

Fayette County Black & White Show

UNIONTOWN — Walter Brown of Connellsville swept many of the top honors at the 18th Annual Black & White Show of Fayette County held on Tuesday, August 4. Brown's 5-year old, Circle-B Boatmaker Ruth Ellen, took grand champion and first in her class. Event judge was John Marchezak of Bentleyville.

Brown's Senior Yearling Heifer, Circle-B Art Maple Sally Marici took junior champion. Reserve grand champion was Patrick M. Wascak's 3-year-old, Circle-B Ruley Amelia from Dunbar.

In the colored breeds dairy show Bryan Herring of Farmington took grand champion in the Ayshire division and Chad Miller of Scottdale took grand champion in the Guernsey division. Richard Love of Scottdale took grand champion in the Brown Swiss and Sara Piwowar of Uniontown took the top spot in the Jersey division.

Junior Bull Calf
1. Stephanie Kerber.

Senior Bull Calf
1. Walter Brown, 2. Walter Kerber.
Junior Yearling Bull
1. Raymond B. Brown

Junior Heifer Calf
1. Raymond B. Brown, 2. Jason Harvey, 3. Jill Jackson.

Intermediate Heifer Calf
1. Walter Brown, 2. Adam Derr, 3. Tom Polkabila

Senior Heifer Calf
1. Herring Farms, 2. Raymond B. Brown, 3. Charles Steyer.

Summer yearling Heifer
1. Raymond B. Brown, 2. Johnny Steyer, 3. Dustin Kerber.

Junior Yearling Heifer
1. Jay A. Vance, 2. Raymond B. Brown, 3. David B. Wascak

Intermediate Yearling Heifer
1. Steve Herring, 2. Walter Brown, 3. Jonathan Poorbaugh

Senior Yearling Heifer
1. Walter Brown, 2. Adam Vance, 3. Albert Michael Ferens

Junior Champion Female
Walter Brown

Reserve Junior Champion Female
Walter Brown

Junior Best 3 Females
1. Walter Brown, 2. Herring Farms, 3. Adam Vance

Dry Cow 4-Years & Under
1. Jackson farms, 2. Allen Hill Dairy, 3. Walter Brown.

Dry Cow 5-Years & Over
1. Allen Hill Dairy, 2. Walter Brown

Junior Two Year Old Heifer
1. Allen Hill Dairy, 2. Robert Junk, 3. Herring Farms

Senior 2-Year Old Heifer
1. Walter Brown, 2. Herring Farms, 3. Walter Brown

Three Year Old
1. Patrick M. Wascak, 2. Allen Hill Dairy, 3. Walter Brown

Four Year Old
1. Walter Brown, 2. Allen Hill Dairy, 3. Jackson Farms.

Five Year Old
1. Walter Brown, 2. Paul Andrew
100,000 LB.

Six Years & Over
1. Allen Hill Dairy, 2. Brent Brown, 3. Adam Derr

Produce of Dam
1. Walter Brown, 2. Walter Brown, 3. Bobbi Harabaugh

Dam & Daughter
1. Walter Brown, 2. Herring Farms, 3. Jackson Farms

Senior Get of Sire
1. Allen Hill Dairy

Grand Champion Female
Walter Brown

Reserve Grand Champion
Patrick M. Wascak

Best Udder
1. Walter Brown, 2. Steve Herring.

Best Three Females
1. Allen Hill Dairy, 2. Walter Brown, 3. Herring Farms.

Dairy Herd
1. Walter Brown, 2. Allen Hill, 3. Herring Farms

Fayette County Fair Dairy Colored Breeds

Ayshire
Grand Champion Female
Bryan Herring

Guernsey
Junior Champion Female
Victoria Ansell

Reserve Junior Champion
Steve Rugg

Senior Champion
Chad Miller

Reserve Senior Champion
Adam Kerber

Grand Champion
Chad Miller

Reserve Grand Champion
Adam Kerber

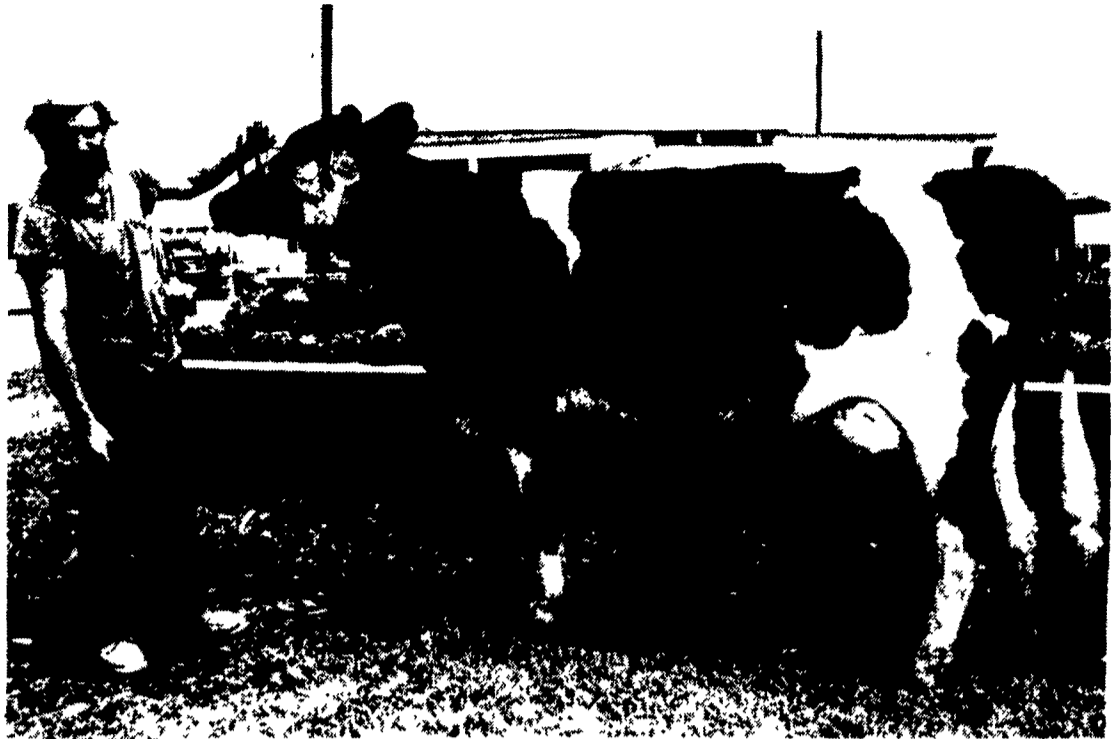
Brown Swiss
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Jersey
Junior Champion
Charles Johnson

Grand Champion
Sara Piwowar

Reserve Grand Champion
Charles Johnson

All champions exhibited by Richard Love



Fayette County Holstein Show grand champion, Circle-B Boatmaker Ruth Ellen, was exhibited by Walter Brown of Connellsville.



Chad Miller of Scottdale captured the Guernsey grand champion at the 1987 Fayette County Fair Colored Breeds Dairy Show.

University Of Maryland Offers Nitrate Testing

Dairy and livestock producers may unwittingly poison their animals with nitrate if they try to salvage usable feed from drought-stressed fields.

Farmers can protect their livestock with a free nitrate test through The University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service. This program is funded by the Maryland Department of Agriculture as part of Governor William Donald Schaefer's effort to assist drought stricken farmers.

According to Dr. Lester Vough, Extension forage specialist, this summer's drought may cause a deadly build-up of nitrate in the stalks and stems of corn and other crops such as sudangrass and sorghum.

"It's going to be a spotty situation -- a lot like the thunderstorms have been," said Vough, "We don't expect every producer to have nitrate problems, but farmers should be wary if they've been hit hard by the drought."

High nitrate levels in feeds can poison livestock by interfering with the blood's ability to carry oxygen -- causing the animal to literally suffocate. Symptoms include: blue gums and mucous membranes, rapid pulse and breathing, muscle tremors, staggering and blindness. Animals usually die 3 or 4 hours after eating contaminated feed.

Nitrate testing will be conducted

at the Wye Research and Education Center in Queen Anne's County. According to Kevin Morrissey, laboratory supervisor, farmers should have test results phoned to them within 24 hours.

"But," he added, "if a producer has sick livestock, we can cut that time to 10 hours -- We will respond to someone who has a problem."

The key to an accurate nitrate analysis, according to Dr. Lester Vough, Extension forage specialist, is collecting a representative feed sample.

To sample corn before harvesting, you should: randomly collect 10 to 20 plants from a field; run them through a chopper, and take a one gallon sub-sample from this mix.

If corn has been cut and baled, take core samples from 18 or 20 bales in each field. Many county Extension offices have sampling tools available for loan.

Collect samples of corn that has been chopped for silage as the silo is being filled. The silage fermentation process can reduce nitrate levels from 20 to 60 percent. But, if analysis of these initial samples indicate high nitrate levels, you should plan to sample again before feeding to livestock.

When sampling silage, be sure to collect grab samples over a period of 3 or 4 days instead of just a surface layer sample -- this will ensure a more accurate analysis.



The Premier Breeder, Walter Brown (left) and Premier Exhibitor, Rick Allen (right) at the Fayette County Holstein Show.