

Solanco market hogs

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Byers, remarked that the pig was one of the best he'd seen.

Show judge Keith Bard apparently agreed with Byer's assessment, naming Jeff's

bargain-basement hog the top middleweight and grand champion in Solanco's largest market hog show featuring 95 entries.

Though Byers paid \$245 for another pair of show prospects

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producers are top-dressed in the stalls during milking.

The Hoovers strive for top quality alfalfa for the haylage, and, although a bit uncommon for dairy feed, they use anhydrous ammonia on the corn silage to increase the protein by 4 or 5 percent. Dale estimated that this saves them 25 to 40 percent on feed costs since they don't need to buy soybeans, for instance, to up the protein.

Dean explained that they've used anhydrous ammonia in the steer operation for five or six years because it's a cheap source of protein. Some think it's not the best form of protein for dairy animals and may consequently cause health problems.

Although their thoughts can't be proven, -the Hoovers have speculated about the connection between this protein source and a problem they had with twisted stomachs. They've alleviated that problem by feeding a good source of protein in the concentrate, and by improving their management of the dry and fresh cows. For the first three days after freshening

the cows are not allowed an unlimited amount of total mixed ration.

The Hoovers are optimistic about the future of agriculture and their part in it, although their attitudes may have been dampened a bit in the past couple years. As well as improving their dairy herd in the next few years, they'd also like to rent or buy additional land since they do need to buy a fair amount of corn.

Along with planning and efficiency goes cooperation for the Hoovers. The entire family is very much a part of the farm. Dean's wife Mary Ann milks quite often, and Dale's wife Charlotte handles a lot of the book work and is a relief milker as well. Dale and Charlotte's children, Angie, Matt, and Alicia, also pitch in. Matt looks forward to showing a junior calf at the Pa. Junior Dairy Show next week.

Charlotte remarked that the opportunity to raise children in the farm environment is really a blessing. There's no doubt that the strength of their family has a lot to do with the success of the Hoovers of Annville.

earlier this year, the best either one could muster was a reserve champion weightclass win, prompting the second-year FFA'er to question the wisdom of forking over substantial sums for a "pig in a poke".

Not content to stop with the grand championship, Byers went on to take top honors in senior showmanship, as well. Gaining this honor will enable him to once again test his free pig theory, as the top showman was the recipient of two feeder pigs courtesy of Quarryville Farm Credit.

A second lucky hog showman was Tiffany Rohrer who will also receive a pair of feeder pigs, donated by the Solanco FFA Alumni, for being named champion junior showman.

The show's reserve champion pig was exhibited by Cindy Trimble, filling in for her brother Scott, who was running a cross country race at the time of the show. Scott's 240-pound Chester-Duroc cross was bred by Jim Parlette.

The 14-year-old son of Don and Carol Trimble lives in Peachbottom and is a veteran of 4-H competition, having exhibited animals for the past seven years. Though he was awarded a reserve championship during his first year of competition, other major titles have eluded him since that time. Sometimes it takes a big sister to get the job done.

MARKET HOG SHOW

Lightweight A (190-199 lbs.)
1 Cindy Gordon 2 Amy Martin 3 Tiffany Rohrer
Landis
Lightweight B (200-209 lbs.)
1 Delinda Tindall 2 Joe Burkhardt 3 Jimmy Landis
Middleweight A (210-219 lbs.)
1 Jimmy Landis 2 Jeff Craig 3 Tiffany Rohrer
Middleweight B (220-229 lbs.)
1 Jeff Byers 2 Roy Aument 3 Steve Wagner
Heavyweight A (230-239 lbs.)
1 Delinda Tindall 2 Jeff Byers 3 Beth Kauffman

Heavyweight B (240 lbs up)
1 Scott Trimble 2 Danelle Hess 3 Steve Main
Grand Champion Market Hog
Jeff Byers
Reserve Champion
Scott Trimble
Sr Fitting
1 Rich Baylis 2 John Lefever
Sr Showmanship
1 Jeff Byers 2 Delinda Tindall
Jr Fitting
1 Tracey Landis 2 Jimmy Landis
Jr Showmanship
1 Tiffany Rohrer 2 Roy Aument

Solanco beef

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reserve honors in the 4-H show and placing second to Landis' steer in the heavyweight class.

This was the first show of the year for Edward and Virginia Whitman's son, who bought his steer from Ken Walker in Chester County.

Other top contenders for the grand championship were Fritz Frey and Jeff Craig who were awarded champion and reserve honors, respectively, in the FFA show.

Frey then went on to finish the show with style, taking top honors in the senior showmanship contest. Marjean Smith was named the event's top junior showman.

HEIFER ROUNDUP

Senior Calf
1 Anna Marie Frey
March Jr Yearling
1 Fritz Frey 2 Emily Weaver 3 Greg Musser
January Jr Yearling
1 Jan Waltz 2 Fritz Frey 3 Kelly Rohrer
Grand Champion Heifer
Jan Waltz

Reserve Champion

Fritz Frey

FFA STEER SHOW

Lightweight
1 Brian Harnish 2 Bryan Whitman 3 Tom Herr
Middleweight
1 Jeff Craig 2 Tracey Landis 3 Danel Hess
Heavyweight
1 Fritz Frey 2 Troy Landis 3 Marjean Smith
Champion FFA Steer
Fritz Frey
Reserve Champion
Jeff Craig
4-H STEER SHOW
Lightweight
1 Freida Frey 2 Chris Little 3 Jeff Craig
Middleweight
1 Anna Marie Frey 2 Fritz Frey 3 Beth Weiler
Heavyweight
1 Jimmy Landis 2 Bryan Whitman 3 Stacey Linton

Champion 4-H Steer

Jimmy Landis

Reserve Champion

Bryan Whitman

Grand Champion of Show

Jimmy Landis

Reserve Grand Champion

Bryan Whitman

Jr Showmanship

1 Marjean Smith 2 Stacey Linton 3 Jimmy Landis

Sr Showmanship

1 Fritz Frey 2 Anna Marie Frey 3 Tracey Landis

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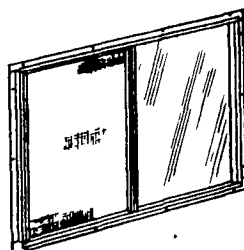
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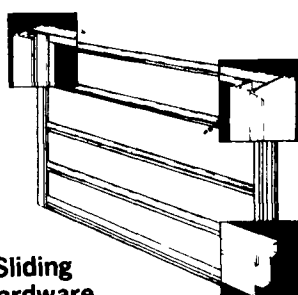


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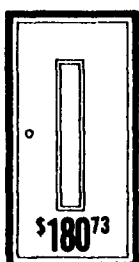
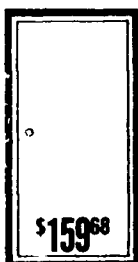
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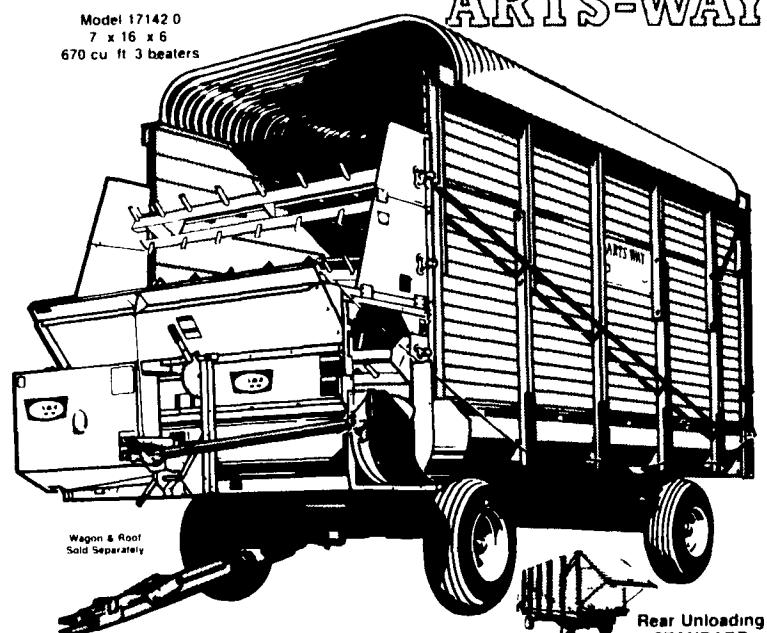
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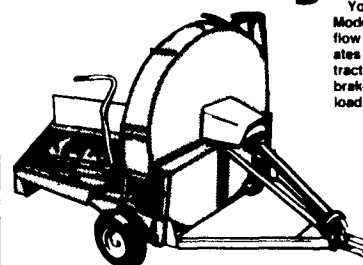
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