

# Horse 'Coaches' Steer To New Holland Beef Show Victory

**BY JACK HUBLEY**  
**NEW HOLLAND** — Show judge Cheryl Fairbairn liked Reuben. She liked him enough to name him grand champion at Lancaster County 4-H Days this summer. And she still liked what she saw when the 1310-pound registered Angus

made his way into the showring at the New Holland Fair on Thursday.  
 Up until sale time following the show, Reuben was owned by Kristin Chupp, a 15-year-old New Holland 4-H'er. The daughter of Barb and Larry Weaver, Kristin

got her steer from Rally Farms in New York. But even though the steer's sire, Pine Drive Big Sky, is well-known for manufacturing winning show prospects, it could have been the jogging program that tipped the scale in his favor.

Reuben's "coach" was a horse named Indy that Kristin bought with the money she got from selling her reserve grand champion market lamb at Farm Show last year.

Chupp soon found that the horse could earn his room and board by keeping her three show steers in prize-winning trim. "She's learned how to herd them around the pasture," says the 4-H'er.

Just like people, though, not all steers take readily to a fitness regimen. "This one got the idea to start hiding in the barn," smiled Kristin.

After placing second to Chupp's steer at the Manheim Preview Show this summer, Nichole High's registered Angus named "Long Shot" did likewise at New Holland.

The reserve spot seems to be reserved for the daughter of Larry High and Shirley Burris of Lititz. Nichole took the same honor at the



Kristin Chupp took grand champion honors at New Holland Fair with her registered Angus steer.



Nichole High's Angus steer named Long Shot wasn't such a long shot after all. He took reserve trophy.

Junior Angus Preview Show in Massachusetts in August, at the Manheim Preview Show, again at the Ephrata Fair and finally at New Holland.

Long Shot was a JR Bold Image son bred by Big Brook Farms of New Jersey. He was also a half-brother to the steer that topped the Pennsylvania Angus Breeders Show in 1985, so Long Shot undoubtedly wasn't all that long of a shot after all.

A big factor in placing well in a steer show is knowing how to make your animal look his best, and Nichole proved she was up to the task by following her show win with first-place honors in the show's fitting competition.

Results of the steer show are listed below.

New Holland Steers		
Class 1		
1 Nichole High	2 Jodie Weaver	3 Ken Shellenberger
Class 2		
1 Kristin Chupp	2 Emily Weaver	3 Randy Kreider
Class 3		
1 Heather Yoder	2 Krista Martin	3 Scott Hertzog
Class 4		
1 Robert Kreider	2 Andrea Yost	3 Jennifer Shellenberger
Grand Champion Steer		
Kristin Chupp		
Reserve Grand Champion		
Nichole High		
Showmanship		
Age 8-11		
1 Heather Yoder	2 Jennifer Shellenberger	3 Ken Shellenberger
Age 12-14		
1 Jodie Weaver	2 Doug Hertzog	3 Jessica Hertzog
15 & Over		
1 Emily Weaver	2 Kristin Chupp	3 Scott Hertzog
Fitting		
1 Nichole High	2 Emily Weaver	3 Kristin Chupp

## Folkers Continue Winning Ways

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**NEW HOLLAND** — Since Lancaster County's fair season got underway in late August, it's been hard to find a hog show photo without a Folker in it.

Chad and Laura, the son and daughter of Tony and Edith Folker of New Holland, have proven to be serious threats in every show

they've entered this year. The competition's only consolation has been that, with the passing of each fair, the Folker's herd of 26 Illinois-bred Hampshire-Duroc pigs has gotten smaller.

Although 12-year-old Chad has managed to exhibit most of this year's champions, this week his big sister stole the spotlight by

showing her 235-pound entry to the New Holland Fair's grand championship. Laura went undefeated on Thursday, taking top honors in the market hog show, as well as in the junior division of both showing and fitting competitions.

Knowing how to present her pigs to the judge has been the 14-year-old 4-H'er's forte this year. In four out of the five showmanship competitions that she entered she came out on top.

Chad didn't have a bad day either, showing two of the grand champion's littermates to the top spot in both the lightweight and mediumweight divisions. Thus far the younger member of this team has chalked up an impressive record, beginning the year with reserve grand champion honors at Farm Show and taking the same title at the Ephrata Fair. His two grand champion wins included the Elizabethtown Fair and the Lancaster County 4-H Roundup.

Judging the show was Chester County extension agent, Cheryl Fairbairn, who singled out a Hampshire-Yorkshire crossbred pig shown by Heidi Fisher for reserve grand champion honors. The daughter of William and Dee Fisher of East Earl, Heidi is always a top New Holland contender, with two grand champion wins to her credit in the nine years she has shown there.

In this year's show she swapped titles with Laura Folker, who took reserve last year.

Heidi's 243-pound entry was bred by her father, who managed Stauffer Homestead Farm until August of this year. "Dad didn't think they were that good," said Heidi, referring to the eight show pigs that her father had bred at the East Earl-based feeder pig operation.

Heidi also placed third in showmanship and fourth in the fitting competition.

Hog show results are listed below.

New Holland Hogs		
Lightweight 195-224 lbs		
1 Chad Folker	2 Heidi Fisher	3 Grc. Huber
Mediumweight 225-234		
1 Chad Folker	2 Laura Folker	3 Floyd Huber
Heavyweight 235-295		
1 Laura Folker	2 Heidi Fisher	3 Kuitis Good
Grand Champion Hog		
Laura Folker		
Reserve Champion Hog		
Heidi Fisher		
Showmanship		
Junior Division		
1 Laura Folker	2 Kenton Good	3 Chad Folker
Senior Division		
1 Theda Good	2 Floyd Huber	3 Heidi Fisher
Fitting		
Junior Division		
1 Laura Folker	2 Chad Folker	3 Peter Day
Senior Division		
1 Floyd Huber	2 Theda Good	3 Sean Bailey



For the first time this fair season, Laura Folker topped her brother, Chad, in hog show competition. Show judge Cheryl Fairbairn (right) named her hog grand champion at New Holland.



Heidi Fisher followed last year's grand champion win with reserve honors this year. Judge was Cheryl Fairbairn (right).

## Fair Sells 4-H Entries

**NEW HOLLAND** — Little more than an hour after the New Holland Fair announced its swine and beef champions, the market show entries were on the auction block at New Holland Sales Stables.

First across the block was Kristin Chupp's grand champion steer that sold for \$2,630 after Stoltzfus Meats of Intercourse offered the final bid of \$2 a pound.

The reserve champion, shown by Nichole High, sold to Bird-In-Hand Restaurant, who offered \$1.50 a pound for a total price of \$1,980.

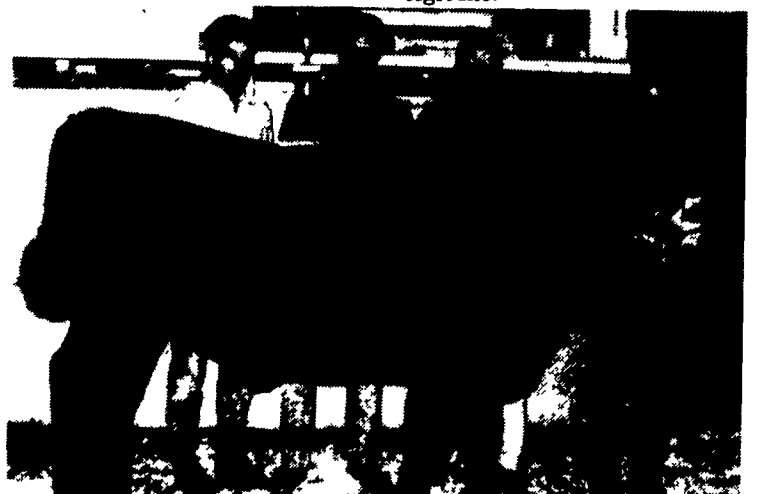
The show's 16 steers sold for an average of 84 cents a pound, not including the two champions.

The sale's most enthusiastic buyer was Willie the Butcher, who went home with five of the steers sold.

In the hog sale that followed the steers, Doug Clemens of Hatfield Packing was top bidder for Laura Folker's grand champion. Hatfield's \$4 bid brought the price of the show's top hog to \$940.

The show's reserve champion, exhibited by Heidi Fisher, went for \$729 when Yoder's Market offered the top bid of \$3 a pound. The hog sale averaged 94 cents a pound, not including the champions.

The sale's most active buyers included Hatfield Packing and Agri Inc.



Ike, Ken and Amos Stoltzfus (from left) of Stoltzfus Meats, Inc., were high bidders on Kristin Chupp's grand champion steer that went for \$2 a pound.



Chad and Laura Folker have managed to walk away with champion or reserve honors in every county hog show they've entered this year.