

Griggs Tops Crawford Co. 4-H Market Lamb Sale For Second Year

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MEADVILLE — The young owners of the champion and reserve champion market swine brought home the bacon from the 14th annual 4-H Livestock Market Sale at the recent Crawford County Fair held at the fairgrounds in Meadville. Both porkers shattered previous sale records with prices that notched a 50 percent increase.

Garnering champion for the first time, 13-year-old Tina Cutshall of Meadville sold her 255-pound hog to Reimold Brothers for \$6 per pound. The previous record of \$3.50 per pound was set last year on a purchase by First National Bank.

This year, First National Bank purchased the reserve champion, owned by Brenda Holsopple of Venango, for \$5.75 a pound which tops a 1982 record price of \$3.15 a pound.

Including the champions, 34 hogs

sold for an average price of \$2 per pound. The average price per pound without the champions dropped to \$1.69.

In the steer auction, Brenda Williams, of the Fabulous Farmers 4-H club in Atlantic, claimed the high bid of \$3 per pound for her more ideally finished steer. The 1,040-pound champion sold to Bush Insurance Agency of Meadville.

The reserve champion set a new record with a bid of \$2 per pound, passing the \$1.90 mark set one year ago by the same buyer, Thorne's Supermarket. John Weston, owner of the 1986 reserve champion, also owned the 1983 reserve champion market steer. The 14-year-old showman is a member of the Saegertown Beef 4-H Club.

Excluding the champions, the 43 steers averaged 95 cents a pound. The average price increased to \$1.02 a pound with the champion prices.

Shawnya Griggs, Hartstown, exhibited the champion market lamb for the second consecutive year. The 10-year-old member of the Conneaut Lake Ag Club sold her 124-pound lamb to Thorne's Supermarket for \$9.50 per pound. Thorne's also purchased Griggs' 1985 champion lamb.

Mike Ernst, a member of the same club, garnered a bid of \$9.25 for his 113-pound reserve champion from auctioneers Nicolls and Allen.

The 45 lambs brought an average of \$2.30 per pound; with the champion's price added in the average increased to \$2.62.

Auctioneers for the fast-paced sale were Earl, Dave and Bruce Nicolls, Gary Shidemantle, George Palhunik and Sherman Allen. Several of the sale animals were purchased and later donated to area non-profit groups.



Shawnya Griggs, on the halter, sold her 124-pound champion market lamb to Thorne's Supermarket for \$9.50 a pound. Richard Flanders, left, Bill Thorne and Glenn Bish represented Thorne's Supermarket. Also offering congratulations were Miss Crawford County Leigh Ann Karpinski, center, and Becky Foreman, NW lamb and wool princess, far right. Auctioneer Earl Nicolls, left, and Blaine Scholsser, Crawford County extension agent are in the box.

Picnic With Scranton Set For Agribusiness

An ag picnic with Bill Scranton will be held rain or shine on Saturday, September 13 at Willow Mall Park near Mechanicsburg, it has been announced by Dennis Grumbine, chairman of the Agriculture for Scranton Committee.

Festivities start at 11:30 a.m. and continue to 3:30 p.m.

"This gives farmers and agribusiness people a chance to

meet the gubernatorial candidate one to one," Grumbine commented.

The picnic also is a fund raiser, the chairman emphasized, with tickets priced at \$50 a person.

Menu includes chicken corn soup and baked ham.

Pennsylvania Ag Republicans are co-sponsors.

Willow Mill Park is located near the intersection of Routes 11 and

114 between Camp Hill and Carlisle.

The park can be reached from Interstate 81 by taking Route 114 south from Exit 18.

Tickets are now being sold by members of the two sponsoring organizations. They also can be obtained by phoning 717/234-4901. Ask for Burt.

Everyone's welcome.



Brenda Williams, right, set a new record at \$2 per pound when she sold her champion market steer to Bush Insurance Agency, represented by Cleon Livingston, left, and Lynn Lobe, second from right. Also pictured are Miss Crawford County, Leigh Ann Karpinski, and Bruce Nicolls in the box.

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