

Venango County Steer Sets Fair Sale Record

FRANKLIN (Venango) — A simmental steer, selected for grand championship honors at the Venango County Fair, brought distinction to its young 4-H owner, Joshua Smith, and it also set a fair record at the livestock sale held in Philips Arena.

With lively bidding the 1,314-pound steer commanded \$5 a pound from Hoss's Steak and Sea House, for a grand total of \$6,570. The previous fair record for a steer was \$3.30, showing a handsome \$1.70 increase in the top price.

The reserve grand champion steer was a simmental/angus cross weighing 1,210 pounds, owned by Jeff Etzel. Farrell Golden Dawn made the top bid of \$2.40 a pound.

George McQuiston owned the

grand champion market lamb, weighing 122 pounds, receiving \$5.25 from Farrell Golden Dawn for that animal.

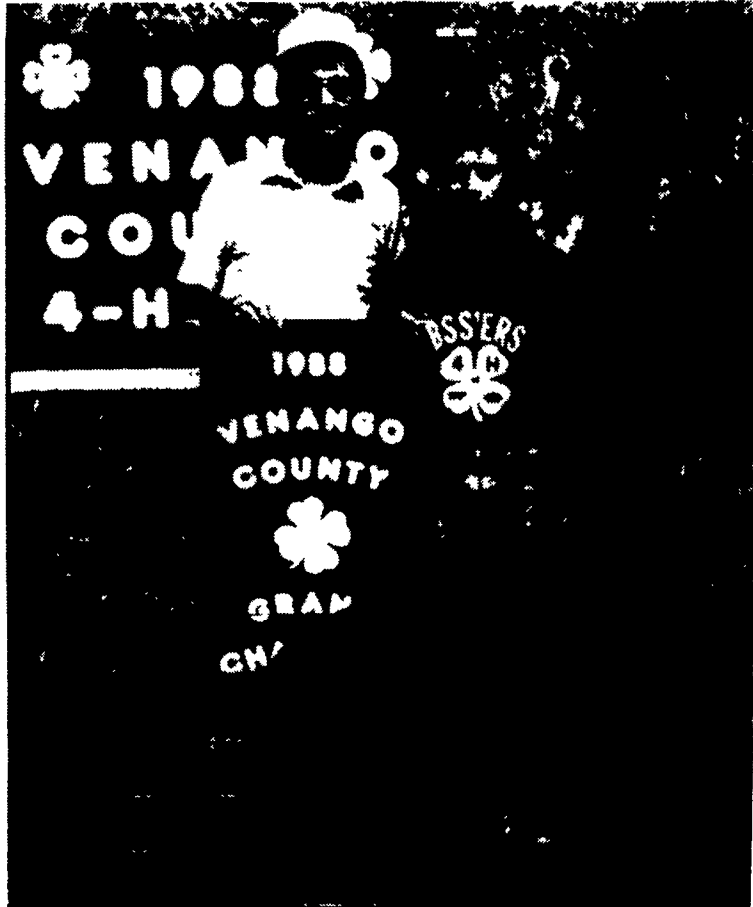
April McQuiston, owner of the reserve champion 114-pound lamb, sold it to Oil City Agway for \$4.25 a pound.

The top pairs of lambs from the fair also were auctioned. Jessica Deets' grand champion pair weighed 209 pounds and went to D.J. Cheresnowski of Ski's Market, Clintonville, for \$3 a pound. The reserve champion pair, weighing 220 pounds and owned by Chad Reitz, was bought by Pennsy Auto Parts for \$2.50 a pound.

Cory Yurkanin's top hog, weighing 240 pounds, went to Farrell Golden Dawn for \$3.01 a



Bringing a sale record of \$5 per pound, the grand champion steer owned by Joshua Smith, second from right, went to Hoss' Steak & Sea House. The total price for the steer was \$6,570.



The grand champion hog showed by Cory Yurkanin, right, sold to Farrell Golden Dawn for \$3.01 per pound.

York County Swine Sale

YORK — Breeding stock and 50 Farm Show-age pigs will be sold at the Pride of York County Swine Sale on Saturday, Septem-

ber 17 at 12:30. The sale, held at the York County Fairgrounds, features all swine breeds. For more information, contact Dave Holloway at 717/235-6966.

Montgomery County Champion 4-H Steer



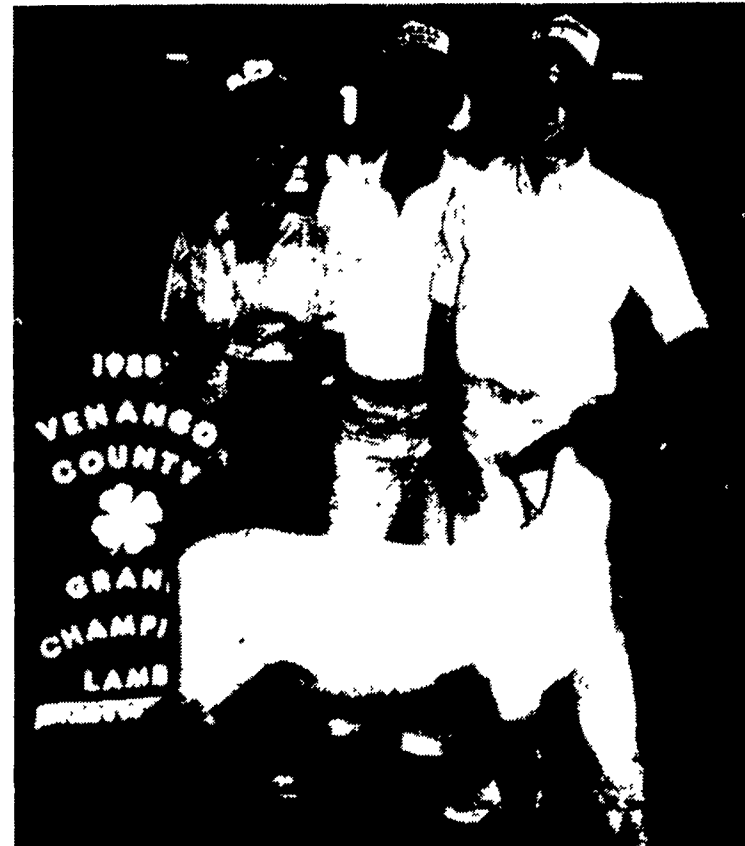
The champion steer at the Montgomery County 4-H Fair was exhibited by Dan Cochran of Collegeville. Also picture, from left, are Doug Mentzer of Royersford, 4-H club leader, and Steve McMahon of Green Lane, herdman at Erdenheim Farms and judge for the show.

pound. Misty Shuffstall's 253-pound reserve champion was sold to Mowry's Meat in Sandy Lake for \$2 a pound.

Although the top steer price set a record, the general run of prices was down a little from previous years.

A partial list of show results follows.

- Grand Champion Steer
Joshua Smith
- Reserve Gr. Champion Steer
Jeff Etzel
- Grand Champion Market Hog
Cory Yurkanin
- Reserve Grand Champion Market Hog
Misty Shuffstall
- Grand Champion Market Lamb
George McQuiston
- Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb
April McQuiston
- Grand Champion Pair of Lambs
Jessica Deets
- Reserve Grand Champion Pair of Lambs
Chad Reitz



George McQuiston, right, sold his grand champion market lamb at the Venango County Fair to Farrell Golden Dawn.

Washington County Hog Brings \$4.10 Bid

WASHINGTON, CO. - W.R. Sellers Hog Buying Station of Greencastle, presented Kevin Martin of Smithsburg, Maryland a unique birthday present when they purchased his grand champion hog for \$4.10 per pound at the sale of champions of the Washington County Ag Expo. For Kevin, this was both a happy as well as sad 19th birthday. It marks the end of his very successful hog showing career in 4-H.

On the night before the sale, Kevin had once again captured the grand champion fitting and showing trophy. This was the tenth time Kevin won grand champion fitting and showing in the Swine Show. Kevin has been undefeated since his last year as a junior 4-H member.

When asked how he goes about selecting a hog for fitting and showing, he said, "I like to pick one that is easy to handle and that will clean up good. Most of the pigs I have shown were farrowed on our farm, but this year, I picked Hamp pig that was purchased at the Greencastle Feeder Pig sale."

During his 4-H career, Kevin has been in the winner's circle more often than not and wishes to thank the many businesses that have made his hog showing days happy as well as profitable.



The grand champion hog at the Washington County Ag Expo was shown by Kevin Martin, who sold it for \$4.10 per pound to W.R. Sellers Hog Buying Station in Greencastle.