

# Union County Youth Claim Livestock Championships

LAURELTON — The Union County West End Fair held its Eighth Annual Junior Livestock Sale recently at the fairgrounds in Laurelton. Union County FFA and 4-H members had 53 animals



Brian Walker showed his market lamb to the championship position at the Union County West End Fair. Bob Valentine, representing Mifflinburg Bank & Trust Co., purchased the champion.



The grand champion market steer at the Union County West End Fair belonged to Crystal Knechel. D. Roger Shuck, representing Mifflinburg Farmers Exchange Inc., purchased the champion.

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auctioned off by Bryan Ines for a sale total of \$14,647.

The grand champion market steer was owned by Crystal Knechel of R1 Millmont. The 1,200-pound steer was purchased by Roger Shuck for the Mifflinburg Farmers Exchange, Inc. of Mifflinburg for \$1 a pound.

The 1,055-pound reserve champion market steer was owned by Amy Cotner of Lewisburg and sold at 86 cents per pound to Keister's Middleburg Auction Sales.

In the Market Swine Division, the grand champion market hog was owned by Duane Keefer of R2 Lewisburg. The 231-pound hog was sold to Hatfield Packing Company, of Hatfield, at \$4.50 a pound.

The 222-pound reserve champion hog was owned by Tammy Kulp of R3 Mifflinburg. It was purchased by Swineford National Bank of Middleburg, for \$2.80 a pound.

The 110-pound grand champion market lamb, owned by Brian Walker of R2 Lewisburg, was sold to the Mifflinburg Bank and Trust Company of Mifflinburg for \$6.20 a pound.

The reserve champion lamb, owned by Rebecca Dietrich of R2 Mifflinburg, was sold to Swineford National Bank for \$5.70 a pound.

This year's sale included 5 steers, 30 hogs, and 18 sheep. The 5 beef animals sold for \$4,538, the hogs for \$6794, and the sheep for a total of \$3,315. Each Union County

4-H and FFA member could sell 2 lambs, 2 hogs, and/or 1 steer. The animals had to be project animals in their respective club and record books had to be entered with the animals.



Duane Keefer captured the market swine championship. Richard Lehman of Hatfield Packing Co. purchased this winner.

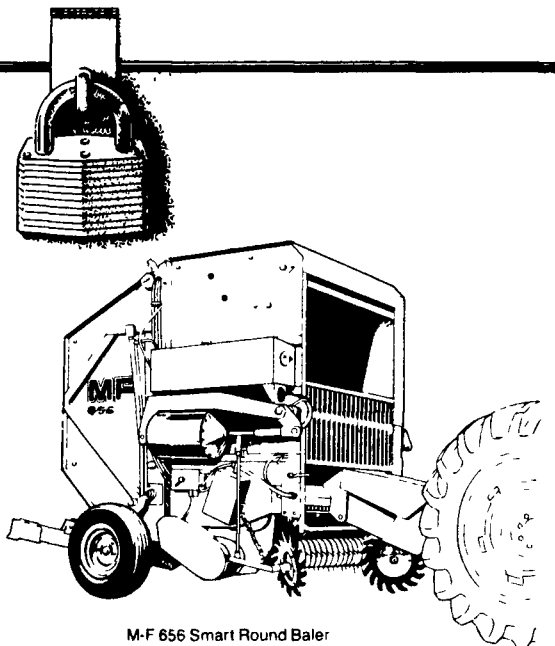
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