

Twin Valley FFA'er Captures Berks Swine Show Championship

ELVERSON — Mike Stoltzfus, the 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Stoltzfus of R2 Elverson, exhibited the grand champion market hog at the recent Berks County FFA Swine Show and Sale.

Mike will be a sophomore at Twin Valley High School and is a member of the Twin Valley FFA. He received the trophy presented by Eastern Pennsylvania Pork Producers. His 235-pound animal was sold to Doug Clemens of Hatfield Packing for \$4.24 per pound.

Reserve champion hog was shown by Henry Seidel, R1 Lenhartsville, a 1986 graduate of Hamburg High School. Henry received the trophy presented by Hillside Acres Farm; Dennis, Lloyd, and Carl Cooper; Lenhartsville. Henry's 230-pound hog was also purchased by Hatfield Packing for \$1.70 per pound.

In the light lightweight class for pigs 180 to 200 pounds Leslie Lazarus of Whitehall, a member of

the Lehigh County FFA Chapter, showed the first place animal Hamburg FFA member Mark Rohrbach from Shoemakersville was second, and Greg Stricker from Bernville and the Hamburg FFA Chapter was third.

Brian Blatt from Kutztown and the Kutztown FFA Chapter exhibited the first place animal in the medium lightweight class for pigs 201 to 214 pounds. Eric Blatt the Kutztown Chapter was second, and Steve Rohrbach from Shoemakersville and the Hamburg FFA Chapter was third.

Tammy Balthaser showed both the first and second place animals in the heavy lightweight hog class for pigs weighing 215 pounds. James Manbeck was third and fourth.

In the medium weight class for pigs 220 and 225 pounds Steve Rohrbach had the first place animal. Greg Stricker was second and Mark Rohrbach was third.

Henry Seidel showed the first

place light heavyweight hog at 230 pounds, with the reserve champion hog. Mike Stoltzfus was second and Les Lazarus third.

In the heavy weight class for pigs 235 to 245 pounds Mike Stoltzfus was first, with the animal that became grand champion. Charles Seidel was second and Robert Adam was third.

In the junior division fitting class Steve Rohrbach was first, Mike Stoltzfus was second and Sue Burkhardt was third.

In the senior division fitting contest Henry Seidel placed first, Greg Stricker second, and Les Lazarus third.

Henry Seidel won the champion fitter trophy presented by Elton Muth of Alburts. Greg Stricker was the reserve champion fitter.

In the junior division showmanship contest Sue Burkhardt was first, Mike Stoltzfus second, and Chris Blatt third.

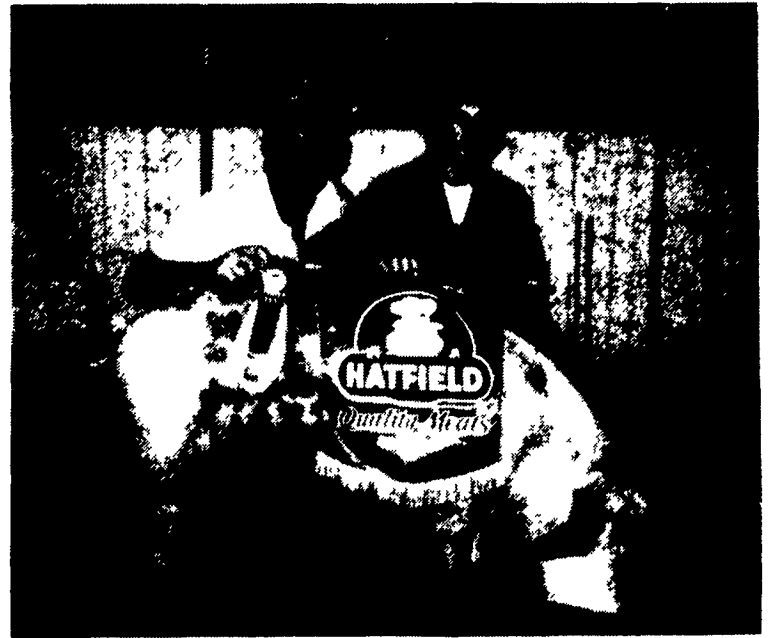
In the senior division showmanship contest Todd Benecoff was first, Henry Seidel second and Charles Seidel third. Todd Benecoff was the champion showman, receiving the trophy awarded by Elton Muth. Mike Stoltzfus was the reserve champion showman.

Judge for the show was David Hartman, Cumberland County Extension agent and a former member of the Penn State Collegiate Livestock Judging Team.

Combined weight of the 51 hogs sold was 11,155 pounds which sold for \$8,886. Average weight was 218 pounds and average price was 70 cents excluding the grand and reserve champion animals.

Other major purchasers were Newswanger's Luncheonette, Pioneer Grange Tipton, Leesport Market and Auction, Hazle Packing Company, Hereford Brothers, Berks Agway, Berks-Lehigh Production Credit, Dennis Wagner, and Myles Angstadt.

The Leesport Market and Auction which hosted the show and sale.



Mike Stoltzfus of Elverson exhibited the grand champion market hog at the recent Berks County FFA Swine Show. Here, he receives congratulations from buyer Doug Clemens of Hatfield Packing.



The reserve champion belonged to Henry Seidel of Lenhartsville. Doug Clemens from Hatfield purchased the reserve.

Extension Seeks Master Gardeners

NEWARK, Del. — The Delaware Cooperative Extension System is accepting applications for its Master Gardener program, which will be launched in Kent and Sussex Counties this fall. The state's first master gardeners received their certificates last spring in New Castle County.

Applicants need not be county residents, but they must be able to work in Kent or Sussex County after they complete their training. They will receive 45 hours of intensive horticultural training in return for an equal number of hours of volunteer service to be spent helping Extension increase gardening awareness, solve gardening problems and serve the gardening public.

"If you have gardening experience either professionally or as a hobby, enjoy gardening, would like to help your community, want to learn more about gardening or are interested in developing new

extension horticultural programs, then master gardening is for you," says University of Delaware extension horticulturist Sue Barton, organizer of the Delaware program.

Master gardener training will begin October 13, in Milford at a location to be announced. Sessions will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

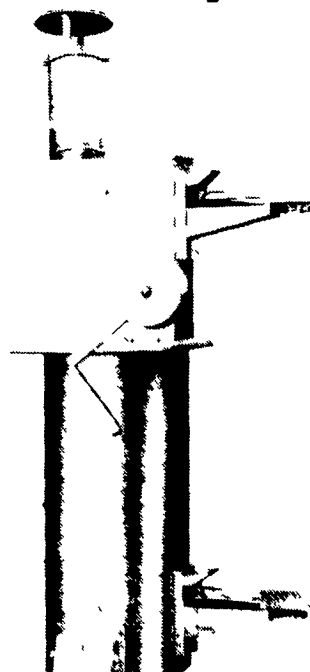
Deadline for applications is Sept. 15. For more information write or call:

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