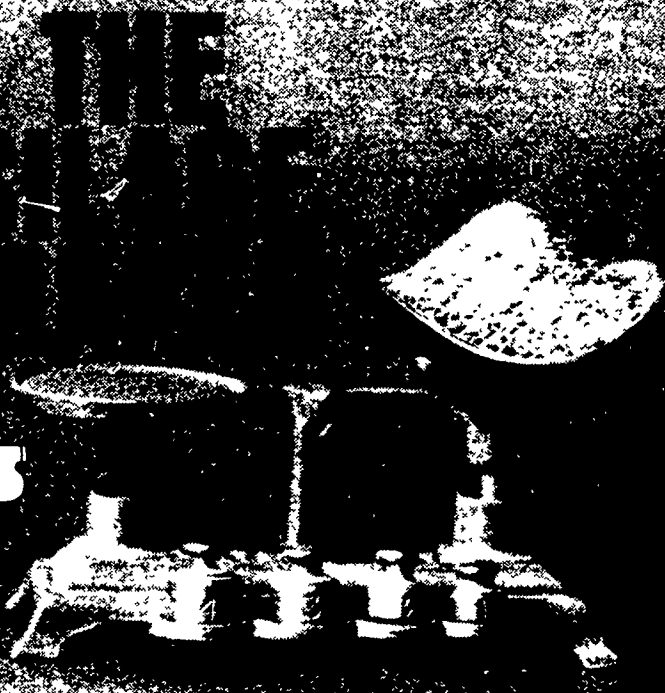
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