

Lancaster County 4-H'ers Shine At Livestock-Judging Contest

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre) — Lancaster Countians are good judges of animal flesh, and several county youth proved it to other Pennsylvanians at the 1989 Block and Bridle Spring Judging Contest. Emily Weaver of Ephrata won the beef and reasons classes in the collegiate-professional division and placed among the top five in the swine and sheep classes to be the overall winner in her division.

Weaver's brother, Fred, was a member of the Lancaster County 4-H "A" team, which was the overall winner in the junior advanced division. The team placed first in the beef, swine, and reasons classes, with sheep being their weak point. They placed fourth in the sheep class. The team also is composed of Greg Harnish and John Hess of Manheim and Doug Musser of Elizabethtown.

Harnish was high individual in the beef class, second high in the reasons class, and third high overall. Hess had four fewer points in the beef class to be second in that category. Musser was the second highest-scoring individual overall with a fifth place in beef, fourth place in reasons, third place in swine, and 12th place in sheep.

Cathy Shive, representing the York County 4-H "A" team, was the high overall individual in the junior advanced division with 400 points. She also had top honors in the reasons and sheep classes and second place in the swine class. Coming in second overall was the York County "B" team.

Lebanon County made a strong showing with its younger teams, taking the top two spots in the

overall team competition of the junior beginner division. The "A" team, composed of Daryl and Jeff Bomgardner, John Risser, and Alice Smith, won the sheep class and placed a close second to the "B" team in the swine class. The "B" team consisted of Brian Kreider, Jason Krawl, Mike Kleinfelter, and Dan Atkins.

Kleinfelter placed first in the sheep class for a second overall individual placing. Third by a hair in the overall standings was fellow Lebanon Countian, Jeff Bomgardner. Bomgardner also placed fifth in the sheep class. Jon Harnish, who competed as an individual rather than a team member, finished second in the swine class, with Risser following in fifth.

An Indiana County youth, Jeremy Cattau, was the overall winner of the collegiate-amateur division with a second-place win in the beef class and third-place wins in the swine and sheep classes.

Jan Waltz of Manheim, a Penn State senior and member of Lancaster County's 1984 state champion 4-H livestock judging team, served as chairman for the event. Weaver, a member of the county's 1987 state champion 4-H livestock team, will be chairman next year.

A partial listing of the competition results follows.

- Junior Beginner**
- Beef, Individual**
- 1. Dan Schlereth, Butler Co. Livestock Club; 2. Brian Kreider, Lebanon Co. 4-H "B"; 3. Amy Harnish, Lebanon Co. "A"
- Beef, Team**
- 1. Greene Co. 4-H "B"; 2. Central Cove FFA, 3. York Co. 4-H "B"
- Sheep, Individual**
- 1. Mike Kleinfelter, Lebanon Co. 4-H "B"; 2. Suzanne Biehard, York Co. 4-H "B"; 3. Doug Martin, Grassland FFA
- Sheep, Team**
- 1. Lebanon Co. 4-H "A"; 2. York Co. 4-H "B"; 3.

- Wayne Co. 4-H Livestock**
- Swine, Individual**
- 1. Dan Schlereth, Butler Co. Livestock Club; 2. Jon Harnish, Lebanon Co. 4-H "A"; 3. Jason Rankin, York Co. 4-H "A"
- Swine, Team**
- 1. Lebanon Co. 4-H "B"; 2. Lebanon Co. 4-H "A"; 3. Bedford FFA
- Overall, Individual**
- 1. Dan Schlereth, Butler Co. Livestock Club; 2. Mike Kleinfelter, Lebanon Co. 4-H "B"; 3. Jeff Bomgardner, Lebanon Co. 4-H "A"
- Overall, Team**
- 1. Lebanon Co. 4-H "A"; 2. Lebanon Co. 4-H "B"; 3. York Co. 4-H "B"
- Junior Advanced**
- Beef, Individual**
- 1. Greg Harnish, Lancaster Co. 4-H "A"; 2. John Hess, Lancaster Co. 4-H "A"; 3. Rusty Pettit, Greene Co. 4-H
- Beef, Team**
- 1. Lancaster Co. 4-H "A"; 2. Cumberland Co. 4-H; 3. Lancaster Co. 4-H "B"
- Sheep, Individual**
- 1. Cathy Shive, York Co. 4-H "A"; 2. Kelley Longdon, Butler Co. Livestock Club; 3. Bill Deschand, Armstrong Co. 4-H
- Sheep, Team**
- 1. York Co. 4-H "A"; 2. Greene Co. 4-H; 3. Dover FFA
- Swine, Individual**
- 1. Shawn Hancock, Juniata High School FFA; 2. Cathy Shive, York Co. 4-H "A"; 3. Doug Musser, Lancaster Co. 4-H "A"
- Swine, Team**
- 1. Lancaster Co. 4-H "A"; 2. Berks Co. 4-H; 3. York Co. 4-H "A"
- Reasons, Individual**
- 1. Cathy Shive, York Co. 4-H "A"; 2. Greg Harnish, Lancaster Co. 4-H "A"; 3. Ed Livingston, York Co. 4-H "B"
- Reasons, Team**
- 1. Lancaster Co. 4-H "A"; 2. York Co. 4-H "B"; 3. York Co. 4-H "A"
- Overall, Individual**
- 1. Cathy Shive, York Co. 4-H "A"; 2. Doug Musser, Lancaster Co. 4-H "A"; 3. Greg Harnish, Lancaster Co. 4-H "A"
- Overall, Team**
- 1. Lancaster Co. 4-H "A"; 2. York Co. 4-H "A"; 3. Berks Co. 4-H
- Collegiate Amateur**
- Beef**
- 1. Dave Elkin, 2. Jeremy Cattau, 3. Kim Hopple
- Swine**
- 1. Julie Mkesell, 2. Dave Elkin, 3. Jeremy Cattau
- Sheep**
- 1. Kim Hopple, 2. Lynn Vozniak, 3. Jeremy Cattau
- Overall**
- 1. Jeremy Cattau, 2. Dave Elkin, 3. Ken Walker
- Collegiate Professional**
- Beef**
- 1. Emily Weaver, 2. Chris McCahren, 3. Jenny Rose
- Swine**
- 1. Melanie Bow, 2. Bruce Lemmon, 3. Emily Weaver
- Sheep**
- 1. Jenny Rose, 2. Jaci Jones, 3. Shawn Kaufman
- Reasons**
- 1. Emily Weaver, 2. Chris McCahren, 3. Jaci Jones
- Overall**
- 1. Emily Weaver, 2. Bruce Lemmon, 3. Jaci Jones



The livestock judging team from Alfred State College came home with several prizes from the Canadian Intercollegiate Judging Competition. Top individual awards were won by Matthew D. Harper of Mayville, N.Y. Harper was reserve champion in the agricultural quiz, combined horticulture, and sheep classes. Team members are, from left, seated: Michael L. Riley of Gettysburg, Pa., and Harper; standing: David A. Pinckney Jr. of Cayuga, N.Y., coach Lee LaRochelee of the college's Plant and Animal Science Department, and Richard J. Stang of Perrysburg.

Alfred State Livestock Judging Team Wins Awards

ALFRED, NY — Once again, the livestock judging team from Alfred State College took several awards at the recent Canadian Intercollegiate Judging Competition in Guelph, Ontario.

Alfred State was the sole United States entry, competing against 13 two- and four-year college teams from the provinces of Alberta, Ontario, and Quebec. The event was staged as a stockman's contest, with entrants required to judge crop classes as well as livestock classes.

Coached by Lee LaRochelee of the Plant and Animal Science Department faculty, the Alfred team included Matthew D. Harper of Mayville, N.Y.; Richard J. Stang of Perrysburg, N.Y.; David A. Pinckney Jr. of Cayuga, N.Y., and Michael L. Riley of Gettysburg, Pa.

Harper came home with the top individual awards for Alfred, winning reserve champion honors in three categories: agricultural quiz, combined horticulture classes, and sheep.

In addition, the 1987 Chautauqua Central School graduate placed first in soybean seed, first in sweet clover seed, second in potatoes, third in Simmental cattle, and fifth in Holsteins. Pinckney placed third in light

horses and seventh in meat judging, while Riley was third in corn silage and fifth in hay crops. Stang placed sixth in the sheep division.

As a team, Alfred finished second in Holsteins, third in Simmentals, fourth in Herefords, fifth in sheep, sixth in swine, and sixth in horses in the livestock division.

In addition, ASC placed fourth in soybean seed, fourth in corn silage, fourth in potatoes, seventh in apples, and eighth in sweet clover seed and hay crops.

The University of Guelph also provided judging demonstrations in poultry and meats, with opportunity for student participation. The Alfred State students also toured several Canadian farms.

A visit to United Breeders, Ltd. in Canada afforded students an opportunity to learn techniques in the management of a bull stud and the collection and freezing of semen, Professor LaRochelee reported.

Other stops for the students included the facility for Walkerae Holsteins, a premiere breeder in Ontario, and a thoroughbred horse facility at Hindmarsh Farm.

The three-day event concluded with an awards banquet hosted by students at the University of Guelph.

Ohio Man Assumes Simmental Chairmanship

BOZEMAN, MT — Gerald Williams of New Carlisle, Ohio, a member of the American Simmental Association Board of Trustees since 1985, has been elected chairman of the Board of Trustees. He succeeds Henry Fields of Claude, Texas, in the chairman's position.

Williams, a Simmental breeder since 1971, maintains a family-owned breeding operation. He's a former two-term president of the Ohio Simmental Association and is an active member of the National Cattleman's Association and the Ohio Farm Bureau. As an ASA trustee, he chaired two key committees: growth and development and policies and procedures. A strong supporter of ASA's innovative youth program, he also has served as a state association sale manager and newsletter editor. Williams and his wife, Inge, are



Gerald Williams

parents of two daughters, both of whom are involved actively in the family's Simmental operation.

During ASA's recent annual meeting and convention at Little Rock, Ark., Dave Nichols of Anita, Iowa, was elected to the position of vice chairman/chairman elect, while Breck Ellison Jr. of Knoxville, Tenn., was elected to the treasurer's post. The five-member executive committee includes Williams, Nichols, and Ellison along with Dr. Don Clanton of North Platte, Neb., and Johnny Poore of Barnesville, Ga.

Three newly elected trustees were seated during the convention. They are William Altenburg of Fort Collins, Colo., Nina Lundgren of Loudon, Wash., and Dr. Brent Perry of Springer, Okla. In addition, Nichols was installed for a second three-year term.

Veal Industry Has Strong Impact On Dairy Industry

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre) — The veal industry in Pennsylvania and the United States has a strong economic impact of the dairy industry, according to Penn State researchers Dr. L.L. Wilson, professor of animal science, and Dr. A.J. Heinrichs, associate professor of dairy and animal science.

Veal calves return approximately \$377 million in calf sales alone to U.S. dairy farmers. In addition, the 1.1 million milk-fed "fancy" veal calves consume approximately \$220 million in

milk and milk by-products each year. Approximately 82,000 tons of veal products are sold annually.

Wilson and Heinrichs say that since the veal industry helps decrease surplus milk products, many of which are not suitable for human consumption, it has a positive effect upon the U.S. dairy industry. The total income received by the dairy industry through the veal industry is approximately \$597 million.

According to national figures from recent surveys and calculations

conducted by the Beef Industry Council, veal contributes to the American diet as a unique, high-quality, low-fat product. Wilson says there are no figures available on the employment created by the veal industry.

Recently, animal rights groups and animal welfare groups have raised questions about traditional methods of raising milk-fed veal. Wilson describes animal rights activists as those who feel that animals should not be used in any manner for human benefit, regard-

less of the extent or degree of humane animal treatment in production situations. Animal welfare groups, however, allow the use of animals for the benefit of society, either as food or fiber products, as long as the animals are treated humanely, he says.

"I would say most of our veal producers are very concerned about the treatment of their animals. It's simply good animal

health practice and good farm management to house and handle animals humanely," states Wilson.

"Consumers need high-quality, nutritious choices in their diets. We also have to be concerned about the employment provided by these industries. Many industries interact to provide more than one kind of food - the milk and veal industries are only one example," says Wilson.