

# Cressley Regains Carbon County Hog Honors

LEHIGHTON (Carbon) — Kirk Cressley of Lehighton continued a winning tradition as his 254-pound crossbred market hog took top honors at the 110th Carbon County Fair. Cressley took the top honors two years ago and, after dropping

to the reserve champion last year, he paraded his Duroc crossbred by Calvin Lazarus & Sons of Lehigh County, into the top spot last Monday, August 22.

Cressley also exhibited the grand champion pen-of-three, the

grand champion lightweight, and second-place heavyweight animals. Cressley's grand champion topped Thursday's sale with successful bidder Hatfield Packing Company paying \$2.50 per pound. Farm Credit then paid \$.95 per pound for the two remaining hogs from Cressley's grand champion pen-of-three.

For reserve champion Judge Dave Hartman went with a 222-pound barrow shown by Deanna Miller. Miller's medium-weight champion brought a \$2.30 per pound price on Thursday and was purchased by Arnold's Hog Farm of Lebanon.

Other weight class champions included Kelly Wentz in the heavy lightweight and heavy medium-weight classes and Cory Wentz in the heavyweight class.

Champion fitter honors went to Heather Green with reserve going to Kirk Cressley. In showmanship Kelly Wentz, in her last year of 4-H, took the top spot with Cory Wentz claiming the reserve.

The August 25 sale saw 35 head go through the sale ring with an average price per pound of \$.76



Kirk Cressley's grand champion Carbon County 4-H market hog was purchased by Jerry Clemons of Hatfield Packing Company for \$2.50 per pound.



Larry Arnold of Arnold's Hog Farm was the successful bidder on the reserve champion shown by Deanna Miller.

and \$.65 per pound average excluding the grand and reserve champions. Including the grand champion Hatfield Packing Company was successful bidder on 18 head. Other buyers included Arnold's Hog Farm, George's Foodliner, Farm Credit, Raber Farms, Lazarus Farm Market, Brown Feeds, and Kuehner Brothers Farm.

## McKeehan Retires From Penn State

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— James J. McKeehan, regional director for the Southeast Region of Penn State Cooperative Extension, retired from Penn State July 18 concluding a 36-year career.

As regional director, McKeehan coordinated the personnel, budget and programs for 16 southeast counties.

Just a month after earning a bachelor's degree in dairy science from Penn State, he began his extension career as assistant county agricultural agent in Erie County. His father, James E. McKeehan, was then county agent in Wayne County. They were the first father-son team of county agents since cooperative extension began in 1914 in Pennsylvania.

In Erie County McKeehan was active in many phases of the extension education programming including dairy, livestock, poultry, fruit, ornamentals and 4-H youth. In 1956 he was promoted from assistant to associate agent, then in 1958 he transferred to Delaware County.

In 1974 he was named Delaware County extension director. As director he was responsible for budget and personnel, and oversaw the development of all county programs. During his tenure in Delaware County, he was actively engaged in developing multi-county programs, such as a turf school, plant and pest seminars, industrial weed control seminars, fruit meetings, a shade tree symposium and regular vegetable growers' meetings.

He also initiated programs for garden supply dealers, landscape gardeners, contractors and arborists. In addition, he managed a staff of 32 full-time and part-time employees.

McKeehan and his wife, Barbara, plan to remain in State College. They are the parents of four 'Penn State' children. James graduated in '76 and Sally in '78. Ann will graduate in '89 and John in '91.



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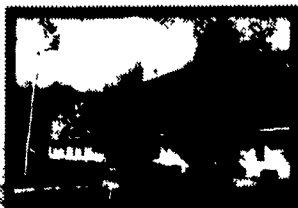


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