

98,000 Attend Soggy Lycoming County Fair

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HUGHESVILLE — Despite the wet weather that brought rain on all but two days of the Lycoming County Fair, attendance increased some 2,000 this year at the fairgrounds in Hughesville. Held July 10 to 19, the fair also boasted an increase in the number of livestock entries, with the sheep shows registering a 40-percent increase over last year.

The Lycoming County Dairy Show was held July 16 under rainy skies.

Franlo-Alken Farms, Bellefonte, claimed the top honor in the Holstein division. The Franlo-Alken entry, grand champion Franlo-Alken Drucie GP84, is a three-year-old homebred SWD Valiant daughter. According to herdsman, Kevin Kellerman, she is working on a milking record of 24,000M with 3.7 test. With a cow index of plus 898, she is one of their best indexed cows. Her granddam is a Delight cow with a rating of EX91. Drucie took best udder of the show. Franlo-Alken Farms walked away with 14 blue ribbons, more than any other entrant in the Holstein Show.

Reserve grand champion Holstein went to a cow owned by Burton Stamen, Jr. of Valley Farms, Montgomery. Stamen said his entry, Burmar Creek Bright VG88, a three-year-old, is projected at more than 18,000M with 600F. Her granddam earned a rating of 91EX and her sister turned EX90 at four years old. She is a homebred cow.

Reserve grand champion and grand champion Jersey honors went to Mildred Seeds of Downingtown, who has been raising Jerseys for more than 30 years. Her cow, grand champion Top-O-Hill Milestone Tempest, is a full sister to the cow that won Grand Champion Jersey at the Farm Show last January. Tempest, a seven-year-old, has won the grand champion prize at numerous fairs. Seeds went home with 14 blue ribbons.

Judge, John Sullivan, Genesco, New York, obviously impressed with the quality of the Jerseys shown, remarked, "The Jerseys in this show were probably the finest set of cattle I've had the pleasure

of judging."

In the Ayrshire division William and Carl Sandel of Danville won the grand champion and reserve grand champion prizes for their entries. The Sandels, who have shown Ayrshires for a number of years, took the grand champion prize with their 13-year-old Ayrshire, Delores Flashy Bird. She also won first prize in the aged cow division. Frosty-Ayr Molly, a five-year-old, won the reserve grand champion.

The Grand Champion Guernsey trophy went to Rhonda Peterman, Muncy. Peterman also won grand champion Jersey in the 4-H Dairy Show. She showed a three-year-old named Blossom purchased from Albert Hack, Berwick.

Reserve champion guernsey was shown by owner, Stephanie Stackhouse, of Stillwater. Her nine-year-old cow, Aidde, was purchased from Albert Hack, Berwick.

Winner of the grand champion prize in the Brown Swiss show was Crystal Ulmer, Linden; reserve grand champion was owned by Lynette Ulmer, Linden.

For the eighth consecutive year the premier breeder and exhibitor banners were awarded to Ritter-Ridge Farms, Muncy, owned by Hilda Ritter and sons, Paul and Wayne.

4-H Dairy Show

A sister and brother duo won top places in the Holstein division of the 4-H Dairy Show.

Cynthia Showers, 12, won the grand champion Holstein trophy by showing her two-year-old, Try-Oaks Astro-Jewel April. Cynthia and Wayne, 14, live with their grandparents, George and Ann Showers, Allenwood. Both are members of the Bald Eagle 4-H Club. Cynthia has been showing dairy cattle for four years and last year showed reserve grand champion. How did it feel to win grand champion this year? "Kind of good," Cynthia replied. She believes since she has worked with the same animal for the past three years, it helped her to win this year.

Wayne Showers won reserve grand champion Holstein with his entry, Try-Oaks Astro-Jewel Hilda. Wayne has won reserve grand champion before.

Owner of the grand champion Guernsey cow, Rhonda Peterman has belonged to the Lairdsville Ag 4-H Club for four years. She has shown her Guernsey, Blossom, during that time. Although her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Peterman, Muncy, milk a herd of Holsteins mixed with a few colored breeds, Rhonda chose to show a Guernsey. Why didn't she choose a Holstein? "Because I don't like Holsteins," she quipped.

In the Ayrshire breed, Todd Russell, Linden, won the grand champion prize with his three-year-old, Penn Spring M B Gloria. Todd is a member of State Road 4-H Club. Reserve grand champion Ayrshire trophy went to Stacey Wagner also of State Road 4-H Club.

The grand champion award in the Jersey breed was presented to Shannon Peterman, Muncy, for her two-year-old entry, Deer's Ginger. Shannon is a member of the Lairdsville 4-H Ag Club.

The reserve grand champion Jersey award went to Jennifer Schultz, Muncy, a member of the 118 Ag Club. Heavens Blessings Chocolate Debbie was the name of her intermediate calf.

Crystal Ulmer of Linden showed the grand champion Brown Swiss, and Lynette Ulmer, also of Linden, showed the reserve grand champion Brown Swiss. Both are members of the State Road 4-H Club.

Winners of the Club Herd class were: Bald Eagle, first; State Run, second; and 118 Ag Club, third.

Neal Bowen, Wellsboro, was type judge for the event; Dick Yule, Millville, showing judge; and Dave Norman, Liberty, fitting judge.

Lycoming County Dairy Princess, Becky Hipple, was on hand to pass out ribbons.

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Sharlene Nolan (rear) of Franlo-Alken Farms, took grand champion honors in open Holstein show. Shown also are her children Shelby (left), Sherry and Shawna.

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| Intermediate Heifer Calf Crystal Ulmer Jr Yearling Heifer Lynette Ulmer Jr Champion C Ulmer Reserve Champion L Ulmer Grand Champion C Ulmer Reserve Grand Champion L Ulmer Guernseys Two Year Old, Never Fresh Stephanie Stackhouse Dry Cow, 4 Yr & Under S Stackhouse Dry Cow, 5 Yr Old & Over S Stackhouse Jr Two Year Old in Milk Rhonda Peterman Five Year Old Cows Fay Jordan Jr Champion R Peterman Reserve Champion S Stackhouse Grand Champion R Peterman Reserve Grand Champion S Stackhouse Best Three Females S Stackhouse Dairy Herd S Stackhouse Produce of Dam S Stackhouse Dam and Daughter S Stackhouse Holsteins Jr Heifer Franlo-Alken Farms Intermediate Heifer Franlo Alken Farms Sr Heifer Calf Joy Evans Summer Yearling Ritter Ridge | Jr Yearling Heifer Katie Kulp Intermediate Yearling Ritter Ridge Sr Yearling Franlo-Alken Jr Champion Franlo-Alken Farms Reserve Champion J Evans Jr Get of Sire Franlo-Alken Jr Best Three Females Franlo-Alken Two Yr. Old Never Fresh Bon Ed Pa Dry Cows Four Years & Under S Hill Dry Cows five Years & Over Janet Showers Jr Two Year Old in Milk Cynthia Showers Sr Two Year Old in Milk Dale Cooley Three Year Old Cows Franlo-Alken Four Year Old Cows Franlo-Alken Five Year Old Cows B Cooley Aged Cow B Staman Milking Dry Cows Ritter Ridge Cow in Milk, Udder Alone Franlo-Alken Ritter Ridge Sr Champion Franlo-Alken Farms Reserve Sr. Champion B Staman Grand Champion Franlo Alken Reserve Grand Champion B Staman Sr Get of Sire Franlo Alken | Best Three Females Franlo Alken Dairy Herd Franlo Alken Produce of Dam B Staman Dam and Daughter B Staman Jr Heifer Franlo-Alken Farms Intermediate Heifer Franlo Alken Farms Sr Heifer Calf Joy Evans Summer Yearling Ritter Ridge |
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Open dairy show's top Ayrshires were shown by owner Carl Sandel, at right with reserve. Jenny Cromis holds grand champion.



Mildred Seeds swept open Jersey competition. She's pictured with her grand champion, while Richard Bewley holds her reserve champion. Lycoming Dairy Princess Becky Hipple handles trophies.



Top Ayrshires in youth show were exhibited by Todd Russell (champion) and Stacy Wagner (reserve).



Shannon Peterman (left) had youth show Jersey champion. Jennifer Schultz had reserve.



Cynthia Showers (left) showed youth champion Holstein, while Wayne Showers had reserve.



Champion Brown Swiss in youth show was shown by Crystal Ulmer (right), while reserve honors went to Lynette Ulmer.