

York 4-H'ers hold sheep, swine roundups

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THOMASVILLE — Two York County 4-H members hauled home champion rosettes and impressive-sized checks to fatten their bank accounts, as the sheep and swine clubs held a special joint roundup and sale. Thomasville Livestock hosted the new event, with the show held Monday evening, followed by the Tuesday evening auction of the winners.

Terry Flory's grand champion was the first lot to come under the evening's spirited bidding to auctioneer Harry Bachman. The long-time 4-H sheep exhibitor from Red Lion saw the price climb to \$2.10/pound before the gavel cracked, awarding the champion of the lamb roundup to York area builder Bob Kinsley of York.

Kinsley's representative continued nodding as Red Lion 4-H'er Melissa Trostle posed her 105-pound reserve grand champion, and won that entry as well with a

\$1.60/pound offer.

A \$1.05/pound bid from Uniquely Yours purchased the champion lightweight, an 80-pound lamb belonging to Sonja Shearer, Abbotstown.

Dave Myers, Wellsville, claimed the champion mediumweight title, selling his 90-pound lamb to the York County Sheep Club for a 90 cent/pound bid.

Tammy Flory's 85-pound reserve champion lightweight sold for 75 cents/pound to Jim Parlette, while Melissa Trostle got a 90 cent/pound price for her reserve champion mediumweight, a 100-pound lamb going to auctioneer Harry Baughman.

Two lambs brought dollar-per-pound bids, a 115-pounder exhibited by William Dietz III, of York, and purchased by Leonard Sipe, and the 110-pound lamb of Tiffany Dietz that went to Eleanor Sipe.

For Tim Ferrence of Spring Grove, his very first grand

champion 4-H swine win was indeed a sweet victory, as well as a productive one.

Hatfield Packing Company's buyer, Ezra Good did a lot of bid nodding throughout the swine sale, beginning with a \$3.50/pound price for Ferrence's 245-pound Duroc market hog.

But the lanky 4-H'er also carted off a special prize of a crisp shiny \$100 bill. The \$100 payment came from purbred Duroc promoter Roger Bankert of Hanover.

At the Bankert family's swine sale earlier this year, Bankert offered a \$100 bonus to any 4-H buyer whose hog won a championship. Bankert has already handed out three of the big bills, and there are still a few project animals around the state waiting for their chance in the tanbark ring.

Hatfield again claimed the top bid at \$2.00/pound when Gus Parlett of Airville paraded his reserve champion market animal around the sawdust.

Still nodding to the auction booth, Good also claimed the champion pair shown by Brian Bankert, at the price of an even dollar per pound.

Spangler and Sprenkle of York was successful in finishing the bidding for Kris Miller's reserve champion pair, and paid the York exhibitor .80 cents/pound for her matched hogs.

Hog producer Jerry Rutter boosted the price to 90 cents/pound for the champion lightweight, exhibited by Morris Spahr of York.

Then it was Hatfield in action again, paying 70 cents/pound for Greg Bankert's champion lightweight, following with a 65 cent/pound bid to Gus Parlett for his heavyweight winner.

Several faces familiar to sheep and swine club followers were in the lineup of exhibitors who took top awards in the fitting and showmanship contests that climaxed the Monday evening show.

Greg Bankert of Hanover, who's been handling hogs almost since he could walk, outmaneuvered all other entries in the showing contest, to be named the champion showman of the swine roundup.



Tim Ferrence's grand champion hog of York 4-H roundup is bought by Ezra Good, of Hatfield Packing, for \$3.50 per lb.

Kris Miller took the reserve championship, with several years of experience in showing hogs from the family's York hog operation.

For Tim Ferrence, the champion victory was iced over with yet another win when the Spring Grove hog showman scrubbed and polished his entry to be named best fitter of the contest. Close behind came East Berlin 4-H hog member Gary Burgard, chosen the reserve fitting winner.

Judge for the combined roundup was Chester Hughes, Lancaster

County Livestock Extension Agent.

Additional buyers at the lamb sale include Ron Trostle, Walter Dunlap, Wege Pretzel, Thomas' Meats, Red Lion Rental, Yorkco Meat Market, Gerald Dietz and Roger Bankert.

In the swine sale, buyers also included Glenville Farm Center, Danner's Insurance, Godfrey Brothers, Roger Bankert, Rutter's Family Restaurants, Walter Dunlap, White Oak Mills and Hobert Muller.

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that tested their machinery skills.

Mark Wagner of Red Lion performed the most flawlessly, finishing in first place over runner up Brien Devoe of Kennard Dale. Others, as they placed, were Bo Bush, Kennard Dale, James Klahold, Eastern, Jim Eisenhour, Dover, Ron Horn, Dover and Tracy Crain, Northern.

A market sale wrapped up FFA activities at the fair on Friday night, with Hatfield Packing Company's Ezra Good the final bidder on both champion and reserve market hogs.

Good's bid of \$2.85/lb. for the

champion, and \$1.40/lb. for the reserve hog fattened the bankbook of Dover FFA'ers Gerald Stermer, Jr., who exhibited the top pair of market pig winners.

Stermer, a junior at Dover, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stermer, Sr., East Berlin R2. The four hogs he had selected from the family's stock for his FFA entries are cross breeds, from Yorkshire and Landrace lines, and each won its class at the fair's competition.

Other first place market hog winners were Judy Ruppert of Dover, Beth Innerst and Jeff Holtzinger of Red Lion, and Bo Bush of Kennard Dale. — J.B.



York builder Bob Kinsley, represented by auctioneer Harry Bachman, bought grand champion lamb of Terry Flory at York roundup for \$2.10 per lb.

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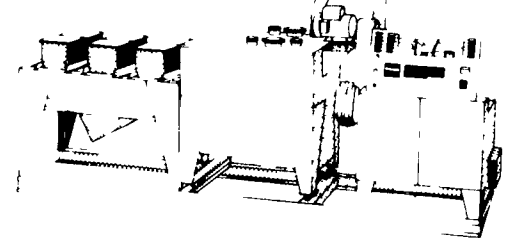
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