

## PA 4-H Horse Show Winners Named

**Berks County**  
Three Berks County 4-H horse and pony club members were named grand champions in classes

at the 28th Annual Pennsylvania State 4-H Horse Show in Harrisburg.

Brett Shorley placed first in the

Arabian yearling colts and geldings class, as well as taking eighth place in the western pleasure ponies class. Jody Nester won first place in the half-Arabian fillies of 1987 class. Mark Runge took first place in the clover leaf barrel race pony competition, and also placed ninth in the pole bending pony class.

Other Berks County 4-H members placing at the show were: Nichole Swavely, second place in the Appaloosa yearling and 2-year-old colts class; Angie Zeller, who placed third in the Quarter Horse fillies of 1987 class, third in the Quarter Horse 2-year-old geldings class; fourth in the stock seat equitation junior division, and seventh in western pleasure horses class; Tina Brabant, who placed third in the western pleasure horses class, fourth in the Quarter Horse yearling fillies class; eighth in stock seat equitation senior division, and ninth in grooming and showmanship for ages 13 to 15; Jody L. Gehret, third in 2-year-old western pleasure futurity class; Beth Dorward, fifth in the pole bending horse class; Lisa Stuffle, eighth in the pleasure driving horse class; Lynn Dorward, eighth in the western pleasure ponies class, and Kristen Barneborg, ninth in the western pleasure ponies class.

### Bucks Co.

Erik Takacs, 14, Saucon Park, Bucks County recently took first place in the pleasure driving pony class at the 28th Annual Pennsylvania State 4-H Horse Show in Harrisburg, with his pony Glenview Dawn.

Other Bucks County 4-H members placing at the show were: Susan Donnell, second place, hunter seat equitation (not over jumps) senior division, and also fifth place, hunter horses under saddle; Jacqueline Gentile, third place, hunter ponies under saddle; Elizabeth Miller, sixth place, hunter back ponies, and Barbara Mulholland, seventh place, hunter seat equitation (not over jumps) junior division.

### Chester Co.

Three Chester County 4-H members recently were named grand champions in classes at the 28th Annual Pennsylvania State 4-H Horse Show in Harrisburg.

Rachael James won first place in two classes, hunter seat equitation junior division and working hunter ponies. Kristin Severson took first place in the working hunter ponies class, sixth place in hunter seat equitation over jumps junior division, and seventh place in hunter horses under saddle. Erlend Neumann won first place in the hunter type horse yearling geldings class.

Other Chester County 4-H horse and pony club members placing at the show were: Kristen Hill, second place in hunter type horse yearling geldings class; Tracey Weigel, third place in the hunter type horse yearling fillies class; Allison DiStefano, fourth in the hunter seat equitation over jumps senior division; Leigh Ann Brown, fourth place in the draft horse futurity class, and Amber Reed, ninth in the raised box keyhole horse class.

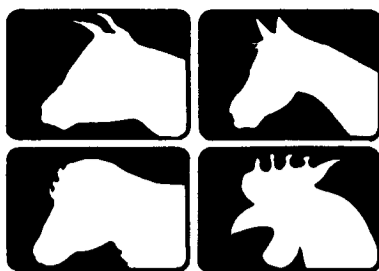
### Lancaster County

Five Lancaster County 4-H members recently took grand champion honors at the 28th Annual Pennsylvania State 4-H Horse Show in Harrisburg.

Tammy E. Long and Alison Farington together took first place in the pleasure pairs class. Tammy also took first place in the Paint fillies of 1987 class and the groom-

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ing and showmanship class for ages 16 and older. Tammy, Alison and Derek Momberger placed second in the county team competition. Tammy also placed ninth in the stock seat equitation senior division, and 10th in western riding.

Alison placed third in the Appaloosa yearling and 2-year old colts class, sixth in the pleasure driving horse class, seventh in the open trail horse class, and ninth in the hunter hack horse class.

Shawn Eberly took first place in the Paint colts of 1987 class, eighth in the western pleasure horse class, and 10th in the open trail horse class. Jessica Lynn Watts placed first in the Quarter Horse fillies of 1987 class and sixth place in the Quarter Horse colts of 1987 class. Daniel Mahon won first place in the western pleasure pony class.

Other County 4-H horse and pony club members placing at the show were: Kristy Frybarger, second in the hunter type horse yearling fillies class; Missy Overbaugh, third place in the hunter horses under saddle class; Wayne Stoltzfus, third place in the clover leaf barrel race class; Philip Eberly, sixth place in the Quarter Horse fillies of 1987 class; Chris Miller, seventh in the raised box keyhole horse class, and Derek Bomberger, eighth in the raised box keyhole horse class.

### Luzerne Co.

Twelve Luzerne County 4-H members received awards at the recently held State 4-H Horse Show in Harrisburg. To compete in the state show, members and

their horses must qualify at the county and district levels.

Luzerne County 4-H horse and pony club members placing at the show were: Kelly Bobeck, Dallas, third place in hunter seat equitation, junior division; Laurie Barna, Dallas, third place in hunter seat equitation, over jumps, junior division; Melissa Redmond, Harvey's Lake, fourth place in hunter seat equitation, junior division; Melanie Raspen, Hunlock Creek, sixth place in the 3-year-old English futurity and ninth place in the stock seat equitation, junior division; Leah Garlan, Pittston, ninth place in the working hunter pony class; and Christy Campbell, Hunlock Creek, 10th place in the stock seat equitation, senior division. Receiving participation ribbons were: Joanne Boyle, Dene Stull, and Joanne Tregaskis, Dallas; Kelly Ford, Hanover Township; Marla Parente, Harvey's Lake; Bryan Taylor, Sweet Valley.

### Montgomery Co.

Two Montgomery County 4-H members recently won state championship honors at the 28th Annual Pennsylvania State 4-H Horse Show in Harrisburg.

Jennie Vigliano of Lansdale won first place in Hunter Seat Equitation, Senior division. Kelly Ann Zero of Harleysville took first place in the Hunter Hack Horse class, as well as winning fourth place in the Hunter Horses under Saddle and seventh place in Hunter Seat Equitation Over Jumps, Senior division.

Michele Roth of Montgomery County also placed ninth in the Working Hunter Horses class.

## Shorthorn Activities Planned In Colorado

The National Western Stock Show, set for January in Denver, Colo., will be the site of the annual meeting of the American Shorthorn Association (A.S.A.) and the 1987 National Shorthorn Show, according to Dr. Roger E. Hunsley, executive secretary-treasurer of A.S.A.

The four-day Shorthorn event, Jan. 14 through Jan. 17, 1988, will include the election of A.S.A. officers and three board of directors, selection of a new national Lassie queen, announcement of winners of the Century Club and Sire of the Year awards, pen shows and several social activities; according to Kent Jaecke, A.S.A. activities director.

Steve McGill, A.S.A. junior activities director said there will also be many events for the juniors including market beef showmanship and a junior Shorthorn heifer show.

Recipients of a number of scholarships, as well as the Junior Breeder award, will be announced. McGill, also director of the SPR (Shorthorn Performance Records) program, said the high performing females and bulls from the SPR

program will be announced during the Denver events too.

One highlight during the four-day event will be the National Seedstock Special Edition VI Show and Sale. The show of the sale cattle will be on Jan. 14 at 11 a.m. in the stadium arena while the sale, set for Jan. 16 at 1 p.m., will be in the Beef Palace Auction Arena. Hunsley said many of the top herds in the nation and Canada have consigned the finest Shorthorn genetics to this sale.

The finale of the Shorthorn event will be the National Shorthorn Show, billed as the '87 National, on Jan. 17. Hunsley, Jaecke and McGill all agreed the '87 National will consist of the best Shorthorns from across the United States. Hunsley added, "The Shorthorn breed has traditionally provided one of the highest quality shows at the National Western and this year will be no different."

Stouffer Concourse Hotel in Denver will serve as headquarters for the A.S.A. during the event. Reservations must be made through the A.S.A., 8288 Hascall St., Omaha, Ne. 68124, before Dec. 18.

## Beef Briefs

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### Beef Cattle Gleanings

For the past 15 months, and since the retirement of Penn State Extension Beef Specialist Dr. Les Burdette, I've had the good opportunity to be the author of "Beef Briefs" and have really enjoyed writing educational, informative messages to fellow cattlemen. I certainly appreciated hearing comments from so many of you in regards to the various topics that I presented. Of special enjoyment was placing third among my Extension peers in the personal column category of our State County Agent's Association communications awards program, with my article about "August -- Stress Time for Beef Cattle."

Now, I bring you good news and bad news. First... the bad news. This will be my last "Beef Briefs" column in Lancaster Farming. The good news is that Penn State has hired a new Extension Beef Specialist, Dr. John Comerford, who will continue the monthly column for beef cattle enthusiasts. I will resume writing the "Livestock Ledger" column for producers and feeders of beef, sheep, and swine.

Dr. Comerford comes to Pennsylvania from Georgia, but also worked in Missouri as an Extension Livestock Specialist. Just recently, I introduced him to Lancaster County, with a whirlwind tour of our cattle feeding industry, which included stops at the Lancaster Stockyards, New Holland Sales Stables, and a variety of feedlot operations. Dr. Comerford is certainly a welcomed addition to our Extension staff and is eager to work with everyone associated with the beef cattle industry in Pennsylvania. I already have him signed up along with Lou Moore, Penn State Ag Economist to speak at the Lancaster County Cattle Feeder's Day on February 2, 1988.

In my last writing, I thought I might leave you with some recent gleanings from the cattle industry. Beginning with the steer, I recently read a headline that indicated that show and feedlot steers are now reaching a similar level for the first time in at least the last half decade. Translated, that means to look for champion steers that are trending downward in both height and weight to around 52 to 56 inches and 1100 to 1275 pounds, respectively. Also judges will continue to look for more emphasis on muscle, nothing other than yield grades 1 and 2, and fat cover in the range of 0.25 to 0.4 inches. Steer shows will probably never exactly match the world of the feedlot but by putting more emphasis on muscle, I think we've gotten a little more in tune with what is going on.

New data summarizing the net consumption of meats show that beef continues to be the leader by a

wide margin and in no danger of being overtaken by poultry anytime soon. According to the data, Americans consumed an average 76.9 lbs. of beef and veal in 1986, but only 51.1 lbs. of chicken and turkey. That's a difference of 25.8 lbs. In the battle between beef and chicken specifically, the margin is even greater. Beef consumption in 1986 was 75.3 lbs. and chicken was 41.3 lbs., a difference of 34 lbs. Based on recent trends, it will be some time before poultry consumption can logically surpass beef.

USDA's approval of the new Select name for the Good beef grade opens up future marketing possibilities, but only if the name catches on with consumers and retailers. The new name, which becomes effective November 23, is supposed to provide a more positive image to the good grade of beef, and to consumers who want leaner cuts. Good/Select contains less fat than Choice and accounts for only 1 percent of graded beef or 344 million pounds. Some 50 percent is graded Choice, and 2 percent Prime.

Profits in cattle feeding are determined by three factors in a single equation: profit = (sale price x sale weight) - cost of feeder - cost of grain. Since the sale price is not known at the time of purchase, cattle feeder usually make feeder cattle buying decisions in the expected breakeven sale price needed at various feeder cattle purchase prices to cover feed and overhead costs. Midwest feeders have been bidding steer calves in the 80's or more and yearling steers in the high 70's which gives a breakeven to cover feed costs in the low 60's and to cover all costs in the high 60's. At current market prices and outlook for winter and spring, they apparently are making the decision to feed cattle at near breakeven, which gives market price for feed with a chance for more if the market strengthens.

And one final note of trivia... although America is the world leader in the beef industry, no breed of cattle is native to this country. Historians believe the Vikings first brought cattle to the Americas nearly 1000 years ago. United States cattle are now the source of superior genetics and as a result they are exported in large numbers throughout the world. American cattle were imported into this country, their traits were improved and now they are being exported to improve the native cattle of other lands. The journey of cattle in and out of this country has completed a circle. The circle from retired Beef Specialist to newly hired Beef Specialist has also been completed. I enjoyed being your host the past 15 months.

