

Witmers back in winners' circle

MANHEIM — After an absence of a couple of years, Lan-Lebco cows of Harold Witmer were back in the winner's circle at the Manheim Fair's dairy show on Thursday.

Three years ago, Witmer swept top honors. A couple of years ago the dairy tent was ripped apart by a storm and the show was canceled. And last year, the Kulp brothers had the top honors.

But this year, the Witmer cows returned with son, D. Lamar., doing the showing honors and dad staying home to handle the rigid 3X milking schedule.

Grand champion was a three-year-old, Lan-Lebo (the farm sets on the boundary of the two counties) Astro King Moonlite, who in her first lactation had nearly 19,000 lbs. Her dam was the reserve champ three years ago.

The reserve champion was an aged cow Lan-Lebco Kit Builder Odarby, who milked over 20,000 as a four-year-old. Kit Builder, whose semen has now been used up, is the foundation sire of the Witmer herd. Witmer also had the junior champion.

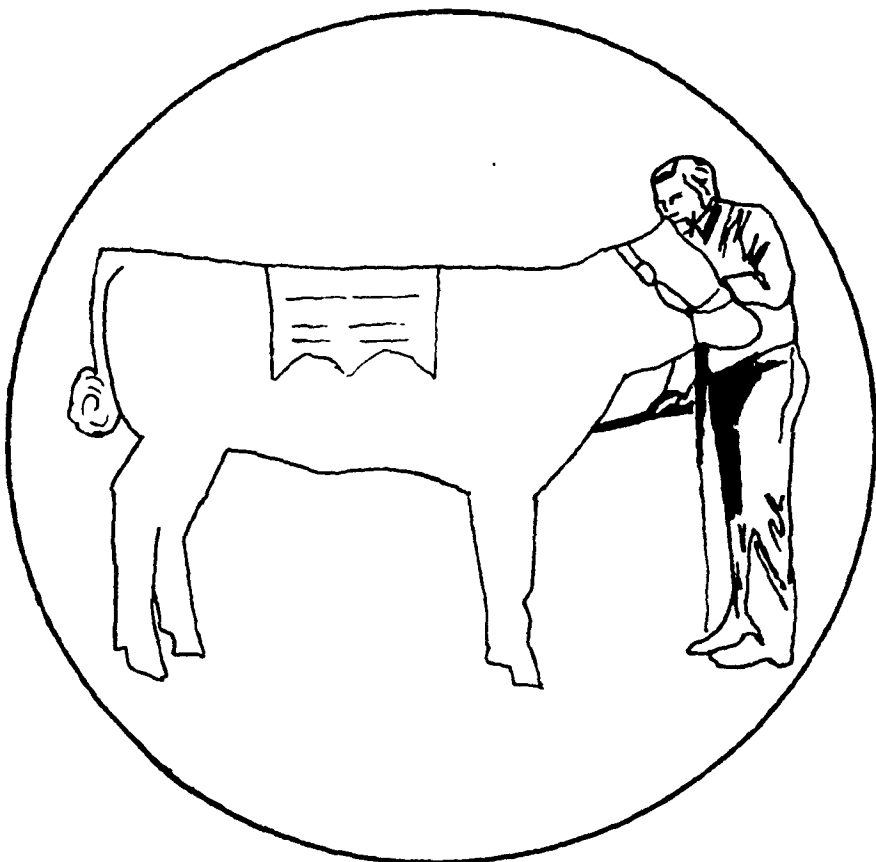
Results through the places (with 4-H, Future Farmers of America placings):

Junior Calf 1 (1) Jodi Esbenshade 2 David Bollinger 3 (2) David Landis Intermediate Calf 1 (1) J Mervin Zimmerman 2 (2) Marilyn Landis, 3 Ruby Bollinger Senior Calf 1 Lowell Brubaker, 2 Lamar Witmer, 3 (1) Marvin Landis Junior Yearling 1 Harold Witmer, 2 Lowell Brubaker, 3 Ruby Bollinger Senior Yearling 1 Lowell Brubaker, 2 (1) Debbie Landis 3 Lowell Brubaker Junior Champion — Harold Witmer Reserve — J Mervin Zimmerman Junior Get of Sire 1 Lowell Brubaker, 2 Ruby Bollinger Junior 2-year-old: 1 Lowell Brubaker 2 David Kulp 3 Lowell Brubaker Senior 2-year-old: 1 Lowell Brubaker, 2 Lamar Witmer, 3 Lamar Witmer 3-year-old: 1 Harold Witmer 2 Lowell Brubaker, 3 Harold Witmer, 2 Lowell Brubaker 3 Lowell Brubaker 5-year-old: 1 Kulp Bros, 2 Ruby Bollinger 3 Robert Kulp Aged Cow 1 Harold Witmer, 2 Ruby Bollinger, 3 Ruby Bollinger Senior Champion — Harold Witmer Reserve — Harold Witmer Grand Champion — Harold Witmer Reserve — Harold Witmer



Witmer grand (left) and reserve grand champions at Manheim.

Best Udder 1 Harold Witmer 2 Lamar Witmer 3 Harold Witmer Senior Get of Sire 1 Ruby Bollinger 2 Lowell Brubaker 3 Harold Brubaker Best Three Females 1 Harold Witmer 2 Lowell Brubaker 3 Ruby Bollinger Dairy Herd 1 Harold Witmer 2 Kulp Bros 3 Lowell Brubaker Produce of Dam 1 Lowell Brubaker 2 Ruby Bollinger 3 Lowell Brubaker Dam-Daughter 1 Harold Witmer 2 Harold Witmer 3 Lowell Brubaker
Ayshire — Junior Calf 1 Michelle Kerdeman 2 Mike Kerdeman Senior 1 (1) Robyn Groff, Junior Yearling 1 (1) Ronald Groff Junior Champion — Robyn Groff Reserve — Michelle Kerdeman Grand Champion — Robyn Groff Reserve — Michelle Kerdeman
Showmanship — Junior 1 Michelle Kerdeman 2 Marvin Landis 3 Darwin Landis
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