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## Lebanon 4-H livestock judges post wins in state contest

LEBANON – Lebanon County's 4-H Livestock Judging Team members recently posted many victories in a statewide junior livestock judging contest held at the Lebanon Area Fairgrounds. These winnings included high team in beef judging and high individual in beef.

The judging contest, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Yorkshire and Duroc Swine Associations and organized by Lebanon County agricultural Extension agent, Ken Winebark, boasted nearly 100 4-H and FFA contestants from twelve counties.

Lebanon's 4-H'ers had their

petition, winning both high individual and high team honors. Roxanne Kirst, Fredericksburg; placed first in the beef division with a perfect score. Team mates Shelby Heagy, Lebanon; and Mike Kleinfelter, Myerstown; placed 7th and 9th, respectively; in overall beef judging.

Lebanon County's team was also named number one in beef. This team consisted of Jeff Bomgardner, Annville; Shelby Heagy, Lebanon; Jason Krall, Lebanon; and Brian Kreider, Lebanon.

In swine judging the same team placed third overall. Lebanon 4-H'ers also took four of the top ten

Bomgardner, Annville; Jason Krall, Lebanon; Brian Kreider, Lebanon; and Donald Kleinfelter, Myerstown; placed third, sixth, seventh, and nineth, respectively.

Two of Lebanon's livestock judgers ranked in the top 10 individuals in sheep judging. These individuals were Roxanne Kirst, Fredericksburg; and Brian Meyer, Annville; placing third and seventh overall.

In the overall contest competition (beef, sheep and swine) two Lebanon Countians rose to the top ten rank. They were Jeff Bomgardner, Annville; and Shelby Heagy, Lebanon; placing sixth and

Extension agent Ken Winebark said that he was "very pleased with the event. I am very happy with the response and especially pleased with the way our Lebanon County 4-H'ers performed." He noted that this is the first time Lebanon County has hosted a statewide 4-H livestock judging contest.

Other 4-H members judging

were: Daryl and Greg Bomgardner, Annville; Melanie Bow, Annville; Heather Emerich, Annville; Leigh Hitz, Annville; Chris Kirst, Fredericksburg; Amy, Kelly and Michelle Weaber, Lebanon.

The livestock judging team is coached by livestock leader Mike States and Ken Winebark, and is open to all individuals interested in learning to judge livestock.

