

York County holds 25th Livestock Judging Contest

BY JACK HUBLEY

Lancaster County 4-H'ers dominated the winners circle at York County's 4-H Livestock Judging Contest on July 5, with first-place wins in both senior and junior team competition, as well as senior and junior beef categories and the senior sheep division. The high individual scorers in both senior and junior divisions were also Lancaster Countians.

Held at the George and Lois Kushner farm in Wellsville, the contest attracted 73 participants from six counties. Now in its 25th year, the contest is cosponsored by the Kushners and the Baby Beef Club.

The competition involves six classes, two each of beef, sheep and swine, with senior contestants required to give oral reasons for their choices.

Furnishing the livestock for this year's judging were Mr. and Mrs. James Eisenhower providing beef animals, George Duttrey furnishing sheep, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rutter furnishing the hog classes.

Officials were Penn State animal science professor Dr. Lester Burdett, Lancaster County extension livestock specialist Chet Hughes and Bill Holloway, farm advisor for the Arthur Glatfelter Insurance Agency of York.

Few annual events have

remained in Mother Nature's favor for as long as this judging contest, organized by York County extension director Tony Dobrosky a quarter of a century ago.

"The competition has been scheduled for the first Thursday in July since I put it together during my second year here, (with the extension) and so far it's never rained," remarked Dobrosky.

Following are the results of the contest.

SENIOR DIVISION Individual Overall

- 1 Jay Reiff Lancaster Co Score 407
- 2 Michelle Dean Lancaster Co Score 393
- 3 Glenn Stoltzfus Chester Co Score 388
- 4 Debra Krause Lehigh Co Score 387
- 5 Ken Walker Chester Co Score 387
- 6 Rod Stoltzfus Chester Co Score 386
- 7 Margaret Herr Lancaster Co Score 384
- 8 Betsy Colkat Chester Co Score 382
- 9 John Myers York Co Score 381
- 10 Ruth Grimm Lehigh Co Score 380

SENIOR DIVISION Teams

- 1 Lancaster County Jay Reiff Michelle Dean Margaret Herr
- 2 Chester County Glenn Stoltzfus Ken Walker Rod Stoltzfus
- 3 Lehigh County Ruth Grimm Debra Krause Seth Gruber
- 4 Berks County Kirk Fisher Kenianne Rarick Mark Price
- 5 York County John Myers Krista Rankin Melissa Trostle

SENIOR DIVISION Individual Species Beef

- 1 Margaret Herr Lancaster County Score 140
- 2 Jay Reiff Lancaster County Score 136
- 3 Debra Krause Lehigh County Score 135
- 4 Michelle Dean Lancaster County Score 133
- 5 Mark Price Berks County Score 133

Sheep

- 1 Jay Reiff Lancaster Co Score 144
- 2 Glenn Stoltzfus Chester Co Score 143
- 3 Debra Krause Lehigh Co Score 142
- 4 Jan Waltz Lancaster Co Score 141
- 5 Melissa Trostle York County Score 141

Swine

- 1 Kirk Fisher Berks Co Score 135
- 2 Betsy Colkat, Chester Co Score 129
- 3 Michelle Dean Lancaster Co Score 128
- 4 Rod Stoltzfus, Chester Co Score 128
- 5 Jay Reiff Lancaster Co Score 127

Reasons

- 1 Jamie Kohr York Co Score 126
- 2 Glenn Stoltzfus Chester Co Score 125
- 3 Michelle Dean, Lancaster Co Score 124

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Members of Lancaster County's winning judges teams at the York County 4-H Livestock Judging Contest are (l. to r.) Emily Weaver, Ellen Lewis and Trisha Musser, junior team, and Margaret Herr, senior team. Not pictured are senior team members Jay Reiff and Michelle Dean.

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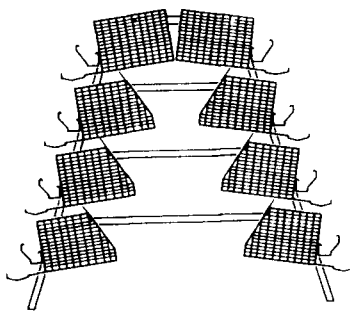
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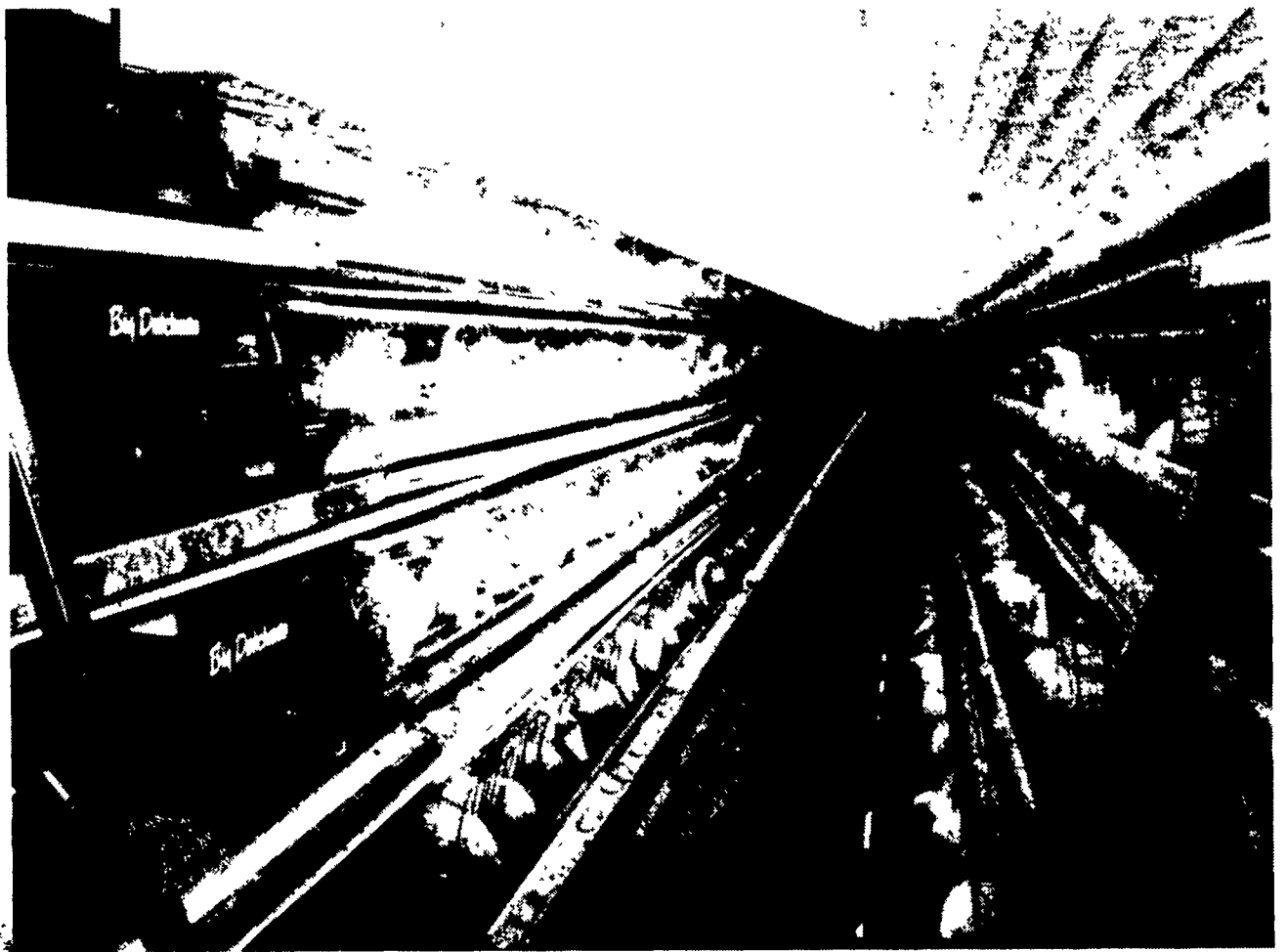
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