

Livestock Ledger

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This week, I return to my "Livestock Ledger" column after a two-year stint writing "Beef Briefs" in the absence of a Penn State Extension Beef Specialist. Now that Dr. John Comerford has filled this specialist void, I can resume writing about all phases of livestock production; providing readers with educational ideas, helpful hints, and up-to-date research findings.

I began the "Livestock Ledger" column after eighteen months on the staff at the Lancaster Extension Office. I marveled at the staggering numbers of livestock...285,000 hogs, 270,000 head of cattle and calves and 5,700 sheep. It has now been nearly six years as Extension Livestock Agent in Lancaster and the cattle numbers are nearly the same, while hog numbers have increased to over 340,000 and sheep at 6,000 head. Livestock production agriculture continues to grow in and around the county, along with the problems of manure management, water quality, and farmland preservation.

Our 4-H livestock youth programs continue to remain strong, as evidenced by continued membership growth and leadership development. Again, as in 1984, I enjoyed traveling with the Pennsylvania 4-H Livestock Judging Team on their educational and competitive tour to the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest in Louisville, KY.

The tour included contests in

Springfield, MA; Richmond, VA; Timonium, MD, and our own State Capital, Harrisburg in preparation for the National event. The team placed first at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition and fifteenth overall at the National Contest out of 34 teams nationwide. In beef judging the team placed ninth and tied for second in performance beef judging. As usual, the contest was well organized and professionally operated.

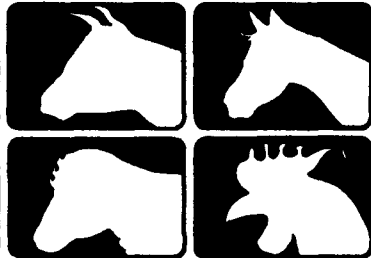
I am certainly proud of the accomplishments of the Pennsylvania team, but more than that, I am especially complimentary of their professionalism, neatness, willingness to work, and desire to achieve. I firmly believe that our 4-H program and its volunteer leaders build these special characteristics in our young people. I express my thanks to the parents of these team members for their trust and support during our contests and practices. Of special recognition are those who donated monies to our travel fund to make our trips both comfortable and enjoyable.

My hat is off to the 1987 Pennsylvania Livestock Judging Team...Joe Garber of Marietta, Ellen Lewis of Mount Joy, Tricia Musser of Elizabethtown, and Emily Weaver of Ephrata. I wish them the best in their future and endeavors and am sure their experiences will long be remembered.

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The Cumberland County 4-H Beef and Lamb Roundup was held recently at the Carlisle Livestock Market. Stacy Suffel, Carlisle exhibited the sale champion market lamb. Jim DeGaetano, representing the Carlisle Livestock Market, presents the Champion Trophy. Farmer's Trust Company of Carlisle purchased the lamb for \$2.60 per pound.



DS Ms Sculptor 515 and her March bull calf topped the Polled Hereford cow-calf competition at the North American International Livestock Expo. The pair was shown by Dennis Stockdale of Dayton, Pa. The Polled Hereford Standard of Perfection (SOP) Show was held Nov. 18 in Louisville, Ky.

Seniors Top Polled Hereford Show

LOUISVILLE, KY. — Senior division Polled Hereford champions dominated the competition at the North American International Livestock Expo. Lining up the 153 entries at the Polled Hereford Standard of Perfection (SOP) Show was Jim Strawn of Ft. Payne, Ala. The event was held Nov. 18 in Louisville, Ky.

WOW Monica 60R 774T and SR GD Blarneystone T38 were paraded around the winner's circle after topping the senior divisions and then being named grand champions. Whip-O-Will Farm of Mocksville, N.C., led Monica, a September '85 daughter of HH Jedi 60R, to the grand champion heifer title. In the 58-head bull competition, Blarneystone came out on top for Shamrock Polled Herefords, Santa Monica, Calif.; Euer Hereford Ranch, Folsom, Calif., and Gerald Dalrymple, Pacific Palisades, Calif. Their winner is a March '85 son of Enforcer 107H.

Mohican Polled Hereford Farms, Glenmont, Ohio, received the junior calf and reserve grand champion heifer banner on Sara 414W. The FCF Magic 433 daughter was calved in January. A TOP MSU Knight Ryder son captured the junior calf and reserve grand champion bull honors. 5E SF 4WF 38 Special was the winning entry of Julie, Jeff and Jay Evans, Winona, Miss.; Skaggs Farms, Hernando, Miss.; Four Winds Farm, Berlin, Conn., and The Special Group. He was calved

in March.

The champion cow-calf pair at the show included DS Ms Sculptor 515 and her March bull calf, DS Butler 707. The April '85 dam and her calf were exhibited by Dennis Stockdale of Dayton, Pa. Bringing in the reserve champion cow-calf pair was Hidden Hills Farm, Cheshire, Conn. The farm's reserve duo included DVM Valley Girl 57T and her August bull calf, DVM Vals Premier 47W.

In group competition ICS Farms, Williamstown, Vt., received the get-of-sire and calf get-of-sire awards on TOP MSU Knight Ryder. The first place best-six-head belonged to ACE Polled Herefords, Millbrook, N.Y.

Other divisional winners and their owners included:

Reserve Senior Champion Heifer: Hidden Valley Farms, Arlington, Wash., on HVF Highlite 186P 279U, by WSF Mainstream 186P.

Junior Champion Heifer: Rogue River Ranch, Central Point, Ore., on BT Victress 518U, by PRL BT Hi Fi 881R.

Reserve Junior Champion Heifer: Someday Farm, Libertytown, Md., on GK LW Jet Spirit, by Klondike Banner 469L.

Senior Calf Champion Heifer: JF Ranch, Greeneville, Tenn.; Bluehills Farms, Georgeville, Que.; Holly Creek Farm, Tyrone, Ga., and Thompson Group Farms, Mableton, Ga., on JFR My Foolish Heart 11U, by TNJ Transform of Voltage.

Reserve Senior Calf Champion

Heifer: Four Winds and Wahachie Creek Farm, Elberton, Ga., on 4WF Avalanche 54U, by FCF Magic 433.

Reserve Junior Calf Champion Heifer: Remitall Cattle Co., Olds, Alta.; Anderson Pastoral Co., Queensland, Australia, and Dava-da Park, New South Wales, Australia, on BT LW Juno 404W, by BT Mohican Tradition 530.

Reserve Senior Champion Bull: ACE and COB Farm, Oxford, Maine, on Alfa, by EHR Giant Sundance 108P.

Junior Champion Bull: ACE; Mohican; Big T Ranch, Ashland, Ohio; Slocum Farms, New Haven, Mo., and Master Key Place, Fulton, Mo., on ACE Mohican Centaur 147U, by MKP GK Blastoff.

Reserve Junior Champion Bull: Rabb Bros. Ranch, Woodlake, Calif., and Glenkirk Farms, Mayville, Mo., on RB Stamina 719U, by Determination 15G.

Senior Calf Champion Bull: ACE; Mohican; Pine Ridge Farm, Spring Glen, N.Y., and Cottonwood Farms, Oklahoma City, Okla., on ACE Mohican Talisman, by FCF Magic 433.

Reserve Senior Calf Champion Bull: R.S. Matson, Schulenburg, Texas, on QRR Equalizer 6247, by Empires Equalizer 400R.

Reserve Junior Calf Champion Bull: Charles E. Boyd & Son, Mays Lick, Ky., and C. Richard Smith, Louisville, Ky., on Boyd Alydar, by MKP GK Blastoff.

Cumberland County 4-H Sale

CARLISLE — The Cumberland County 4-H Beef and Lamb Clubs held their annual Roundup and Sale on Tuesday, November 10, 1987 at the Carlisle Livestock Market. The steers sold for an average of \$0.72 per pound while lambs averaged \$1.04 per pound. Bill Holloway of York was the judge for the event.

Hoss's Steak and Sea House, Mechanicsburg, purchased Kim Hopples' 1265 pound grand champion steer for \$2.10 per pound. Hoss's also purchased Stacy Suffel's 1250 pound reserve champion steer for \$1.58 per pound.

The champion market lamb exhibited by Stacy Suffel sold for \$2.60 per pound to Farmer's Trust Company of Carlisle. The champion lamb was purchased from B & B Livestock Co., Danville, Ohio. Wenger Beef Farms purchased

Julie Walker's reserve champion market lamb for \$1.55 per pound. Michael Comman exhibited the champion pair of market lambs, which sold for \$1.30 per pound to J.A. Hargleroad of Shippensburg.

Other steer buyers included: Western Sizzlin' Steak House, Souder's Feed and Grain, The Country Butcher Shop, and CCNB Bank - New Oxford.

Lamb buyers included: The Country Butcher Shop, Gladview Dorsets, Paul Wynn, York Farm Credit Service, Chester Raudabaugh Plumbing & Heating, CCNB Bank - New Oxford, Harold Bixler, Huntsdale Stock Farm, Rillo's Restaurant, John Broujos, Ray Knaub, Cummingsville Farm, Fred Potteiger, Hulse Associates, Souders Feed & Grain, Andrew Souders, Peterman Farm Equipment, Paul Shover's Farm Equipment, Mountain View Nursery, St.

Charles Restaurant, and Little John's Family Restaurant.

Sale Champion trophies were donated by the Carlisle Livestock Market. Champion Banners were sponsored by Agway, Inc., Carlisle and Locust Point Quarries, Mechanicsburg. The plaque for Champion Pair of Market Lambs was sponsored by Dennin Optiks, Carlisle.

Beef Roundup Results

The 1987 County Beef Champion was Kim Hopple. Eric Berkheimer showed the reserve county beef champion. Showmanship winners were: junior champion - Eric Berkheimer; intermediate champion - Stacy Suffel; senior champion - Kim Hopple. These members will receive plaques from the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce. Ribbons were sponsored by Shirley Suffel, Carlisle,

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