

Steer Brings Record Price At Huntingdon Fair

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Huntingdon — Junior livestock exhibitors ended a busy and successful week at the Huntingdon County Fair with the annual sale held Friday, August 21.

Mark Glick accepted bids from a large crowd on market hogs, lambs, steers, wether goats and a new feature this year - started calves.

Although it was the smallest steer show in years the grand champion steer garnered a record price. John Espy, Tyrone, owner of the 1,250 pound Charlais received \$4.10 per pound from Miller's Diner owned by Paul and Delores Knepp. The Knepp's have been excellent supporters of the junior show for a number of years. They bought last year's champion also \$4.10 is a new record price for steers at the fair.

Scott Whittaker's reserve grand champion was a 1180 pound crossbred steer. Mactown Mini-Mart paid \$3.15 for Scott's steer. This is also a record price for the reserve champion.

The sale's 31 steers averaged 98 cents per pound with the champions included. Last year 45 steers averaged 76 cents per pound.

Although not a record a very good price was paid for the good champion lamb. Eric Hayes' 85 pound champ sold for \$7.25 per pound to Shaw Packing of Newry. They went on and bought many other lambs also.

McDonald's, another avid supporter of the junior sale bought Brandy Horning's 100 pound reserve grand champion for \$5.00 per pound. Last year McDonalds had been the grand champion purchaser.

The average of the lamb sale with 48 lambs and three resales was \$1.07 with grand champion included.

In the swine division, Carol Shultz of James Creek had garnered the grand champion ribbon earlier in the week. Shaw Packing did some champion bidding and received Carol's 245 pound hog for \$4.80 per pound.

Shaw Packing also bought the reserve grand champion. Jenny Speck, Hesston received \$3.00 for her 225 pound pig.

Fifty four pigs were sold for an average of 89 cents per pound.

Tim Symers, Alexandria was the exhibitor of the grand champion wether goat. Tri-County Packing bought the 95 pounder for \$1.50 per pound.

Unitas National Bank bought Ed Sollers' reserve champion for 80



Carol Shultz (left) sold her grand champion hog to Shaw Packing Company represented by Gary and Janice Blakely.



Charles States representing Unitas National Bank bought Rhonda Ford's grand champion started calf.

cents per pound.

Four goats and one resale were sold for an average of 83 cents per pound.

A new project this year received good reviews and will be a continued project. Started calves were shown by a number of members with Rhonda Ford, James Creek, exhibiting the grand champion. Unitas National Bank bought the 345 pound calf for .95 cents per pound.

Lemin Farms bought James

Kling's reserve champion for 90 cents per pound. It weighed 330 pounds.

Ten calves with one resale sold for an average of 82 cents per pound.

Senator Samuel E. Hayes and Dr. Lamarine Hood, dean of the college of Ag at Penn State were on hand for the day's activities. Both complimented the youngsters on their involvement in agriculture.



Claudia Shaw (left) and Janice Blakely representing Shaw Packing Company bought Eric Hayes' grand champion lamb.



Butch Weyandt representing Tri County Packers bought Tim Smyers grand champion wether goat.



Paul and Delores Knepp of Miller's Diner bought John Espy's grand champion steer. John's sister Janie is pictured.

First Year Member Wins Blair Roundup

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MARTINSBURG — Jody Clapper started her 4-H career off right by winning the grand champion award with her steer, "Peter," at the Blair 4-H and FFA Livestock Roundup held Tuesday, August 18.

Jody of Martinsburg, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Clapper was showing a Simmental crossbred steer. It weighed 1150 pounds and was bought later in the day by Giant Eagle Supermarket for \$5.05 per pound.

Keith Brian, a graduate student in animal science at Penn State judged another Simmental-cross owned by another first year member into the reserve champion spot.

Tracy Stock also of Martinsburg was the owner of Cinnamon who weighed 1228 pounds. Hoss' Steak House bought Tracey's steer for \$2.30 a pound.

In junior showing Joe Stitt, Martinsburg, won top honors with a perky Angus. In junior grooming Mark Bailey received the champion trophy.

In the senior division Holli Pheasant won showmanship while John Dowey cleaned up on the grooming competition.

In the swine competition Jeff Frye of Williamsburg had the grand champion with a Duroc gilt named Little Red. Jeff's hog a tall, well structured animal that weighed in at 248 was bought by Hatfield Packing for \$4.80 per

pound. Jeff also won the senior grooming award.

Wesley Metzker, Martinsburg, another first year member won the reserve champion honors. Wesley's spotted barrow weighed 206 pounds and was bought by Giant Eagle Supermarket for \$4.00 per pound. Wesley also won the junior grooming competition.

In junior showmanship Joe Stitt once again walked away with the trophy. Kevin Rhodes won the senior division showmanship award.

Although the number of lambs was down this year, the quality was still there. Roger Stock showed a Suffolk to the grand champion spot. The 104 pound lamb was bred by his cousin, Holli

Pheasant. Shaw Packing Company bought Roger's lamb for \$4.60 per pound.

James Snowberger had the reserve champion lamb. The 118 pound lamb was bought by Ed's

Riverside for \$2.90 per pound. James also won the junior showmanship title.

Tracey Stock, Roger's sister and a first year member won the honor of junior grooming and first year showmanship.

