

## Berks Co. Holds 4-H Swine Roundup

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LEESPORT — Over \$900 went to 11-year-old Chris Hunter, R3, Fleetwood, for her efforts at showing and fitting her hog for the 1986 Annual Market Swine Sale of the Berks County 4-H Swine Club. "Todd", Chris Hunter's prized pig walked away with the grand

championship for his young owner as well as selling for the high price of the day, \$4 a pound, to Hatfield Packing Company.

The annual market show and sale was held on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at the Leesport Market and Auction, Leesport, and featured over 50 well fitted swine of Berks County 4-Her's. With the cham-

panion's price the average of the sale went to 87 cents per pound, representing great support of the 4-H program by local businesses.

"I just liked him," Hunter said about her entry after being selected as the champion. Her 230-pound first-place medium middleweight was purchased by Hunter from breeder, Dennis Cooper, R1, Lenhartsville. This was the first year Chris Hunter had this success in the swine ring and credited her mother for help in fitting her hog.

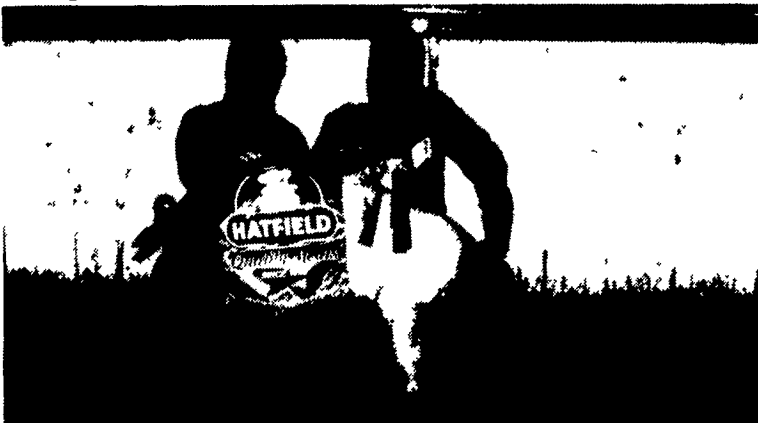
The reserve grand champion of the show and bringing the second highest price in the sale went to the entry of Kenianne Rarick, R2, Reading. Well known in the beef ring for her skills in showing and fitting, Rarick has been showing swine for six years, with this year being the first time she was this successful at roundup. Her pig, Michael, was bred by Carl Rabenold, R2, Kutztown, who helped her select this pig when she came to purchase her 4-H project. Rarick's boyfriend, whom the pig is named after, also helped in the selection.

Rarick stated that she looks for a level top and lots of muscle tone when selecting a project pig. "A problem now is that a lot of pigs are really stiff," she stated. "They must be able to walk," the experienced 4-H'er said. After receiving \$1.70 per pound from Hatfield Packing for her 205-pound champion, Rarick left the sale wondering whether her boyfriend and the breeder who selected the pig were going to divide the money that their selection earned.

The show was judged earlier in the day, with the sale being held that evening. Judge of the show was Keith Bard, Lewistown, a Penn State graduate and a breeder of Spotted hogs.



Chris Hunter (left) sold her Berks County grand champion hog to Doug Clemens of Hatfield Packing for \$4 a pound.



Hatfield also bought Kenianne Rarick's reserve champion for \$1.70 a pound.



## Record-Setting Lamb Sale

Christiana Keener holds her brother, David's, market lamb that took top honors in Franklin County's 4-H roundup. At the sale held at Chambersburg Livestock Market, the 145-pound Suffolk sold to M. Arthur Diehl & Sons Agway of Shippensburg for \$1.90 a pound. The sale's 42 lambs averaged 108 pounds and sold for average price of \$1.28 per pound to establish a new record.

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NEWARK, Del. — Farm fresh eggs and chicken have always had a special consumer appeal. With proper management, a small backyard flock can supply a family with top quality eggs and meat.

The Delaware Cooperative Extension System has published a management guide to help owners of small flocks grow the best poultry possible. Written and recently updated by University of Delaware extension poultry specialist Daniel H. Palmer and poultry pathologist Edwin M. Odor, the guide discusses such basic considerations as local

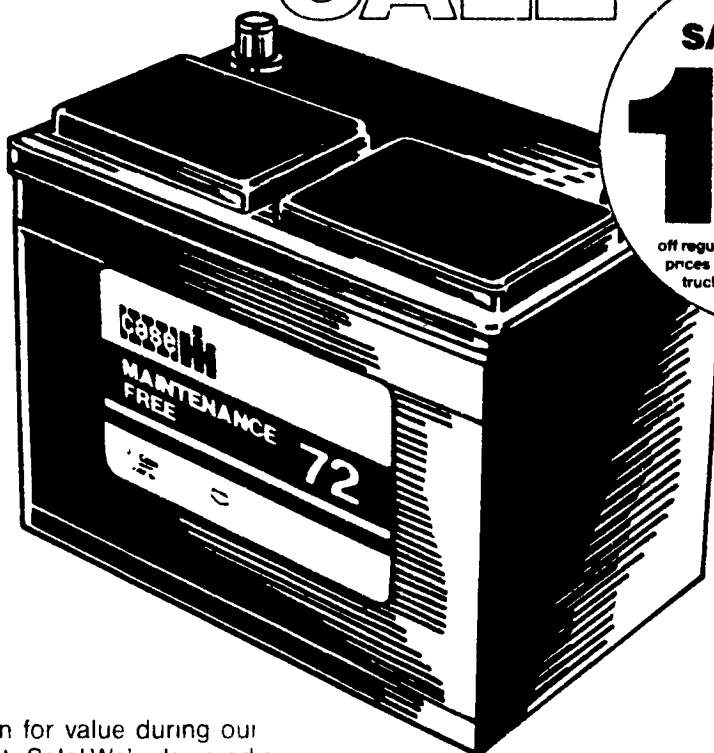
zoning and environmental restrictions, housing and flock selection.

At the back of the publication are charts outlining estimated start-up and monthly operating costs to raise a 25-bird flock of layers or meat-type chickens.

To obtain a copy of "Delaware Management Guide for Owners of Small Chicken Flocks," contact the county extension office in Newark (451-2506), Dover (736-1448) or Georgetown (856-7303), or write Extension Poultry Specialist Dan Palmer, R.D. 2, Box 48, Georgetown, DE 19947.

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