Sisters Win Hog Show

ELIZABETHTOWN — A pair of belted Hampshire crossbreds won the Elizabethtown Fair Market Hog Show for a pair of sisters-- Karen and Melissa Becker, daughters of Marlin and Nancy Becker, Manheim R3.

For Karen who had the grand champion from the middleweight division winning was not new since she had won the prestigious junior market hog grand championship at the State Farmshow and also topped the Manheim Farmshow for the last two years.

But for little Melissa this was only her second show, and she maneuvered the heavyweight champion into the reserve grand champion spot under the watchful eye of Judge Keith Bard, a Cambria County hog farmer.

When asked how they keep coming up with these winners, Becker family members said you need to start with a good prospect. The Beckers also keep their entries in an exercise lot rather than on a slanted floor.

Other winners in the opening-night activities included: Tracy Bollinger, champion lightweight; Sharon Haldeman, reserve champion lightweight; Dennis Haldeman, reserve champion middle-

weight and Tayler Stumpf, reserve champion heavyweight. The placings according to Judge Bard are as follows:

Lightweight
187-204
1 Sheldon Heisey 2 Gerald D Swanger 3 Sheldon Heisey
207-212
1 Tracy Bollinger 2 Steven Heisey 3 Heather Haldeman
213-216
1 Shawn Haldeman 2 Steven Heisey 3 Shawn Haldeman
217-218
1 Denise Haldeman 2 Tracy Bollinger 3 Doug Musser
Middleweight
218-221
1 Denise Haldeman 2 Chad Folker 3 Gerald D Swanger
223-226
1 Sheldon Heisey 2 Steven Heisey 3 Chad Folker
226-231
1 Steven Heisey 2 Dwayne S Coble 3 Jeremy A Coble
234-236
1 Karen Becker 2 Gerald M Boyd 3 Jamie Brown
Heavyweight
238-242
1 Jason Miller 2 Melissa Becker 3 Karen Becker
242-245
1 Linda M Baum 2 Brad Wagner 3 Brad Wagner
246-253
1 Melissa Becker 2 Karen Becker 3 Brad Wagner
254-258
1 Tyler Stumpf 2 Melissa Becker 3 Brad Wagner
261-270
1 Linda M Baum 2 Melissa Becker 3 Duane P Swanger

The Becker sisters Karen (left) and Melissa show Judge Keith Bard the grand and reserve grand champion at the Elizabethtown Fair.

Musser Wins First Championship In E-town Beef Show

BY PAT PURCELL

"It's about time," was all Doug Musser had to say as he left the show ring at the Elizabethtown Fair Beef Show on Wednesday night with the grand champion trophy.

"I've been doing this for seven years and this is the first time I won the championship. It's about time," said Musser, the 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Z. Musser of 566 Green Tree Road, Elizabethtown.

For seven years Musser has been raising beef steers in 4-H and FFA as projects and this was his first champion. Musser's time had certainly arrived. As he walked his grand champion, named Beef, to the barn, his second steer was being selected as the reserve champion.

Musser's 1230-pound grand champion is a crossbreed Angus, Chianina, Simmental and Here-

ford. He was bred by Ollie Bennett of Frederick, Md.

Cumberland County extension agent, David Hartman, judged the 15-steer event. Hartman selected the steer because of its excellent height and length and uniformity throughout.

"This steer clearly dominates the group we have here tonight," said Hartman.

This grand champion, although may not have seen the winner's circle before, has been in the spotlight before. Beef made an appearance in the television commercial for Kunzler's all-beef franks a few months ago.

The reserve champion named Buckwheat, weighed in Wednesday night at 1180 pounds. He an Angus-Chianina bred by Fred Frey of Quarryville.

In the showmanship and fitting competition, Dwayne Coble of Dauphin County took the senior

showmanship award in the beef show.

Division 1
Lightweight (610-820)
Michelle Nissley, 2. Derek Nissley, 3. Daryl Coble.
Mediumweight (910-1120)
1. Deb Wogelmuth, 2. Joe Garber, 3. Tim Foreman.
Heavyweight (1135-1195)
1. Doug Musser, 2. Diane Musser, 3. Marsha Dehmay.
Division 2
(Steers to be sold)
1. Doug Musser.
Division 1 Champion
Doug Musser
Grand Champion
Doug Musser
Fitting and Showmanship
Senior
1. Dwayne Coble, 2. Doug Musser, 3. Michele Nissley.
Junior
1. Diane Musser, 2. Deb Wogelmuth, 3. Corey Dehmey.

Ellen Lewis sold her market lamb to Leroy Fox, Fox Markets, Middletown, for a record $7.75 a pound.

Doug Musser with champion steer that sold to Chris Kunzler III for $2.00 a pound. Kunzler also purchased Karen Becker's champion hog for $5.00 a pound.

Doug Musser captured his first grand championship at the Elizabethtown Fair Beef Show with his 1230 steer.

E-town Auction Lamb Sets Record

When the sold was said at the Elizabethtown Fair Livestock Auction, some impressive prices could be reported. At $7.75 a

pound, Ellen Lewis's champion market lamb sold to Fox Markets, Middletown, for a fair record. Willie The Butcher from Stauffers of

Kissel Hill bought the reserve champion lamb shown by Jessica Stoltzfus for $4.50 a pound.

The grand champion steer for Doug Musser was purchased by

Kunzler and Company Inc., Lancaster, for $2.00 a pound. The prize steer had been used for a Kunzler television commercial earlier this year. Chris Kunzler III also bought Karen Becker's supreme champion hog for $5.00 a pound. The reserve champion hog

shown by Melissa Becker was purchased by Hatfield Packing Company at $3.50 a pound.

Average for the 80 hogs in the sale was 87 cents a pound. In the lamb sale 44 head averaged $1.76 a pound. Only one steer the grand champion was sold.