

Snyder Takes Carbon Honors

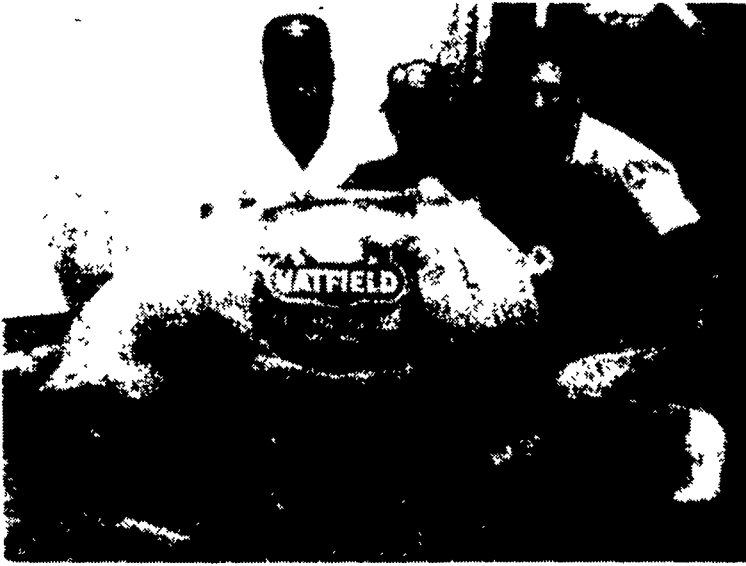
LEHIGHTON — On August 17th the Carbon County 4-H Swine Club held its annual market hog show at the 109th Carbon County Fair. Leighton's Craig Snyder saw his 240-pound light

heavy weight take the grand champion honors, while his pen-of-three was also judged to be the best of the show. Snyder said he was unsure of his chances at the fair but could not have been happy

or with the judges decision. Snyder's hogs, purchased from Arnold's Hog Farm in Lebanon, also topped Thursday's sale. Hatfield Packing Company took home the grand champion for a sale topping \$3.55 per pound. The champion pen-of-three brought 90 cents per pound from successful bidder Arnold's Hog Farm.

After naming the champion, Judge Rod Gilbert, professor and farm manager at Delaware Valley College in Doylestown, went with a duroc cross owned by Kirk Cressley for the reserve champion. Cressley's heavy weight hog was also a member of the reserve champion pen-of-three and was bred by Calvin Lazarus and Sons of Whitehall. Merchants Bank purchased the reserve champion animal, on Thursday, for \$2.75 per pound. Representatives for Merchants Bank said they purchased the hog with the intention of raffling off the pork for the benefit of the Carbon County Easter Seal Society.

Other weight class champions



Tom Moyer of Hatfield Packing, breeder Tom Arnold of Arnold's Hog Farm and Craig Snyder look over Snyder's grand champion Carbon County 4-H market hog. Hatfield purchased the grand champion for \$3.55 per pound.



Kirk Cressley's reserve champion was purchased by Merchants Bank for \$2.75 per pound. Pictured are Cressley, Gary Kuehner of Merchants Bank and Paulene Mertz of the Carbon County Easter Seal Society.

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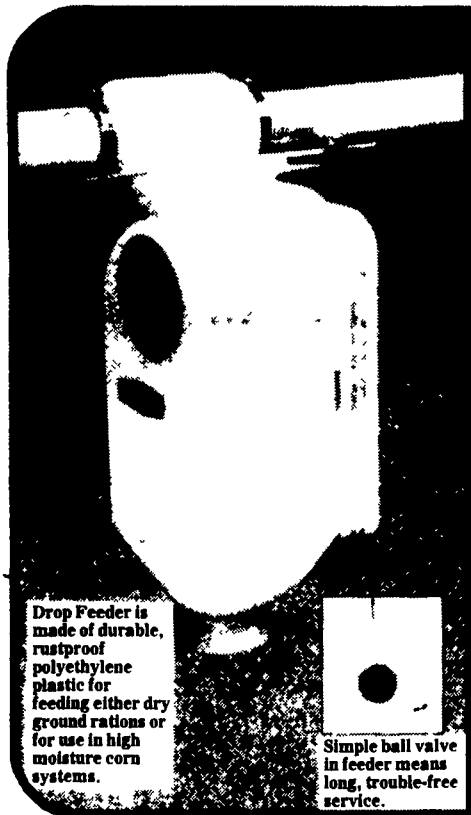
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were exhibited by Travis Steigerwalt in both the medium weight and heavy weight divisions, Heather Green in the heavy medium weight class, Marcy Shoemaker in the heavy light weights, and Laura Steigerwalt in the light weight class.

Thursday's sale average on the 45 head of hogs was 82 cents per pound and 70 cents per pound excluding the grand and reserve champions. Including the grand champions Hatfield Packing Company was the successful bidder on 27 head. Other buyers included the before mentioned Merchants Bank and Arnold's Hog Farm, as well as George's Foodliner of Bethlehem, Kuehner Brothers Farm of Leighton, Snyder Ford Inc. of Leighton, and Farm Credit.



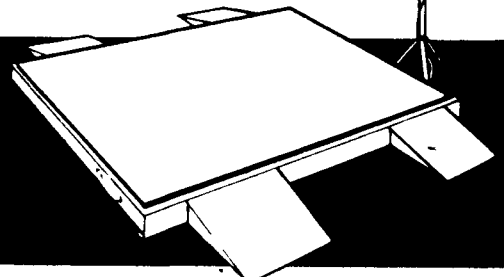
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