

# For the Weavers, Farm Show competition is number 1

BY LAURA ENGLAND

**EPHRATA** — Of the 20 4-H steers from Lancaster County chosen to compete at this year's Farm Show, two belong to a well-experienced brother and sister team from Ephrata.

Making up this team are Fred and Emily Weaver who, with 12 years of 4-H experience between them, rate the Farm Show their number one contest. Well-seasoned competitors, the pair compete in seven shows a year but always look forward to the Farm Show.

Whether its the degree of competition, the chance to see the many friends made through the show circuit or just to spend a couple days among Pennsylvania agriculture and farmers, Fred said

he always gets more "psyched up" for the Farm Show.

Fred, 13, will be making his fourth trip and Emily, 15, her sixth to compete in the junior steer and junior showmanship contests. The two will also compete, for the first time, in the junior breeding show with their purebred Angus heifers.

Emily will have a special responsibility in addition to showing. She'll be staying all week and will be working as a caretaker for Lancaster County. Helping her will be fellow club member Ernie Mast, of Morgantown.

A member of the New Holland 4-H Club for seven years and the Red Rose club for six, Emily will show an Angus-cross named Timothy in the junior steer show. Her heifer is a purebred, registered Angus

named Rally Timberly Mayflower.

Both animals were purchased from the Rally Farm in New York.

Emily showed both Timothy and her heifer through the Red Rose Club this past year. She also showed another steer, which was sold, through the New Holland Club. Emily says she prefers raising buddy steers and has done so for six years.

"If you raise steers by themselves, they get jumpy," she said. "With two steers, they learn to get along, and they're better at the shows."

Fred also raised a set of buddy steers this year and will take his Red Rose entry to the Farm Show. A straight Angus, Sam placed second in his class at county round-

up this past year. A purebred heifer named Rally Duchess is his breed class entry. Both animals were also purchased from Rally Farms.

In selecting animals for 4-H projects, Fred and Emily say they like to stick with either purebred Angus or Angus-cross breeds.

"Angus cattle do well at local shows," Fred says, "but you need an Angus-Chianina cross steer for the Farm Show. The judges like to see the crosses there."

Previous Farm Show experiences uphold the young Weavers' thinking. In her first show, Emily placed third in her class with an Angus-Chianina cross. Fred has had an Angus-Simmental cross place fourth and

an Angus-Chianina cross place sixth.

Fred explained that a difference usually occurs in how the animals place at round-up compared to Farm Show. This is due to the animal's actual body finishing.

"There is a difference in the wins at Farm Show," he said. "The steers are usually finished out more in time for the Farm Show."

To prepare their animals for the show and achieve the best finish, Fred and Emily put together a serious work out for their steers. For this year's show, they started walking and exercising their animals daily about 60 days ago.

"We take them out together and walk them around the cemetery (Turn to Page A34)

*Trophies galore*



Fred and Emily display the more than 15 trophies they've earned in county and state competitions.

*Brother and sister cooperate*



From feeding to grooming to exercising, Fred and Emily Weaver, R1 Ephrata, help each other in preparing their animals for show competition.

## Partnership proves successful for young brothers

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**DENVER** — Throughout the years, partnerships have proved successful in farming and agribusiness operations. Partners share in the decision-making process, contribute equally to a sometimes heavy workload, and determine what is to become of profits earned through their business.

Looking at these aspects of a partnership, not to mention the

success their father and uncle have had in their swine, beef and trucking operation, brothers Kenton and Kurtis Good, R1 Denver, formed their own partnership three years ago. Realizing a partnership had worked for their father, the brothers thought the same might be true for them.

Kenton and Kurtis haven't been disappointed with their decision. Raising and showing swine, the young brothers have had a

profitable partnership to date. Each year has ended in the black with high hopes for the next year.

Not unusual for a partnership, you say? Well, you're partly right, but an unusual aspect surrounds this operation. You see, Kenton is only 11 years old and Kurtis is 10. The boys are members of the New Holland 4-H Club, Lancaster County, and through their partnership compete in 4-H competitions.

The sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Good, Kenton and Kurtis share the workload in preparing their hogs for the county swine round-up. They also share in paying for their hogs and the feed, and at the end of the year they split their profits 50-50.

As far as financial successes are concerned, the brothers would mark 1983 as the most profitable. And as far as successes in the show ring go, again 1983 comes out on top. This past year, Kenton and Kurtis showed the grand champion and reserve grand, respectively, at the New Holland Fair.

For their wins, the young part-

ners received \$4.25 per pound for both hogs. The hogs, weighing 230 pounds each, were bought as a pair by Doug Clemens of Hatfield Packing, Hatfield.

But money isn't everything as far as the Goods are concerned.

Their success last year prompted them to take a challenge - something not uncommon to partnerships. The brothers decided to try their luck at the 1984 Farm Show.

To prepare for the Farm Show, Kenton and Kurtis selected a pair of hogs at the end of September from their father's operation.

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*Father teaches sons*



A successful hog producer, Ezra Good teaches his young sons Kenton, left, and Kurtis to select market-type hogs as 4-H projects.

*Proud of championships*



Kenton Good, left, and younger brother Kurtis are proud of the championship trophies that they've earned in three years of 4-H swine competition.