

# Folker Wins Lancaster 4-H Hog Show

**BY J. EVAN REIFF**  
**MANHEIM** — The Lancaster County 4-H Champion Market Hog title stayed in the same family as Laura Folker, 15, replaced younger brother, Chad, in the winner's circle by capturing top honors with her 232 lb. Hampshire barrow Wednesday.

Miss Folker, daughter of Tony and Edith Folker, topped a field of 92 with her heavyweight entry that caught the attention of judge Ken Winebark, an extension agent from Lebanon County. Hatfield Packing Co. paid \$3.60 a pound for Folker's champion.

Producing champion market hogs has become natural for the Folkers. The brother-sister team from New Holland have numerous titles at the local and state level to their credit. Like most of her other champions, Miss Folker's Hog was bred by Lyle Binder of Mahomet, Ill.

Capping his ninth year in 4-H, Sheldon Heisey, 17, received \$2.60 a pound for his reserve champion market hog. Heisey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Heisey, Elizabethtown, bought his 216 lb. Duroc-Spotted cross from Ken Ketter, a Carlisle-area breeder.



Hatfield Packing Co., represented by Ezra Good, left, paid \$3.50 a pound for Laura Folker's grand champion market hog at the Lancaster County 4-H Hog Show.

According to Lancaster County extension agent Chet Hughes, the 4-H hog sale averaged 87¢ a pound making this the best sale in five years. The average was 13¢ higher than last year's average and

grossed \$17,873. Hughes attributed the increase to a greater number of buyers participating in the sale.

Volume buyers included Hatfield, 22 hogs; White Oak Mills,



Sheldon Heisey, right, received \$2.60 a pound from Leon Stoltzfus of Stoltzfus Feed Supply for his reserve champion market hog.

18; Lancaster Farm Credit, nine; Farm Boy Ag, seven; Farm Crest Feeds, seven; Leidy Packing Co., six.

**Lancaster County 4-H Market Hog Show**  
**LIGHTWEIGHT** — Class 1: Brad Wagner, 2 Denise Haldeman, 3 Steven Heisey  
 Class 2: 1 Scott Wagner; 2 Gwen Myer, 3 Steven Heisey. Class 3: 1. Laura Folker; 2 Doug Musser, 3 Gerald Boyd  
 Lightweight Champion - Scott Wagner  
 Reserve — Laura Folker.

**MIDDLEWEIGHT** — Class 4: 1 Sheldon Heisey, 2. Steve Wagner, 3. Brad Wagner  
 Class 5: 1 Gerald Boyd, 2 Melissa Becker, 3 Kenton Good  
 Class 6: 1 Jason Cox; 2 Gerald Swanger, 3 Tyler Stumpf  
 Middleweight Champion - Sheldon Heisey  
 Reserve - Laura Folker

**LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT** - Class 7: 1 Karen Becker, 2. Brad Wagner, 3 Andrew Groff.  
 Class 8: 1 Gwen Myer, 2 Kurtis Good, 3 Duane Swanger  
 Class 9: 1 Laura Folker, 2. Melissa Becker, 3 Andrew Groff  
 Light-Heavyweight Champion - Laura Folker  
 Reserve - Melissa Becker.

**HEAVYWEIGHT** - Class 10: 1 Jason Cox, 2. Beth Nestleroth, 3 Karen Becker  
 Class 11: 1 Kenton Good, 2 Jason Miller; 3 Heather Haldeman  
 Class 12: 1 Stacy Nestleroth, 2 Greg Shipe, 3. Shawn Haldeman  
 Heavyweight Champion - Stacy Nestleroth  
 Reserve - Kenton Good  
 Grand Champion - Laura Folker  
 Reserve - Sheldon Heisey

**SHOWMANSHIP** - Class 1: 1 Sheldon Heisey, 2 Steve Heisey, 3 Gwen Myer  
 Class 2: 1 Doug Musser, 2 Shawn Haldeman; 3 Andy Groff  
 Class 3: 1 Kent Good, 2 Steve Wagner, 3 Pam Myer  
 Class 4: 1 Chad Folker, 2 Brad Wagner, 3 Diane Musser  
 Class 5: 1 Chris Zeager, 2 Gerald Swanger, 3 Jason Cox  
 Class 6: 1 Scott Wagner, 2 Melissa Becker, 3 Tracy Bollinger  
 Showmanship Champion - Doug Musser  
 Reserve - Sheldon Heisey.

## PA Seedmen Change Summer Meeting Date

The Pennsylvania Seedmen's Association announced a meeting date change from Friday, August 21, to one day earlier; Thursday, August 20. The meeting is set for 8 a.m. at the PSU Agronomy Farm at Rock Springs during Ag Progress Days. Members should check the latest association communique and plan to attend.




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