

Beaver Fair Champions

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pounds. Eleven-year-old Chad is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hummel, Jr. of RD5, Selingsgrove. The dam was bred by Russcott Farms.

Reserve grand champion steer

Farmers And Ranchers Congress Held

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ST. LOUIS — A New York delegation joined 1,600 farmers and ranchers from 40 states recently to end the national farm crisis and to restore economic health to rural America.

Unity across agricultural sectors was the theme at the FARM AID-sponsored United Farmers and Ranchers' Congress. Dairy men, beef, swine, and sheep producers joined cotton, grain, field crop, fruit and specialty crop farmers in resolutions calling on Congress to establish fair prices to farmers and to implement supply management to reduce taxpayer-financed surpluses.

Sandy Sickles, of Gainesville, N.Y., said the Congress, "disproves the myth that farmers can't speak with one voice. We can support each others' commodities," she stated, "by supporting the Harkin-Gephardt Save The Family Farm Act which will be introduced this week in Congress."

The Save The Family Farm legislation would provide an immediate moratorium on farm foreclosures to permit debt restructuring. However, it's long-term goal would be to strengthen the farm economy through increased parity levels linked to supply management.

Of special interest to northeast dairy men was a New York/New England resolution, supported by the entire dairy caucus, calling for a delay in the authorization of synthetic bovine growth hormone for commercial use. The resolution noted specific reservations about human and herd health. It further posed questions about the economic and social impacts of the new technology not only on the dairy industry but also on the economic structure of rural communities across the country.

New York's Department of Ag and Markets was represented by agriculture policy analyst James Ball. He carried Commissioner Joseph Gerace's invitation to meet the New York delegation for consultations in Albany and Syracuse.

Dairylea Selects Delegates For Annual Meeting

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Local dairy farmers belonging to Dairylea Cooperative, Inc. have elected delegates to represent them at the cooperative's annual meeting in Syracuse, Oct. 14 to 15, according to Clyde Rutherford, president of the 3,500 member co-op.

Dairylea, one of the largest milk-marketing cooperatives of its type in the northeast, had net sales of \$380 million during its past fiscal year ending March 31, 1986. In the 12-month period, the farmer-owned cooperative handled two billion pounds of farm milk, Rutherford said.

Area Dairylea delegates will join with others from 13 cooperative districts in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and western New England to set policy for the coming year and to hear reports from their cooperative officers.

was owned by 4-H'er Heather Hummel. The 975-pound Chi-Charolais was purchased by Metzger Meats for 78 cents per pound. Heather is the nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell

Hummel, Jr. of RD1, Selingsgrove. Russcott Farms also was the breeder.

Average prices per species were \$1.19 for lambs, \$1.05 for hogs, and 75 cents for steers. Average



Chad Hummel sold his Beaver Fair grand champion steer to N. S. Troutman and Sons.

poundages were 98, 205 and 970, respectively. Total volume sales for the evening were \$8,349.15 with Keister's Middleburg Auction being the biggest buyer. Ray Long, Port Royal, was the auctioneer.



Keister's Middleburg Auction was high bidder for Kelly Klingler's grand champion hog.

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