

Meat Rabbits Bring Highest Price, Hogs Most Money

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SOUTH LEBANON (Lebanon Co.) — A meat pen of three rabbits recently brought the highest price per pound of any youth livestock ever sold at the Lebanon Area Fair.

However, market steers still remain the highest individual money maker in Lebanon County. Market hogs, the most common livestock market project, continue to garner the most dollars for the whole program.

The market rabbit sale joined a number of "firsts" for the 1990 Lebanon Area Fair. The sale also nearly became a state record.

At \$35 a pound, the three Creme D' Argent rabbits, raised by Kristin Bucher, 16, have tied the record, per-pound of the top livestock price set during the 1990 Farm Show. That was also done with a market pen of rabbits.

Bucher's 9.4 pounds of hoppers were purchased at a total price of \$329 by representatives of Lebanon Valley National Bank.

However, the highest money raiser was not the rabbits, but a champion steer sold by Kelly Bachman, Annville.

Bachman's 1,170 pound Black Angus and Simmental crossbreed steer sold for \$2.60 a pound, or \$3,042, to Wenger's Farm Machinery Inc., in Myerstown.

Youth participants however, maintain that raising hogs for a 4-H livestock market project is the best way to raise money because of lower overhead cost per pound of animal and higher per pound price.

Overall, total livestock sales



People's National Bank representatives bought the grand champion market lamb from Darren Grumblin. From PNB, from left, are Roger Jeremiah, senior vice president and G. Harold Bucher, director. Grumblin holds his champion lamb.



Representing Wengers Farm Machinery Inc., Myerstown, which bought Kelly Bachman's grand champion market steer, are, from left, Larry Wenger, David Wenger and Dennis Diffenbaugh. Diffenbaugh's son Craig stands with Kelly Bachman.



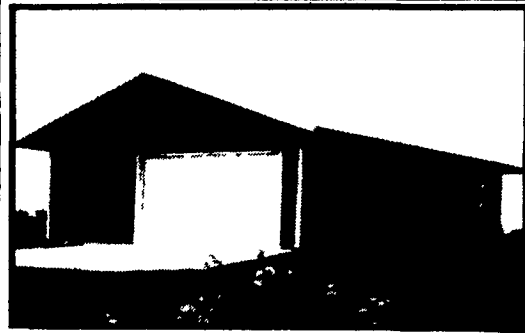
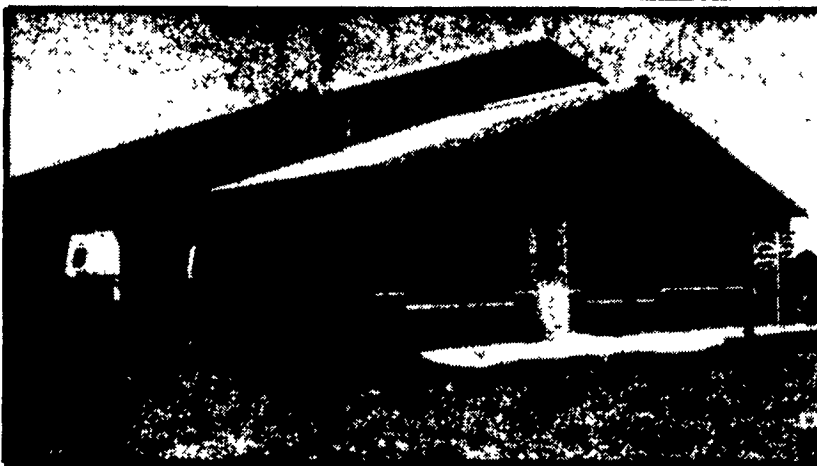
Danny Atkins holds a plaque he presented to buyers of his champion carcass lamb from LVNB's ag lending group. The buyers include, from left, Robert Donaldson, Mike Firestone and Sean McKinney.



Lebanon Valley National Bank ag lenders also supported Lebanon County 4-H efforts by buying Tara Arnold's champion carcass hog. From left are Cathy Whittaker, Mike Firestone, Arnold and Paul Bissman.

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