Ephrata Fair picks hog, sheep & beef champs

They had 'Spots' before their eyes

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN

EPHRATA - The faces and calm, competent showing abilities of the exhibitors were the same and familiar, but their entries were of different coloring and markings.

Tim, 17, and Mike, 19, Pfautz, of Stevens, have been around Lancaster County swine show rings for quite a few years despite their young ages. They are known there almost as much as they are at functions and events of fellow Blue and Gold jacketed FFA'ers.

But Tuesday night was a first for them - a grand championship at the Ephrata Fair. The best before that had been a trio of reserve grands at the fair and roundups in about a decade of showing.

And, in the grand champion's circle was not their customary reddish-hued hog but a Spotted

"We decided to try something different," explains Tim, "and bought a purebred Spotted bred gilt last August from the Lazuras herd at Whitehall, near Allentown. She had a litter of 10.

Four litter mates on Tuesday chalked up three class firsts, a second, heavyweight grand and reserve and show grand champion.

Tim and Mike are trying a twosow operation now breeding to one of the family's Duroc boars.

We're trying to add a little breadth to the long, muscular frame," Tim explained.

And also there are four Spotted boars out of the litter up for sale.

The Pfautz heavyweight tipped the scales at 248 lbs. in the show dominated by heavyweights. Three-quarters of the entries in the 48-hog show were heavyweights up to 278 lbs. But judge Gary Dean, of Strasburg, praised the youthful exhibitors for the non-greasy condition of their entries.

The Pfautz brothers also shared the top two spots in the senior showing, with older brother Mike coming out on top. He battled the nasty disposition of his entry in the early evening heat and worked the Spot perfectly.

Reserve grand championship went to Delvin Huber, of R2 East Earl, another first-timer in the show champion circle. His mediumweight comes out of the neighboring Stauffer's Homestead operation of Bill Fisher.

Ephrata Fair Hog Show

Lightweights
1 Class 3 - 200 204 lbs 1 Fred Weaver

Lightweight champion

Mediumweights

Class 5 — 210 214 lbs 1 Fred Weaver 2

Delvin Huber

Class 6 — 215 219 lbs 1 Delvin Huber 2 John

Fox Class 7 – 220 224 lbs 1 Delvin Huber 2 John

Class 7 - 22 224 US 1 Delvin Huber 2 John Fox 3 Clair Weaver Class 8 - 225 229 lbs 1 Chad Folker 2 John Fox Mediumweight champion Delvin Huber reserve John Fox

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Heavyweights

Class 9 — 230 234 lbs 1 Plautz Bros 2 Phile
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Class 10 — 235 239 lbs 1 Plautz Bros 2

Mark Pawling 3 Tom Zartman

Class 11 — 240 244 lbs 1 Laura Folker 2

Plautz Bros 3 Mark Pawling

Class 12 — 245 250 lbs 1 Plautz Bros 2

Chad Folker 3 Tom Zartman

Class 12B — 250 lbs and over 1 Andy Graybill 2

Mark Pawling 3 Renee Zartman

Heavyweight champion and reserve — Plautz Bros

Bros Grand Champion -- Plautz Bros reserve --



Tim Pfautz with grand champion Spot at Ephrata Fair.

Age 16 and over — 1 Mike Pfautz 2 Tim Pfautz 3 Clair Weaver

Showmanship

Age 15 and under — 1 Delvin Huber 2 Chad
Folker 3 Karen Becker

Age 16 and over — 1 Mike Pfautz 2 Tim Pfautz
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East Earl emerges as sheep capitol

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN

EPHRATA - What's the lamb and sheep capitol of Lancaster

You'll get a lot of opinions on that depending on who you talk to.

But at the Ephrata Fair Wednesday night, East Earl - rural hamlet in the eastern section of the county - emerged with that possible designation.

The top winners in both the new sheep breeding show and the traditional market lamb show at the fair hailed from East Earl.

Breeding sheep grand champion with his yearling Suffolk ewe was 11-year-old Doug Martin, youngest of four children of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Martin, East Earl, who have been showing Suffolks out of the family flock for quite a few

Daughter Debbie, now maried, even returned to help out with this year's show string. While Doug and Jeff, 13, were showing at Ephrata, older brother Barry was at Lampeter. Jeff also captured several major awards, including the top carcass lamb on foot.

In the much larger 50-lamb market competition, Kevin Martin, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde M. Martin, East Earl, found himself in the grand champion winner's circle with his 110-lb. Suffolk.

The champion nods were given to the Martin lambs by Bill MacCauley, Atglen Suffolk breeder, who offered many valuable showing and management tips to each youngster as he made his way through the various classes.

Top placings include:

Carcass Lambs
On foot 1 Jeff Martin 2 Kevin Martin 3 Kevin

Bollinger

Breeding Sheep

Cheviot Ewe Lamb 1 Doug Martin

Hampshire Ram lamb 2 Tracy Kauffman Ewe

lamb 1 Tracy Kauffman Yearling ewe 1 Bryan

Knauer
Suffolk Ram lamb 1 Jeff Martin Ewe lamb Jeff Martin 2 Doug Martin 3 Linda Good Yearling ewe 1 Doug Martin 2 Jeff Martin Pair of lambs 1 Jeff Martin 2 Doug Martin 3

Champion ewe and grand champion Doug

Champion ram Jeff Martin

Market Lambs

1 John Spangler 2 Lisa Martin 3 Lisa Martin

1 Brian Gingrich

Suffolk

Class 1 1 Davue Fulton 2 Cliff Horning 3 Class 2 1 Phil Eby 2 Tina Strauss 3 Dave

Class 3 1 Kevin Bollinger 2 Brian Hurst 3 Class 4 1 Kevin Martin 2 Doug Martin 3



Market lamb grand champion of Ephrata Fair with Kevin Martin, East Earl.

Class 5 1 Kevin Martin 2 Kevin Martin 3 Jeff
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Class 6 1 Doug Martin 2 Linda Good 3 Mike
Pairs 1 Kevin Martin 2 Kevin Bollinger 2 Tony Bender 3
Lisa Martin



Grand champion of Ephrata Fair breeding sheep show is yearling Suffolk ewe of Doug Martin, East Earl.

Pens 1 Jeff Martin 2 Doug Martin 3 Gary

Showmanship
Senior (Master) 1 Brian Hurst (M) 2 Terry
Good 3 Jeff Martin

Intermediate 1 Tracy Kauffman (M) 2 Lisa Beginners 1 Bryan Knauer (M) 2 Gary Crills 3 Mike Middleton

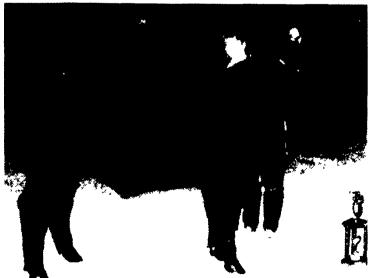
Herr's Angus is 'Boss' at Ephrata

EPHRATA - An 1,120-pound Angus named "Boss" by his

owner, Margaret Herr, lived up to his name Thursday night at Ephrata, by taking home grand

champion honors in the Fair's Junior Steer Show. Sired by Rosebank Connection

better known as "10", Boss proved himself earlier this year by placing second to the reserve champion at



Grand champion honors at the Ephrata Fair's Junior Steer Show went to this 1,120-pound Angus exhibited by Margaret



Emily Weaver's first-place lightweight steer was named reserve champion.