

Shives win 'first' and 'last' honors in 4-H beef roundup

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THOMASVILLE — The York County 4-H Beef Roundup Tuesday was a bittersweet experience for veteran exhibitor Chris Shive.

Her purebred Angus, "George," claimed top honors for his 19-year-old owner, adding a matching purple grand champion banner to an earlier one she had collected at the same show in 1976.

The sale which followed marked Chris' farewell to her 4-H beef showing days, as she led the spotlessly groomed steer before a large crowd gathered at the Weikert's Buying Station.

When the spirited bidding had ended, the Spring Grove Bank, Spring Grove, had won the champion with their offer of \$2.25/pound. Weighing 1220 pounds, "George" leaves a legacy of more than \$2700 to the Penn State York Campus student.

"I was shocked," confided the champion winner later, reflecting on the grand finale of her beef project career. But she admitted to an equal thrill moments later when judge Conrad Grove, Downingtown, slapped the steer being shown by her younger sister, Robin, as the reserve champion.

The reserve purple banner was the first collected by 12-year-old Robin Shive, whose 1140-pound purebred Angus had earlier topped its lightweight category.

Robin followed her sister into the sales arena, where roundup host Robert Weikert made the winning bid of \$1.80/pound for his livestock buying station.

But the "Shive family sweep" of the roundup show continued for the daughters of Angus breeders Gordon and Diane Shive, Seven Valleys. Cathy Shive, 13, was chosen champion in the heavyweight class, and later continued the family's opening line-up in the sale portion of the event.

Reserve winning ribbons went to Susan Eisenhour, Wellsville, mediumweight, Allen Werner, Hanover, lightweight, and Paul Miller, Spring Grove, heavyweight.

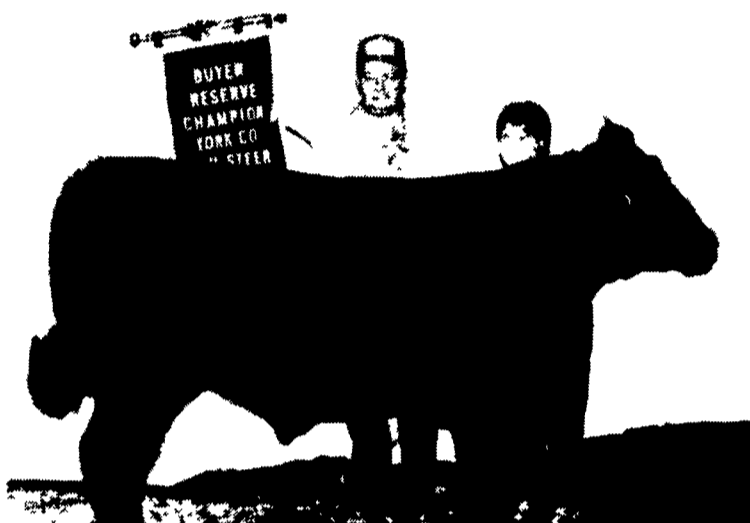
Average on the 39 head sold in the beef roundup sale was 89 cents a pound with the champion, and 83 cents without the champion. Multiple buyers included Willie the Butcher, Washington Boro, and the buying station host, Robert Weikert.

Four 4-H beef exhibitors earned recognition for outstanding showmanship in their separate age categories. First place showmen were, age 8-10, Elizabeth Bishard, Seven Valleys; age 11-12, Robin Shive, Seven Valleys; age 13-14, Cathy Shive, Seven Valleys; and age 15-19, Tim Ferrence, Spring Grove.

- 4 H BEEF**
- Class 1**
1 Adam Laird 2 Tina Hedrick 3 Jason Stein
- Class 2**
1 Joe Druck 2 Sonja Shearer 3 Cecil Hedrick
- Class 3**
1 Robin Shive 2 Allan Werner 3 Tiffany Carroll
- Champion Lightweight**
Robin Shive
- Reserve Lightweight**
Allan Werner
- Class 4**
1 Chris Shive 2 James Eisenhour 3 Elizabeth Bishard
- Class 5**
1 Susan Eisenhour 2 Deb Hoffman 3 Aaron Laird
- Class 6**
1 Wayne Stough 2 Sandy Eisenhour 3 Joshua Hoffman
- Champion Mediumweight**
Chris Shive
- Reserve Mediumweight**
Sue Eisenhour
- Class 7**
1 Cathy Shive 2 Tim Ferrence 3 Patrick Laughman
- Class 8**
1 Paul Miller 2 John Eaton Jr 3 Donald Godfrey
- Class 9**
1 Tom Bross IV, 2 Kenley Jo Myers 3 Bradley Trowbridge
- Champion Heavyweight**
Cathy Shive
- Reserve Heavyweight**
Paul Miller
- Grand Champion**
Chris Shive
- Reserve Champion**
Robin Shive
- Showmanship**
Age 15-19
1 Tim Ferrence 2 Chris Shive 3 John Eaton Jr
- Age 13-14**
1 Cathy Shive 2 Susan Eisenhour 3 Wayne Stough Jr
- Age 11-12**
1 Robin Shive 2 Sonja Shearer 3 Darby Smith
- Age 8-10**
1 Elizabeth Bishard 2 Joshua Hoffman 3 Justin Hedrick



"George," shown by Chris Shive, was the York 4-H Roundup's top beef. The purebred Angus went to the auction's host, Robert Weikert, for \$2.25 a pound.



Steer honors stayed in the Shive family, with Robin Shive's entry being named reserve champion. Robert Weikert offered the top bid for this one, as well.

Abbottstown exhibitor tops York lamb roundup

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THOMASVILLE — Sonja Shearer won a financial award Tuesday evening for a summer of 4-H work with her project lambs.

The 12-year-old's purebred Suffolk took champion honors at the Monday roundup, then opened the auction bidding the following evening at the York 4-H Lamb and Beef Roundup sale. Host for the

annual roundup was Weikert's Buying Station.

When auctioneer Harry Baughman rapped the gavel to the winning bid of \$4.50 a pound, the new owners of the 115-pound lamb were a group of 4-H supporters dubbing themselves Sun-Cro Associates and T.L. Polled Herefords, Dover.

Sonja is the daughter of Terry and Gabriel Shearer, Abbottstown.

Her winning lamb was one of three purchased earlier this year, at the April sale sponsored by the York County Sheep and Wool Producers.

Following in the reserve champion slot was retiring 4-H'er John Myers of Dallastown.

The 19-year-old Myers wrapped up his career as a 4-H shepherd with a Dunkard-Valley-bred Suffolk, which earned him his first major sheep-showing rosette. He is the son of Jack and Nancy Myers.

Reisinger Foods, York, finished as the successful buyer of the 115-pound reserve lamb, with their bid of \$2.80/pound.

Shearer and Myers had topped their heavyweight division during the previous day's judging by Penn State Extension livestock specialist Lester Burdette. In the lightweight division, Mike Arendt, Glen Rock, took champion honors, over reserve winner Jon Waggoner, Dover. Travis Renfro, Seven Valleys, claimed the purple rosette in mediumweights, over reserve Melissa Trostle, Red Lion.

A total of 55 lambs went through the auction arena of the well-attended sale. Average price, with the champion, was \$1.36 per pound, and without the champion, \$1.25 per pound. Several lambs were purchased by both the host, Weikert's Buying Station, and Willie the Butcher, Washington Boro.

A partial list of winners follows:

- 4 H Lambs**
- Class 1**
1 Greg Bankert 2 Mike Arndt 3 Michelle Waggoner
- Class 2**
1 Mike Arndt 2 John Waggoner 3 Michelle Leicht
- Class 3**
1 Michelle Leicht 2 Donna Wilson 3 Sherry Sigler
- Champion Lightweight**
Mike Arndt
- Reserve Lightweight**
John Waggoner
- Class 4**
1 Michelle Waggoner 2 Mike Klinedinst 3 Matt Sellers
- Class 5a**
1 Travis Renfro 2 Amy Dutrey 3 Brian Bankert
- Class 5b**
1 Travis Renfro 2 Mike Arndt 3 Tiffany Dietz
- Class 6a**
1 John Eaton 2 David Myers 3 Tina Shaffer
- Class 6b**
1 Melissa Trostle 2 John Myers 3 Amy Shaffer
- Champion Mediumweight**
Travis Renfro
- Reserve Mediumweight**
Melissa Trostle

- Class 7**
1 John Myers 2 Travis Renfro 3 Mark Eberly
- Class 8**
1 Chris Shaffer 2 Tammy Flory 3 John Eaton
- Class 9**
1 Sonja Shearer 2 Sonja Shearer 3 Matt Sellers
- Champion Heavyweight**
Sonja Shearer
- Reserve Heavyweight**
John Myers
- Grand Champion**
Sonja Shearer
- Reserve Champion**
John Myers



Sonja Shearer's Suffolk entry took champion honors at York 4-H Lamb Roundup. Merrill Crone, representing Sun Cro Associates and T.L. Polled Herefords, offered top bid of \$4.50.



Reserve champion lamb honors went to John Myers. Top bid came from Reisinger Foods, represented by John's father, Jack Myers.

PFA opposes assessments in Farm Bill dairy plan

CAMP HILL — Keith Eckel, president of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association (PFA), says his organization is dead set against any dairy assessments in new farm legislation being considered by Congress, especially since an unlimited assessment has been recently approved by the House of Representatives.

Eckel, a dairyman and leader of the 23,300-member farm family organization, said, "PFA will work to delete the dairy diversion and assessment provisions when the farm bill goes to conference committee after Senate action later this month. Our members are flatly opposed to any assessment on dairymen."

"Now that the 50 cents per hundredweight (cwt.) ceiling has been taken off the dairy assessment proposed by the House, we are more determined than ever to delete the provision entirely in the final version of the 1985 farm bill."

PFA estimates that under the House-approved farm bill assessments on dairymen could go over \$1 per cwt. to pay for a diversion program, surplus removal and a whole-herd buyout plan.

"What the House farm bill really does is shift a large unknown, financial burden from government

onto the backs of dairymen," Eckel said, adding, "Besides, there has never really been any agreement over how effective the recent diversion program was in cutting milk production."

Eckel said PFA, working with its national affiliate, the American Farm Bureau Federation, will be supporting the Senate Agriculture Committee dairy proposal. That version would lower the dairy support price beginning in 1987 if surplus purchases are expected to exceed a certain level. Support prices could eventually be raised if surplus purchases decline. Eckel said, "PFA favors the Senate dairy proposal because it bases the support price on supply and demand. Only such an easy to understand program will send clear signals to dairy farmers that prices will be lowered if supply and demand remain out of balance."

He added, "Using lower support prices to decrease supply of milk has worked in the past and remains the most equitable way to tackle the program of oversupply. Between 1949 and 1977, the dairy support price was reduced five times and each time it resulted in a decrease in government surplus purchases. A dairy support program based on supply and demand, not assessments, is the answer."