

Seidel tops Berks 4-H swine roundup

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LEESPORT — Charles Seidel, R1 Lenhartsville, a veteran 4-H'er in the showing with his prize winning pigs, took the Grand Championship in the market classes at the annual Berks County 4-H Swine Roundup.

Held at the Leesport Auction, the county roundup featured 50 hogs with 28 exhibitors. "These exhibitors ought to be congratulated on bringing out this type of quality to a roundup," stated Matt Parsons, hog specialist at Penn State and judge.

The champion pig of Charles Seidel commanded the high bid of \$5.00 per round at the sale held that evening. The successful bidder for the champion, Weavers Farm Market, Sinking Spring, supported the club throughout the sale and added 8 more pigs to their total purchase.

The Reserve Grand Champion hog was exhibited by Greg Stricker, R1 Bernville, and sold for \$1.50 per pound to Hatfield Packing. Hatfield's purchased 14 head and helped to bring the sale average up to 80 cents on the 50 pigs.

The sale was greatly supported by area businesses and the purchasers included: Newswangers Restaurant, Shirley's Lunch Counter, Marvin Frantz, Elmo Manieri, Kenneth Leiby Auctioneer, Van Mar Feeds, Leesport Market and Auction, F.M. Browns Sons, Leidy's Inc., Weaver Farm Market, Hatfield Packing, Hamilton Bank, Ben Zack Meats, Richard Brandt Real Estate, Berks Lehigh Farm Credit, Farm Bureau of Souderton.

Fitting and Showing results:

Senior Fitting - Grand, Jan Adam, Hamburg.
Reserve, Kirk Fisher, Oley
Senior Showmanship - Grand, Mike Carter, Hamburg, Reserve - Charles Seidel, Lenhartsville.
Intermediate Fitting - Grand, Rony Martin, Oley, Reserve Merlin Scott, Oley
Intermediate Showmanship - Grand, Rony Martin, Reserve Steve Rohrbach, Shoemaker svlle
Junior Fitting - Grand, Randy Balthaser, Bernville, Reserve Todd Rabenold, Kutztown
Junior Showmanship - Grand, Randy Balthaser, reserve Jina Leatherman, Hamburg
Market Classes
Champion Lightweight - Todd Rabenold, Kutztown, Reserve Dennis Cooper, Hamburg
Champion Middleweight - Charles Seidel, Lenhartsville, Reserve - Steve Rohrbach, Shoemakersville
Champion Heavyweight - Greg Stricker, Bernville; Reserve - Dennis Cooper, Hamburg
Grand Champion Market Hog - Charles Seidel, Reserve Greg Stricker



Charles Seidel, Lenhartsville, and judge Matt Parsons, of Penn State, are shown with grand champion of the Berks 4-H Swine Roundup.



Reserve grand champion of the Berks swine roundup was exhibited by Greg Stricker, of Bernville.



Showmanship champions in Berks include, from the left, Randy Balthaser, Bernville; Jan Adam, Hamburg; and Rony Martin, Oley, shown with Martin's entry.



Fitting champions in Berks 4-H Swine Roundup include, from the left, Randy Balthaser, Bernville; Jan Adam, Hamburg; and Rony Martin, Oley, shown with Martin's entry.

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