

# Dairy Business

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and go to the next snag. It was with great fear and many prayers that I finally reached the top and secured the ladder with a bit of rusty wire. Then the real terror of heisting the long pipe and securing it with more rusty wires began.

None of the silos in our neighborhood had a trustworthy roof. The only way to support the weight of the distributor pipe was to jerry-rig a two by four truss across the top of the silo and chain the pipe to that. The whole operation had to be done while holding on for dear life with one leg curled around the top rung of the ladder while enduring the insults and jibes of the fatheads on the ground, who wouldn't have climbed up there themselves for any pay. It seemed like Heaven when I finally climbed down and stood on solid ground.

About 7 a.m. the old Fordson tractor was cranked, with much grunting and cussing, and the first load of hand cut corn pulled up to the cutter. The teams were pretty skittish at the noise of the tractor and slapping of the belt. But after a couple of loads, they calmed down and were glad to rest while the driver unloaded the corn, a handful of stalks at a time, and fed it into the chopper.

The usual crew consisted of five teamsters, six men to cut corn and four to help pick it up and load the

wagons. One man stood by the chopper to regulate the flow so the pipe didn't clog. A tramper in the silo and an extra floater to fill in wherever needed completed the crew.

The very best part of the whole process was the noon break. Teams were unhitched and temporarily housed in the cow stable with a rack full of timothy hay and a pan of oats and six ears of corn. Then the crew gathered around the pump in the front yard and lathered up with tar soap in preparation for the feast.

And a real feast it was. Every cook prepared her specialties, and in super abundance. My mother's was fried chicken, ham, sweet potatoes and lima beans. Ellie Pentz always made chilled rice with bananas plus the regular goodies. Dinner always ended with pie; apple, peach, cherry or raisin.

By evening the silo was full and the rig torn down to be moved to the next farm. Guess who was elected to climb the rickety ladder and repeat the terror of setting up the pipe!

But I have to admit that the joy of working and eating together with the whole community far overshadowed the hard work and fear of climbing. Community silo filling marked the high point of the year, and something was lost forever when we no longer banded together to do the hard jobs

The 67th Annual Greene-Dreher-Sterling Community Fair Association Open Dairy Show was held on Thursday, August 30th at the Newfoundland Fairgrounds in Newfoundland, Pa., with Steve Neely from Sire Power, Inc. serving as type judge.

The results of each breed show follow

- Ayrshire Senior Calf
- 1 Trudy Vail
- Senior Yearling Heifer
- 1 Trudy Vail
- Dry Cow 4 Years
- 1 Trudy Vail
- Senior 2 Year Old
- 1 Margaret Non
- 3 Year Old Cow
- 1 Nancy Vail
- Produce of Dam
- 1 Trudy Vail
- Dam and Daughter
- 1 Trudy Vail

Junior Champion, Reserve Junior Champion, Senior Champion, Reserve Senior Champion, Grand Champion, and Reserve Grand Champion were all owned and exhibited by Trudy Vail, Honesdale.

- Brown Swiss Junior Yearling
- 1 Trudy Vail 2 Trudy Vail
- Senior 2 Year Old
- 1 Margaret Non
- 3 Year Old
- 1 Trudy Vail
- Aged Cow
- 1 Margaret Non
- Best Udder
- 1 Trudy Vail 2 Margaret Non
- Dam & Daughter
- 1 Trudy Vail 2 Margaret Non
- Reserve Senior Champion Margaret Non Honesdale

Junior Champion, Reserve Junior Champion, Senior Champion, Grand Champion, and Reserve

# Dairy winners listed

Grand Champion were all owned and exhibited by Trudy Vail.

- Jersey Junior Calf
- 1 Tarey Keast Waymart 2 Trudy Vail Honesdale
- Intermediate Calf
- 1 Nancy Vail Honesdale
- Senior Calf
- 1 Grant Stiles Lake Ariel 2 Holly Reed Honesdale
- Junior Yearling
- 1 Trudy Vail 2 Trudy Vail 3 Trudy Vail
- Senior Yearling
- 1 Jay Vail Honesdale
- Junior Get of Sire
- 1 Trudy Vail
- Dry Cow 5 Years & Over
- 1 Trudy Vail
- Junior 2 Year Old
- 1 Trudy Vail
- Senior 2 Year Old
- 1 Carol Eltz Pleasant Mount 2 Trudy Vail
- 3 Year Old Cow
- 1 Nancy Vail 2 Jay Vail
- 4 Year Old Cow
- 1 Trudy Vail
- 5 Years & Over
- 1 Trudy Vail 2 Trudy Vail 3 Jay Vail
- Best Udder
- 1 Trudy Vail 2 Nancy Vail
- Senior Get of Sire
- 1 Trudy Vail
- Best 3 Females
- 1 Trudy Vail 2 Trudy Vail 3 Trudy Vail
- Dairy Herd
- 1 Trudy Vail 2 Vailland Dairy Farm Honesdale
- Dam & Daughter
- 1 Trudy Vail 2 Trudy Vail 3 Trudy Vail
- Junior Champion
- Grant Stiles
- Reserve Junior Champion
- Jay Vail
- Senior and Grand Champion
- Trudy Vail
- Reserve Senior and Reserve
- Grand Champion
- Carol Eltz
- Holstein Bull Calf
- 1 Dave Jonas Pleasant Mount
- Junior Calf
- 1 Carol Eltz 2 Dave Jonas Pleasant Mount 3 Dave Jonas
- Intermediate Calf
- 1 Grant Stiles Lake Ariel 2 Jennifer Pruss Lake Ariel 3 Ed Pruss Lake Ariel

- Senior Calf
- 1 1 Ed Pruss 2 Carol Eltz 3 Dave Jonas
- Junior Yearling
- 1 Carol Eltz 2 Scott Shepard Newfoundland
- Intermediate Yearling
- 1 Ed Pruss 2 Chris Daniels Honesdale
- Senior Yearling
- 1 Kyra Gadomski Lake Ariel 2 Bob Asman Pleasant Mount
- Junior Get of Sire
- 1 Scott Shepard Newfoundland
- Dry Cow 3 & 4 Years Old
- 1 Carol Eltz
- Dry Cow 5 Years & Over
- 1 Scott Enslin Lake Ariel
- Senior 2 Year Old
- 1 Scott Enslin 2 Scott Enslin
- 3 Year Old
- 1 Carol Eltz 2 Carol Eltz 3 Scott Enslin
- 5 Years & Over
- 1 Ed Pruss 2 Carol Eltz
- Best Udder
- 1 Scott Enslin 2 Carol Eltz
- Best 3 Females
- 1 Carol Eltz 2 Ed Pruss 3 Paul Newcomer Newfoundland
- Dairy Herd
- 1 Carol Eltz 2 Scott Enslin Lake Ariel
- Produce of Dam
- 1 Carol Eltz 2 Scott Enslin 3 Ed Pruss
- Junior Champion
- Kyra Gadomski Lake Ariel
- Reserve Junior Champion
- Grant Stiles Lake Ariel
- Senior Champion and Grand Champion
- Scott Enslin
- Reserve Senior Champion
- and Reserve Grand Champion
- Carol Eltz

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