

Indiana 4-H'ers Raise \$85,000 In Fair Livestock Sale

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INDIANA - The 24th annual Indiana County 4-H livestock sale was held Friday, August 29, in the swine show ring at the Indiana fairgrounds. This event culminated many months of hard work for those both organizing and participating.

To many 4-H'ers the evening was joyful as well as sad. After a 4-H member has spent months preparing a project, it gives him a sense of satisfaction when he shakes the buyer's hand in appreciation. But when these two hands meet a feeling of sadness surges through this exhibitor as his "best friend" of the past few months is loaded on a truck, on its way to market.

Clair Ruffner of C. L. Ruffner and Sons was the top bidder for the

220-pound grand champion market hog at \$6 per pound. Bryan Martin of Marion Center received a total of \$1,320 for his prize animal.

The reserve grand champion hog, owned by Jim Scott, Clarksburg, weighed in at 230 pounds. Shaw Packing Company of Newry, PS paid \$4 per pound for the fine quality animal.

The average hog sale price was \$1.20 per pound. A total of 108 swine were presented to the buyers in attendance.

Jonathan Snyder of Creekside sold his 111-pound shropshire grand champion lamb to Evergreen Motors of Indiana for \$9 per pound. Elkin Concrete bought Adrienne Elkin's reserve grand champion lamb for \$6.50 a pound.

The average sale price for the lambs was a \$1.38, which brings the total sale of lambs to \$8,169 for

the 59 head of lambs sold.

Hoss's Steak and Seafood House bought the grand champion steer. This steer purchase is the seventh grand champion baby beef purchased by the restaurant chain this year. John Coleman, a last-year member of the Saltsburg area Future Farmers of America chapter, sold his 1,215-pound Simmental steer for \$6.25. Indiana Shop & Save purchased Tammy Binion's reserve champion cross steer for \$3.10 per pound. The average price of the beef was 87 cents, with the total selling price coming to \$40,606.

Micki States, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert States, Rossiter, sold her 146-pound grand champion hog carcass to Waldruff Inc., R.D.6, Indiana for \$6 a pound, totaling \$876. Fellow 4-H club member, Mysti Dinger, of Rochester Mills, was the owner of the 176-pound reserve grand champion carcass bought by Indiana 7-Eleven Stores, for a total price of \$836.

Pete Coy and Ed Bratten representing Indiana Giant Eagle bid the successful bid for the grand champion lamb carcass at \$10.75. Receiving a total of \$580.50 for his 54-pound carcass was Harry Coleman of Saltsburg. The reserve grand champion lamb carcass owned by Beth Elkin, the daughter of Sam Elkin, Marion Center, sold for \$9. Barney D. Wilmoth III, vice president of CCW Interests Inc., of Indiana bought this carcass.

Giant Eagle was the buyer of the 665 pound grand champion beef



Fred Kunkle (left) of Evergreen Motors, Indiana, bought Jonathan Snyder's grand champion lamb for \$9 a pound. Holding lamb is Jonathan's sister, Jennifer.

carcass owned by Lisa Coleman, daughter of H. D. Coleman, Saltsburg. Ed Bratten and Pete Coy paid \$4.75 for the animal.

Bonarrigo Inc., Blairsville purchased the reserve grand champion beef carcass from Stacey Gyock, daughter of Tracy Fyock, Penn Run, for a total price of \$2,392, or \$3.25 a pound.

Receipts of the 24th Indiana County Junior Livestock Sale totaled \$85,806. This is an increase over last year's total.

The auctioneers for this year's event were Clayton Winebark, Rochester Mills, Pete and Charles Stewart of Armagh. A total of 115 buyers came from the Indiana and surrounding areas.



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