

Burkhart exhibits top porker

BY JACK HUBLEY

LANCASTER — A York-Hampshire cross owned by Mohnton 4-H'er Sue Burkhart took top honors at the Chester-Delaware 4-H Pig Show held last Friday at Vintage Sales Stables in Paradise.

And leading off the sale staged on Saturday morning, the 235-pound grand champion brought a championship bid from Ken Emery of Emery's Buying Station who represented Earl Adams of Morgantown Feed and took the porker home for \$4.35 per pound.

No newcomer to 4-H competition, 14-year-old Sue Burkhart logged her first grand champion win at the Chester-Delaware event in 1979. The daughter of Richard and Nancy Burkhart, Sue bought her winning entry from David Glass of Ridgewood Farms in Birdsboro.

And right on Burkhart's heels, taking reserve champion honors was another Chester County 4-H'er, 14-year-old Mike Stoltzfus of Elverson.

Weighing in at 230 pounds, Mike's homegrown York-Duroc reserve champion was sold to Doug Clemens of Hatfield Packing Company for \$2.75 per pound.

The son of J. Wilmer and Laurell Stoltzfus, Mike's 4-H career has spanned seven years. Also named this year's Chester County champion junior showman, Mike has tallied four reserve championship wins at this show.

In trio competition, the three lightweight entries exhibited by Elverson's Allison Burns were tapped for grand champion honors. Hatfield Packing was again on hand to pay the top bid of 80 cents per pound for the total of 635 pounds of pork.

The reserve champion trio, exhibited by David Howe of Downingtown, went to Ken Emery buying for Economy Locker of Pennsdale. Emery's bid for the 710 pounds of pork topped all others at 70 cents per pound.

In Friday night's showmanship

competition, champions and reserve champions were recognized from each of the two participating counties.

Chester County's champion senior showman was Lois Bagshaw of Gap, with Mohnton's Bob Bell holding down the reserve champion slot.

For grand champion junior showman it was Mike Stoltzfus, with Jill Burkhart named reserve champion.

Delaware County's two top showmen were Jan Schrader in the senior division and Rebecca

Adams in junior competition.

Senior and junior reserve champions were David Schroder and Mark Umberger, respectively.

By sale's end, a total of \$15,963.80 had been spent for the 90 Chester and Delaware County pigs. The average price for a pound of show pork was 77 cents, or 70 cents not including premium prices offered for the champions.

Along with Hatfield, Morgantown Feed and Economy Locker competing for the 4-H animals was Habbersett Bros., Inc., of Meadia, a new supporter of the Chester County 4-H program.



Ken Emery took home the reserve champion heavyweight trio exhibited by David Howe. Emery made the purchase for Economy Locker of Pennsdale.



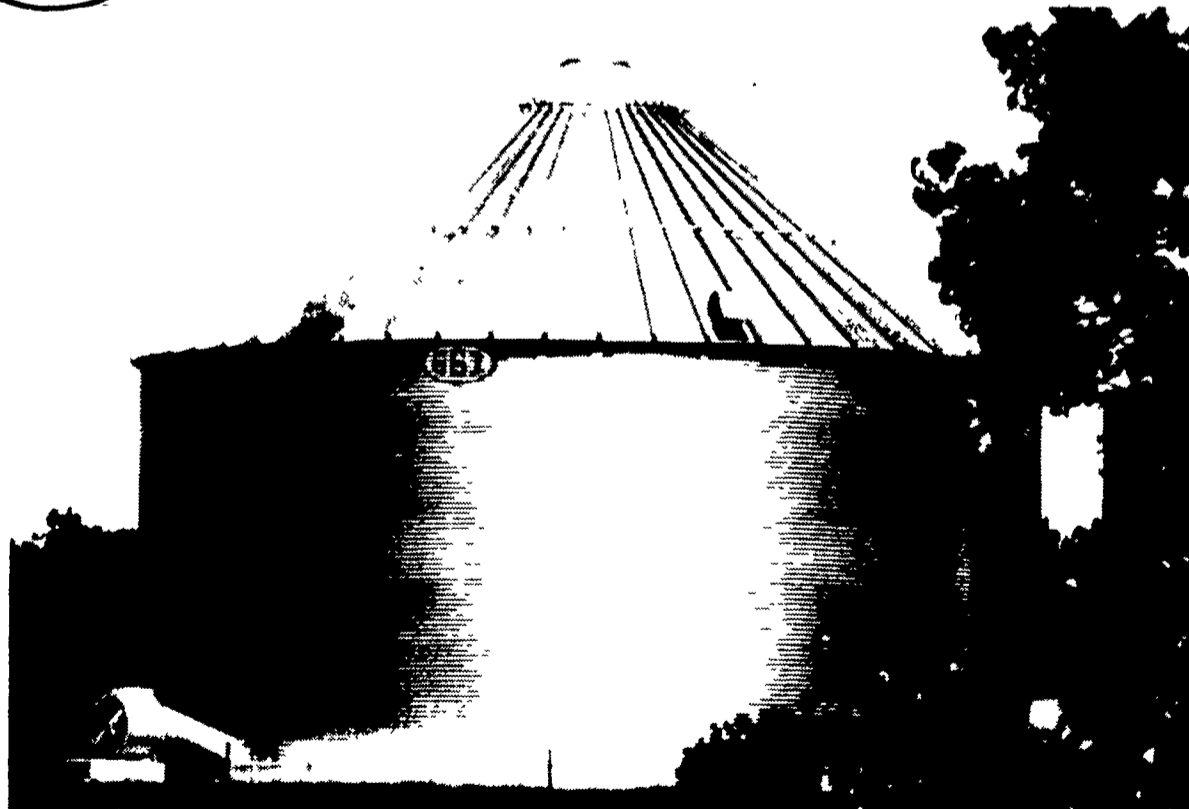
At this year's Chester-Delaware 4-H Pig Show Sue Burkhart's grand champion went for \$4.35 per pound to Ken Emery of Emery's Buying Station. The pig was purchased for Earl Adams of Morgantown Feed.



Doug Clemens of Hatfield Packing Company paid \$2.75 per pound to own Mike Stoltzfus's reserve grand champion York-Duroc cross.



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