

First Jr. Dairyman Contest Posts Winners

HARRISBURG — Recognizing that our youth are the future of the dairy industry, show management added a new activity for young competitors to this year's 24th Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show. The first annual Junior Dairyman Contest, held Tuesday at the Farm Show Complex, was established as an educational activity for 4-H and FFA members from across the country.

The Conrad Weiser FFA from BERKS COUNTY captured first place in the overall FFA team competition, scoring 902 points and earning \$50 and a trophy for their efforts. Team members included the newly crowned Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Becky Sonnen from Richland, Chris Blatt, Dave Wolfskill and Kay Fessler, all from Robesonia. The Tyrone Area FFA placed second with 856 points, good for \$40, followed by

the Elizabethtown FFA and the Madison County FFA from Indiana.

The Milksquirts 4-H Club from SOMERSET COUNTY scored 827 points to win the overall 4-H team competition, earning \$50 and a trophy. Team members included Jennifer Brown of Garrett, Jennifer Welch, Matthew Welch and Thad Will, all from Berlin. The Udder Half 4-H from New York finished second with 809 points and the CRAWFORD COUNTY 4-H Club placed third with 765 points.

Julie Walbert from the Howard County 4-H Club in Maryland was the highest scorer in the overall individual competition, earning \$100. Tom McCauley from Elizabethtown, LANCASTER COUNTY, placed second; Karen Fessler from the Conrad Weiser FFA, BERKS COUNTY, placed

third and club mate David Wolfskill placed fourth; Abe Harpster from the Tyrone Area FFA placed fifth.

Individual state awards were also presented to the high scorers in each of the three categories. Tom McCauley was Pennsylvania's high individual overall, Conrad Weiser was the high scoring team in the Pennsylvania FFA division and the Milksquirts captured first place in Pennsylvania's 4-H division. State awards also went to contestants from Maine, Indiana, New York, New Jersey and Maryland.

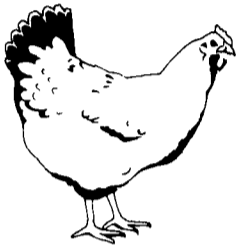
Competitors were quizzed on knowledge of ten classes covering dairy judging of cows and heifers, meats identification, feed identification, forage identification and evaluation, milking systems, dairy products, dairy marketing, dairy management and pedigree evalua-

tion. Contestants were then interviewed by a panel of judges and could score extra points for their understanding and knowledge of the questions, ability to respond orally to questions and express their thoughts clearly, and the accuracy of their answers.

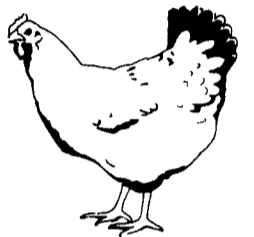
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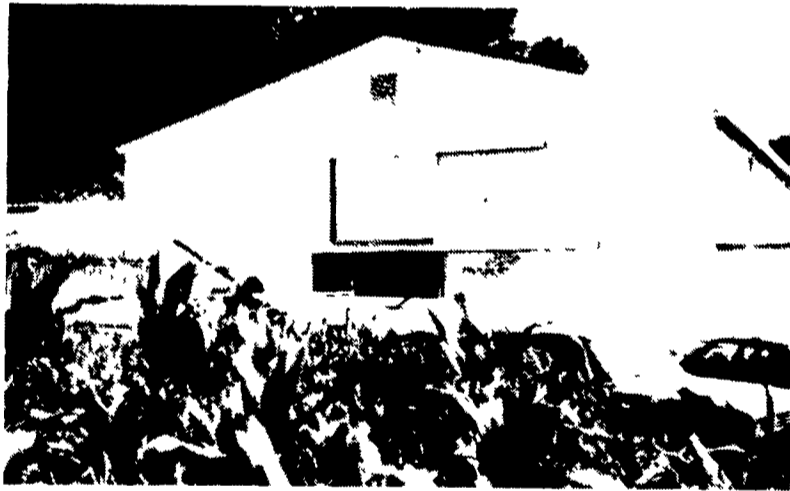
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