

Dairy exhibitors move into the spotlight

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LEBANON — Adam Sonnen, a 14-year-old 4-H'er who has been showing cows for five years, had a first this year during the Lebanon Area 4-H and FFA Dairy Show Tuesday afternoon.

The son of Malcolm and Jancie Sonnen, Richland, Adam showed his 4-year-old cow to the winner's circle in the 4-H Holstein Show. It was the first grand championship for the young 4-H'er, but the glory didn't stop there.

If winning the 4-H Holstein title wasn't enough, then the overall supreme championship put the icing on the cake for Adam and his cow. Of the Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein and Jersey cattle shown, judge Creedin Cornman, Carlisle, selected Sonnen-Acres Jemini Lucre as the show's supreme champion.

The selection of the supreme champion animal was the culmination of a day-long show involving both 4-H and FFA exhibitors. Colored breed entries were shown first, followed by a full show of Holstein animals.

Both the 4-H and the FFA Ayrshire shows were dominated by an 18-year-old exhibitor from Lebanon. Heather Hernley, who has a long record of show championships, took the grand champion and reserve grand champion titles in each show.

Judy Mase, a 12-year-old 4-H'er from Lebanon, won the grand championship title in Brown Swiss competition. The reserve champion title went to Bruce Heilinger, 16, Newmanstown, who has a herd of 20 Brown Swiss cattle.

A FFA member as well, Bruce earned the grand and reserve grand championships in the FFA Brown Swiss contest. A member of the ELCO FFA Chapter, Bruce won the championship titles at the 1983 Lebanon Fair.

With just three entries shown by 4-H'ers in the Guernsey class, Karen Heilinger, Newmanstown, won grand champion in her first show. The reserve title went to Christine Habecker, Annville, also showing for the first time.

Runner-up to Adam Sonnen's 4-H Holstein grand champion, was a cow owned by Adam's cousin, David Sonnen, also of Richland. David's reserve champion was shown by his sister, Becky.

In FFA Holstein competition, the grand and reserve grand champion honors went to John Kline, Myerstown. This was John's last time showing as a FFA member at the Lebanon Fair.

Four-H Jersey grand champion honors were earned by Louise Landis, Jonestown. A three-year show veteran, this was Louise's first championship. The reserve champion title went to Ellen Hanson, Palmyra, Lebanon County's Dairy Princess, who was competing in her first dairy show.

To make the day even more memorable, Ellen won the grand championship in the FFA Jersey Show. Ken Heisey, Newmanstown, who owns 32 head of Jerseys and Holsteins, showed the reserve champion cow.

Competing individually during the class shows, the 4-H and FFA members pulled their entries together for the club herd contest. The 4-H Colored Breed winners were No-So-Ann, first, and Norlebco, second. The 4-H Holstein winners were ELCO, first; Norlebco, second; and No-So-Ann, third. The FFA Chapter herd title went to ELCO, followed by Norlebco and Annville-Cleona.

Following are the top three placings in both the 4-H and FFA shows:

- Harding Jr SENIOR YEARLING HEIFER FFA — 1 Wesley Harding Jr
- JUNIOR 2 YEAR OLD FFA — 1 Heather Hernley
- 3 YEAR-OLD FFA — 1 Wesley Harding Jr 2 Heather Hernley
- 4 YEAR OLD FFA — 1 Wesley Harding
- AGED COW 4-H — 1 Heather Hernley FFA — 1 Heather Hernley
- DAM AND DAUGHTER 4-H — 1 Heather Hernley FFA — 1 Heather Hernley 2 Wesley Harding Jr
- JUNIOR CHAMPION 4-H — 1 Heather Hernley FFA — Heather Hernley
- RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION 4-H — Heather Hernley FFA — Wesley Harding Jr
- SENIOR CHAMPION 4-H — Heather Hernley FFA — Heather Hernley
- RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION FFA — Wesley Harding Jr
- GRAND CHAMPION 4-H — Heather Hernley FFA — Heather Hernley
- RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION 4-H — Heather Hernley FFA — Heather Hernley
- BROWN SWISS
- JUNIOR HEIFER CALF 4 H — 1 Michael Kunkle 2 Bruce Heilinger FFA — 1 John Kleinleiter 2 Bruce Heilinger
- INTERMEDIATE HEIFER CALF 4 H — 1 Judy Mase FFA — 1 Bruce Heilinger
- JUNIOR YEARLING HEIFER 4 H — 1 Karen Heilinger 2 Michael Kunkle FFA — 1 Bruce Heilinger
- INTERMEDIATE YEARLING HEIFER 4 H — 1 Judy Mase FFA — 1 Bruce Heilinger
- SENIOR YEARLING HEIFER 4 H — 1 Michael Kunkle

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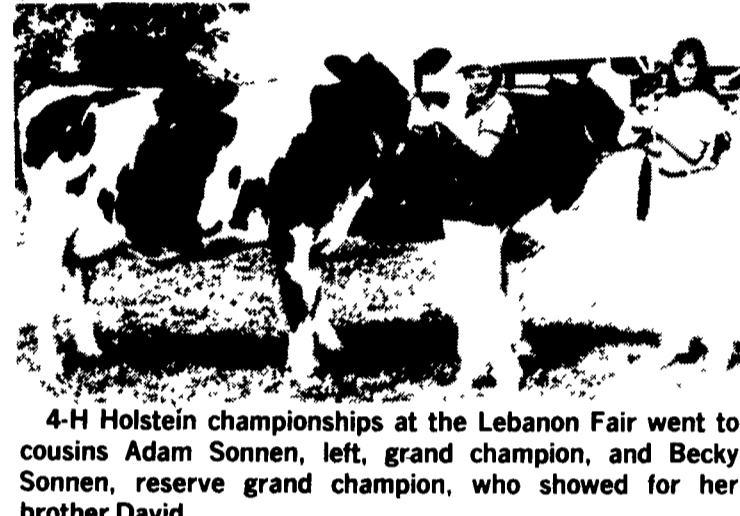
Supreme champion of the Lebanon Fair 4-H/FFA Dairy Show is Sonnen-Acres Jemini Lucre, owned by 14-year-old Adam Sonnen, at halter, Richland. Holding the trophy is show judge Creedin Cornman, Carlisle.



Lebanon Fair FFA Holstein grand and reserve grand champions are shown by owner John Kline, left, and his brother David.



Brown Swiss winners in the Lebanon Fair 4-H division are, from left, Judy Mase, grand champion, and Bruce Heilinger, reserve grand champion.



4-H Holstein championships at the Lebanon Fair went to cousins Adam Sonnen, left, grand champion, and Becky Sonnen, reserve grand champion, who showed for her brother David.



Jersey winners of the Lebanon Fair 4-H dairy show are, from left, Louise Landis, grand champion, and Ellen Hanson, reserve grand champion.



With Heather Hernley's Lebanon Fair 4-H Ayrshire champions are, from left, Carmelle Hernley, grand champion, and Jennifer Group, reserve grand champion.



Lebanon County Dairy Princess Ellen Hanson, left, and Ken Heisey are winners in the Lebanon Fair FFA Jersey Show, earning grand and reserve grand championships, respectively.

- AYRSHIRE
- JUNIOR HEIFER CALF 4-H — 1 Heather Hernley
- SENIOR HEIFER CALF 4-H — 1 Heather Hernley
- JUNIOR YEARLING HEIFER 4-H — 1 Heather Hernley, FFA — 1 Heather Hernley 2 Wesley