

Manheim Fair Holds Record-Setting Sale

MANHEIM — Manheim capped its five-day fair with a sale that made the record books last Friday, Oct. 10. Records were set in the overall sale averages for hogs, lambs and steers, and the price for the grand champion steer was the highest ever offered here.

With only five steers selling, competition among the numerous buyers was keen. The bidding for Rhonda Gibble's 1,153-pound grand champion finally stopped when the Country Table Family Restaurant of Mount Joy edged past Penway Construction with a top bid of \$4.05

a pound. The total price came to \$4669.65.

Penway came out on top in the bidding for Leon Heisey's reserve champion, paying \$1.90 a pound for a total of \$1,991.20.

The show's five steers averaged \$2.39 a pound. Other buyers included J.H. Brubaker, Inc. and Rohrer Construction.

The sale's 25 market lambs averaged a record \$1.50 a pound. Top bidder was Willie the Butcher, who paid \$3.40 a pound for Ellen Lewis' 126-pound grand champion sale lamb.

At \$2.75 a pound, Evergreen Tractor was high bidder for Jason Stoltzfus' reserve champion.

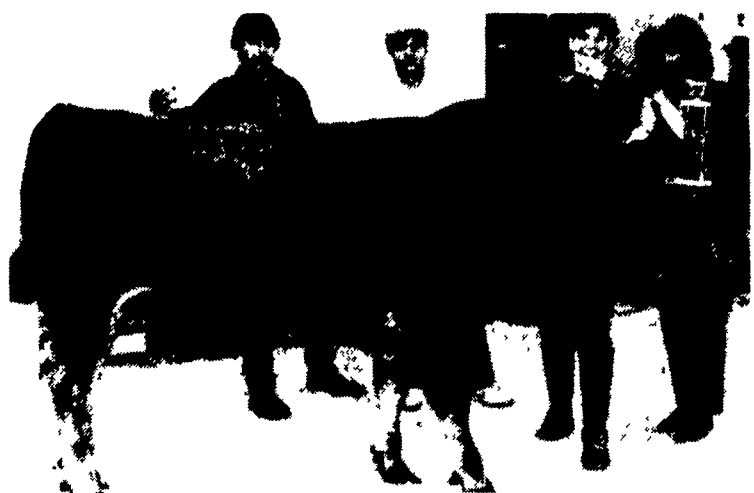
The sale's 2,951 pounds of lamb sold for \$4,429. Willie the Butcher was the sale's most enthusiastic buyer, going home with nine lambs.

Buyers seemed just as eager to buy pork. Well-known junior livestock show supporter Hatfield Packing paid the hog sale's highest price, offering \$3.80 a pound for Karen Becker's 238-pound grand champion.

Hollinger's Farm and Home Supply of Lititz was not far behind, offering \$3 a pound for Chad Folker's 236-pound reserve champion.

Including champions, the hog sale averaged \$1.34 per pound, with only two of the sale's 43 hogs dipping below the dollar mark.

Volume buyers at the hog sale included Hatfield with 14 hogs, Willie the Butcher, White Oak Mills, Penway Construction, Hollinger's Farm and Home Supply and Lancaster Farm Credit.



Rhonda Gibble (second from right) sold her grand champion steer of the Manheim Farm Show for the record price of \$4.05 per pound to the Country Table Restaurant of Mount Joy, represented by Roy Sauder (second from left). Also offering congratulations were Leon Heisey, Manheim FFA president (left) and Michele Mylin, Manheim Farm Show Queen. Photos by Debra Seibert.



Ellen Lewis (right) sold her grand champion market lamb for \$3.40 per pound to Willie Kreider, "Willie the Butcher" (second from right). Also pictured are Leon Heisey (left) and Michele Mylin.



Hatfield Meats bought the grand champion hog owned by Karen Becker for \$3.80 per pound. Pictured are: Tom Moyer (left), Leon Heisey, Karen Becker and Michele Mylin.

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