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'Casey' goes to bat for Lancaster Co.



A jubilant Kelly Rohrer of R5 Manheim, age 17, is congratulated by Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell as they pose with Kelly's prize Angus-Che steer named Casey, judged Grand Champion Junior Beef Steer at the Farm Show this week.

Manheim steer is grand champ after winning light heavyweight division

BY JACK HUBLEY
HARRISBURG — A 1265-pound Angus-Chianina steer named Casey proved to be "black magic" for a Lancaster County exhibitor, winning the light heavyweight division, then going on to be named grand champion in Thursday's Junior Steer Show.

"I thought he was a nice steer, but I didn't realize how good he really was," said 17-year-old Kelly Rohrer after show judge Dr. Dan Eversole pronounced her entry top beef.

The daughter of Yvonne Rohrer of Manheim, Kelly had campaigned her steer to the reserve champion spot in November's County Roundup, and credits her

Uncle Abe Flory with guiding her through the months of pre-show care and conditioning.

Flory, who showed Ayrshires some years ago, was prompted to get back into "show business" five years ago when his niece took an interest in the county's Red Rose Beef Club. Miss Rohrer, who now owns four head of purebred Angus cattle, houses her animals in her uncle's barn.

She purchased her steer from Wayne Miller of Frankfurt, Indiana. Next year's Steer Show prospect, already "in training" on the Flory farm, is also an Angus-Chi crossbred purchased from Miller.

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Long-time dairy exhibitors return to Farm Show

HARRISBURG — For some, the Farm Show dairy competition on Tuesday might have appeared as a three ring circus.

Non-farm visitors filtering in and out of the Large Arena grandstands could watch three show rings at once, glancing from one parade of multi-colored dairy cows to another. And even the "ringmaster" was at hand — the judge who eyed each animal

carefully, examining her from all angles before pulling some winners into the spotlight.

But for the attending pure-bred enthusiasts and breed show competitors, the dairy shows were no circus. They scrutinized the entries as carefully as did the judge, and each exhibitor taxed his or her showmanship skills, trying to show off the entry's finest type characteristics.

When the judges' decisions were finally made in each of the six breed shows, a lot of familiar faces — both human and bovine — were found in the winners' circles.

In the largest breed show of the day, the Chester County Maplebound Holsteins returned to capture the grand championship, and the premier breeder and premier exhibitor awards, of the open black and white competition.

The Ayrshire winners were dominated by the Rader family of Connoquenessing, and the Sycamore Meade Farm, Millersburg. Brown Swiss breeders to return were Kitty Kopistecki, of Royersford and the Kennedy family of Butler. Two of last year's Swiss champs "Dainty" and "Darling" easily returned to the top placings.

In the Guernsey competition, Rutter Brothers returned their Rutter Brothers Fayvors Buffy for a traditional win, and the Snider family, New Enterprise, expanded their winnings to include both premier awards.

Jersey competition was dominated by two long-time Jersey breeders, the Lester Martin family of Chambersburg, and Mildred Seeds, Downingtown. And the Milking Shorthorn show just wouldn't have been the same without the Yoders' Pinesedge Farm copping most of the champion honors.

For complete coverage of all the Farm Show dairy competition turn inside A section to pages 24, 25, and 26.



Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell with Daniel and Amy Brubaker, of Lancaster County, whose family was named 1985 Farm Family of the Year.

Farm Family of Year

HARRISBURG — A Lancaster County farm family with three generations of participation in the Farm Show were named Farm Family of the Year during special ceremonies at the Farm Show this week.

The prestigious award went to Daniel and Amy Brubaker, of Sunnyside Fruit Farm, R1 Ephrata, who have been exhibiting at the Farm Show since the 1930s.

In presenting the award, state Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell stated, "The Brubakers are a shining example of the Pennsylvania farmer and the tradition that is Pennsylvania agriculture."

The award is presented annually to the family that best exemplifies the Farm Show spirit and is based on experience and success in

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Farm Show spectators welcomed back the poultry exhibits this year, after a year's absence in 1984 due to the avian flu epidemic. Above, Pa. Poultry Queen Jacki King presents Governor Thornburgh with a basket of eggs while Mrs. Thornburgh strikes up a conversation with the fluffy representative of the state's renewed poultry industry.