

Lancaster Farming

Lancaster's Penn Del Farm Has All-American Grand

HARRISBURG — To indicate the prestige of the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show, it was chosen as the site for this year's National Guernsey Show. Extra premiums or special trophies are awarded to many of the class winners at a national show, and a special junior show is held.

LANCASTER COUNTY'S Penn Del Farm of Willow Street exhibited the grand champion female and senior champion female, a three-year-old cow named "Penn Del Vesuvius Glenna." Owned by Ray and Louise Witmer, "Glenna" was also declared the best cow and best udder in the three-year-old class. The Witmers received a special Douglaston Manor Farm Trophy, presented annually by the Pulaski,

New York farm. Glenna was the only animal the Witmers brought to exhibit at the Guernsey Show. "We haven't shown for several years and this is the only animal we brought with us this time. This is the first time she has been out this summer. We had no idea she would go this far today. We just (Turn to Page A44)



Penn Del Farm, owned by Ray and Louise Witmer of Willow Street, Lancaster County exhibited the Guernsey grand champion female at the National Guernsey Show. Penn Del Vesuvius Glenna was also declared the best cow and best udder in the 3-year-old class. Pictured (from left) Ray & Louise Witmer, Sherl Kohler, National Jersey Queen and Peter C. Witmer.



Rebecca Sonnen was crowned 1987-88 Pennsylvania Dairy Princess last Saturday. Forty-two County Dairy Princesses vied for the title at the Marlott Inn, Harrisburg. Look for the complete pageant story on page B18.

Maryland Has Two Top Teams

HARRISBURG — The Francis Scott Key team from Maryland captured first place in the Future Farmers of America team rankings for their judging abilities with 510 points at the PA All-American Invitational Youth Dairy Judging contest. They edged out the California FFA with 1501 points, Madison FFA with 1478 points and Pennsylvania FFA with 1405 points. Held in conjunction with the All-American Dairy Show at the Farm Show complex, the contest offers students the chance to match wits

and dairy judging skill while earning prestige among their national peers. Matt Hoff of New Windsor, Maryland, was the best individual in the FFA competition, scoring a 510 for all breeds in his ability as a future judge. Team members Shane Schwartzbeck of Union Bridge and Scott Staley of Towneytown scored 500 points each for all breeds, along with Toby Soares of the California FFA. By virtue of a mandatory tiebreaker, Soares took third, Schwartzbeck took fourth and Staley took fifth.

Sara Sileira of Merced, California, tied with her neighbor Soares for first place in total reasons, each scoring 47 points, but the tiebreaker showed Sileira to be the winner. Teammate Scott Sherman of Winton placed a close third with 46 points. Maryland had the high-scoring 4-H team, earning 1772 points out of a possible 1950. The Sauk County, Wisconsin, 4-H team placed second with 1765 and the Vermont team was third with 1763 points. Troy Koenig of Bernville, Berks County, was the best judge in the individual 4-H rankings for all breeds, taking 615 points. Kevin Martin of Smithsburg, Maryland, was second with a 607 and Andrew King of Cambridge, Vermont, was third with a 601. Martin also won first place for his reasons, scoring 140 points over teammate Karen Stonesifer of Union Bridge with 139 and Gene Doody of Clearbrook, Virginia, with 135 points. The collegiate judging team from the University of Wisconsin placed first among 19 intercollegiate teams in its ability to judge five breeds of purebred dairy cattle and

- The placings are as follows:
- FFA — Lightweight 1 Anita Meck, 2 John Ressler, 3 Jay Harnish Middleweight 1 Mona Becker 2 Dannel Hess, 3 Tom Barley Heavyweight 1 Scott Breneman, 2 Harold Barley, 3 Barry Harnish FFA Champion — Mona Becker Reserve — Scott Breneman 4 H — Lightweight 1 Julie Greider, 2 Robert Rush, 3 Kurt Weaver Middleweight 1 Vicky Hess, 2 Kreg Weaver, 3 Lloyd Reiff Heavyweight 1 Patti Greider, 2 Jay Hess, 3 Dwan Livingood 4 H Champion — Julie Greider Reserve — Vicky Hess Grand Champion — Julie Greider Reserve — Vicky Hess Showmanship — Senior Champion Julie Greider Intermediate Champion Vicky Hess Junior Champion Kenneth Shelleneger

Lampeter Steer Winners Named

Oscar, the 1140-pound steer shown by Julie Greider, daughter of C. Robert and Marian Greider of Columbia, was named Grand Champion Steer of the Lampeter Fair Wednesday night. Julie, 17, has been raising steers since she was 9, and considers Oscar the best she's ever had. The Reserve Grand Champion Steer was shown by Vicky Hess, daughter of Abe and Janie Hess of Conestoga. Her Angus, Albert, weighs 1160 pounds and is her second champion.

Century Farms Needed

LANCASTER — Lancaster County Extension Agent Jay Irwin has announced that applications for Lancaster County Century Farm nominations are still being accepted by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. "To qualify as a Century Farm, the farm must have been owned by the same family for 100 consecutive years," said Irwin. "A family member must currently live on the farm," he added, "and the farm must consist of at least 10 acres of the original holding, OR gross over \$1,000 annually from the sale of farm products." Lancaster County currently has 92 registered Century Farms. Fifty-five farm families in the Commonwealth have been designated as owners of official Pen-

nsylvania Century Farms during the second half of 1986, bringing the state's total to 1,087. Century Farm information and applications may be obtained from the Lancaster County Extension Service, 1383 Arcadia Road, Room 1, Lancaster, PA 17601, or from the Department of Agriculture, Press Office, 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110. Irwin said that Century Farm nominees whose applications are processed prior to October 31 will be honored at the Lancaster County Farm-City Banquet in November. The Cooperative Extension Service is an affirmative action, equal opportunity educational institution.

Holstein Sale Has \$20,000 Top

HARRISBURG — The first cow in the ring here Thursday evening at the 24th All-American Holstein Sale was number one in the catalog and brought \$20,000. The mostly white Very Good Bell daughter Shpii Bell Peg-ET out of the 3E92 GMD Elkson Glendell Pioneer was consigned by Elvree Farm, Slate Hill, New York, and sold to Steve Smith and Chester Crosby from Topshani, Vermont. The second high price of \$6,500

came from another New York consignment by George Morgan of Walton and sold to A. Lifceder, Bowman, South Carolina. This was a rotate heifer out of a Jetson daughter. At \$5,000 was the unborn ET Choice Of Nine by SWD Valiant for Bossir Glenn-Valley Starlight A1 out of the 3E94 GMD Walkup Astronaut Lou Ann. This Astronaut daughter has seven milking daughters all Very Good or Excel-