

Armstrong sale breaks records at Dayton Fair

DAYTON — Nearly all previously set sale records were broken during the Armstrong County Junior Livestock Sale held in conjunction with the Dayton Fair.

The Saturday afternoon sale attracted more than seventy-five buyers from Armstrong and surrounding counties.

The Grand Champion Lamb topped the live animal sale at a price of \$12.00 per pound selling to Leechburg Shop 'N Save. The 87-pound Suffolk cross was shown by nine-year-old Troy Kepple of Sarver. The son of Ron and Carol Kepple, Troy purchased his lamb from the flock of a neighbor, Jerry Gaiser.

The Reserve Champion Lamb



The Champion Steer was shown by Pete Hawkins, of Kittanning. This Chianina steer sold for a record-breaking \$4.00 a pound.



Scott Good was the owner of the Reserve Champion Steer. It was shown by Melissa McIlwain of Spring Church and sold for \$3.60 a pound.



Cammy Cornish of Dayton showed her heavyweight Suffolk cross lamb to Reserve Champion honors.

was shown by Cammy Cornish, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Todd Cornish, of Dayton. Also a Suffolk cross, this heavyweight lamb was purchased from Tim Hall, of Ohio. The Cornish's live on a farm where they milk Holstein cows. Cammy's lamb sold for \$4.75 a pound to Andy's Market Inc. of Ford City.

Hog competition was topped by Vernon Lockhart, of Smicksburg, with a Duroc-Berk cross weighing 250 pounds. The seventeen-year-old son of Chuck and Jackie Lockhart, Vernon showed hogs for the first time this year. The Lockharts live on a 110-acre farm where they milk approximately 26 Holsteins. A first year 4-H member, Vernon invested much time and hard work in his project in-

cluding daily walks for all his hogs. He became interested in a swine project through his cousin's involvement in the Dayton Livestock Club. Vernon purchased his project animals at the Winebark-McConaughy Feeder Pig Sale. His Grand Champion Hog sold for \$6.00 a pound to Leechburg Shop 'N Save.

The Reserve Champion Hog was shown by Mevlan Sinan of Home. This fourteen year old is a veteran showman with three Reserve Champions and one Grand Champion honor previously collected at the Armstrong County Show. Also from a dairy farm, Mevlan has his own Duroc herd and farrows six sows. The Reserve Champion Hog was bred by Mevlan and sold for \$3.40 a pound to Kittanning Agway.

Suffolks topped lamb competition, the hog show was won by Durocs, and the steer exhibitors followed suit with two Chianina cross steers winning Champion and Reserve honors.

Peter Hawkins, of Kittanning, led the 1352 pound Champion. The son of Leo and Kathy Hawkins, nineteen-year-old Pete ended his 4-H career on a high note. This is his first beef championship, but Pete has three county hog championships to his credit. The Hawkins family lives on a 350 acre farm where they have both commercial and registered Hereford cattle herds. Pete is also employed on the dairy farm of Dwight McKinley of Kittanning. Andy's Food Markets Inc. of Ford City paid \$4.00 a pound for the heavily-muscled steer for a total price of \$5408.

Both the Champion and Scott Good's Reserve Champion Steer were bred by J.C. Enterprises of Ringgold.

The Reserve Champion Steer came very close to not being exhibited at this show. Owner Scott Good of Kittanning was in an auto accident two months ago and still has pins in his right arm. He was discharged from the hospital only three weeks ago. However, fellow 4-H'er, Melissa McIlwain of Spring Church, took over total care of the steer for Scott in those last critical weeks before the show. As a result Scott was able to complete his project year and reap the rewards of much hard work.

Scott is an eighth year 4-H member who has shown both beef and dairy cattle. The Good family's farm totals 1200 acres on which they have a commercial beef cattle herd.

Scott's stylish Reserve Champion sold for \$3.60 a pound to Leechburg Shop 'N Save.

The averages of the sale of live animals including the champions were: hogs-\$1.71, lambs-\$1.95, and steers-\$1.53.

The sale of prize-winning livestock carcasses also provided many record-breaking prices.

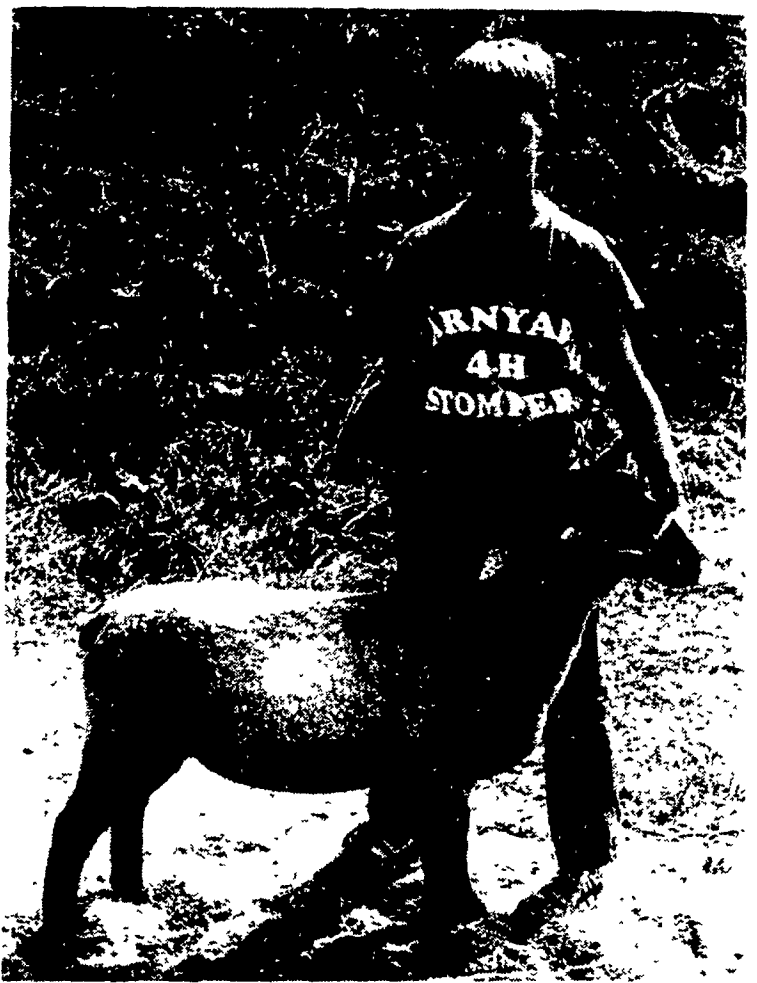
The Champion Lamb Carcass was owned by Serena Imerson of Dayton and sold for \$13.75 a pound to Agway Fertilizer Plant of Dayton. This 48 pound carcass had cut figures of choice and choice+, 0.10 fat thickness, 3.0 inch loin eye, and a carcass yield of 2.3.

The Reserve Champion Lamb Carcass sold for \$7.00 a pound to IGA Super Dollar Market of Leechburg. Shown by Anna Schrecengost of Freeport the 52 pound carcass was rated prime and prime-, 0.20 fat thickness, 3.0 inch loin eye, and a yield of 3.0.

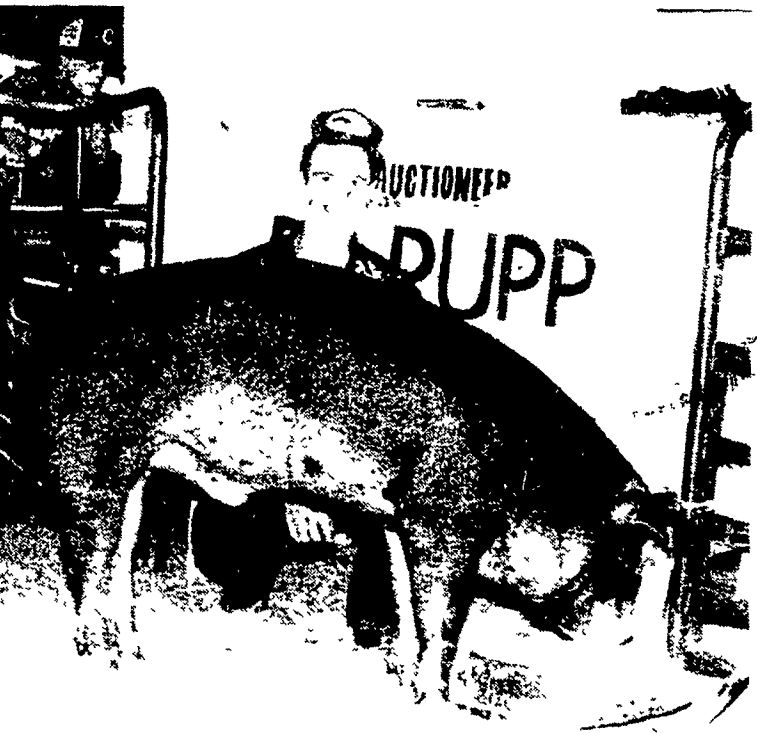
The Champion Hog Carcass was owned by Michele Flick of Kittanning and sold for \$6.50 a pound to Elderton State Bank. Showing a ham-loin % of 43.6, this champion cut a backfat of 1.4, carcass length of 30.0, and a 4.7 square inch loin eye.

Coming in a close second with a ham-loin % of 43 was Terry Ar-

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Troy Kepple, of Sarver, exhibited the Grand Champion Market Lamb which sold for \$12.00 a pound.



The Champion Market Hog was shown by Vernon Lockhart, of Smicksburg. This Duroc-Berk cross sold for \$6.00 a pound to Leechburg Shop 'N Save.



The Reserve Champion Hog was exhibited by Mevlan Sinan of Home. Kittanning Agway purchased this animal for \$3.40 a pound.