

Three-Time Winner

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sick's farm, which is owned by his father, Pete. From the family's herd of Chianina-Angus and Simmental breeding stock also came the reserve grand champion shown by Messick's cousin Melanie.

Although only in her second year of showing steers at Farm Show, 12-year-old Melanie Messick is quickly following her cousin's lead. Her middleweight steer, Smokie, didn't do well at the 1989 Keystone International Livestock

Exposition, but turned around and won reserve grand champion honors at the Dauphin County roundup last fall, again placing second to Simon.

Both Messicks plan to bank the money they will earn from the sale of 1,285-pound Simon and 1,215-pound Smokie. Mike Messick hopes to begin amassing money toward the one-day purchase of a beef farm.

The lightweight championship went to first-time Farm Show exhibitor Amy Jodikinos of Clinton. The 18-year-old 4-H'er purchased her 1,140-pound animal from a Keswick, Va., breeder. She chose the calf, named Kes, when he was running the pasture with his dam. Kes was a stubborn eater, Jodikinos related. "It takes him forever to eat feed; he's real picky," she said. However, he must have eaten the right stuff to be in championship form. Jodikinos currently is attending Robert Morris College in Coraopolis where she is majoring in accounting. Her earning from Kes' sale will go toward her education.

A partial list of the winners follows.

JUNIOR MARKET STEERS

- LIGHTWEIGHT**
 Class 1
 1. Jonathan Coble, 2. Vance Dietz, 3. Darrell Koch.
 Class 2
 1. Doug Musser, 2. Kevin Shook, 3. Jeremy Coble.
 Class 3
 1. Amy Jodikinos, 2. Edwin Livingston, 3. Matt McAllister

- Champion Lightweight**
 Amy Jodikinos
Reserve Champion Lightweight
 Edwin Livingston
MIDDLEWEIGHT
 Class 1
 1. Chad Hummel, 2. Tiffany Rohrer, 3. Eric Berkelmer.
 Class 2
 1. Melanie Messick, 2. Jodie Weaver, 3. Jay Hess.
 Class 3
 1. Jason Kline, 2. Patti Greider, 3. Orcen Little.
Champion Middleweight
 Melanie Messick
Reserve Champion Middleweight
 Jodie Weaver

- HEAVYWEIGHT**
 Class 1
 1. Heather Hummel, 2. Julie Greider, 3. Nicki High.
 Class 2
 1. Mike Messick, 2. Casey High, 3. Heather Fuis.
 Class 3
 1. Kerri Kohr, 2. Daniel Gross, 3. Jimmy Shaffer.
Champion Heavyweight
 Mike Messick
Reserve Champion Heavyweight
 Heather Hummel
Grand Champion
 Mike Messick
Reserve Grand Champion
 Melanie Messick

Dairy Price Support

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Acting Secretary of Agriculture Roland R. Vautour said recently that the level of price support for milk will be reduced from \$10.60 to \$10.10 per hundredweight (cwt.), effective Jan. 1, 1990.

Vautour said the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989 provides that the secretary may reduce the milk support price by not more than 50 cents per cwt. if purchases of surplus milk and dairy products during calendar 1990 are estimated to exceed 5 billion pounds, milk equivalent.

At the current \$10.60 support price, the projected surplus purchases are estimated at 8 billion pounds, milk equivalent-milkfat basis. With the support level at \$10.10, purchases in 1990 are estimated at 7.4 billion pounds milk equivalent-milkfat basis. On a total milk solids basis, the estimated 1990 surplus ranges from 3.6 to 4.4 billion pounds, milk equivalent-total milk solids basis.

All recent price support adjustments, including the adjustment taking effect Jan. 1, have been made based upon surplus determinations using a milkfat basis.

The price support of \$10.10 per cwt. is for milk with a milkfat content of 3.67 percent — the national average — and compares with \$9.88 per cwt. for milk with a milkfat content of nonfat dry milk.

The act provides further that the secretary must offer to purchase butter for not more than \$1.10 per pound, except that the secretary may allocate the rate of price support between the purchase prices for non-fat dry milk and butter in such other manner as he determines will result in the lowest level of expenditures by CCC.

To better reflect current market conditions, all of the decrease in the support price for milk used in manufacturing butter and nonfat dry milk will be allocated to the CCC purchase price of butter. The CCC purchase price for butter will be reduced by 11.25 cents per pound to \$1.0925 per pound. The nonfat dry milk price will remain unchanged. The CCC purchase price for block Cheddar and barrel cheese will be reduced by 4.5 cents per pound to \$1.11 and \$1.07 per pound, respectively, to correspond with the new support price level. These actions will assure an adequate supply of milk.

Further terms and conditions for CCC purchases of dairy products will be contained in CCC announcements.

CCC-owned dairy products, when available, can be purchased for unrestricted use at prices which are about 10 percent over the prevailing CCC price support purchase prices. Currently, only butter is being offered for sale.



The Ira Coble Award, given annually to an outstanding 4-H beef leader, was presented to Lancaster Countian Harvey High, left, by David Coble. High has been helping Lancaster County youth with their steer projects for more than 25 years.

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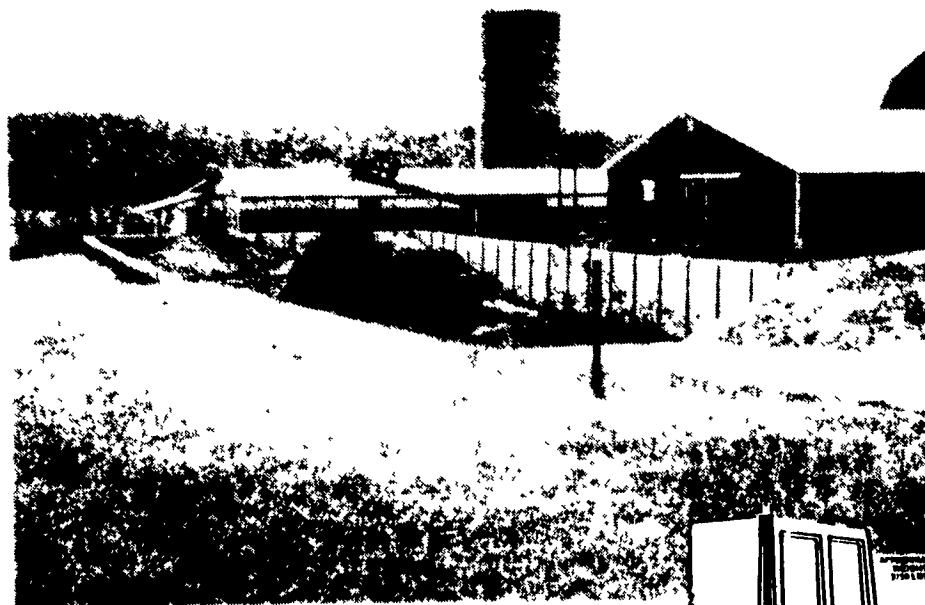
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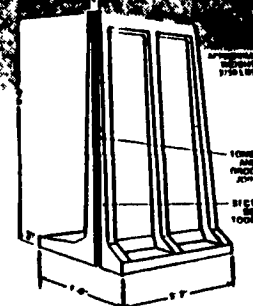
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