

# Hess And 'Lightning' Take Manheim Beef Honors

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**MANHEIM** (Lancaster Co.) — Often it's the heavy-weight class winner that gets the best chance to grab the overall grand honor at a farm show. But this time it was a 1,320-pound medium weight winner that clearly grabbed the judge's attention at the Manheim Fair Beef Show Tuesday night.

"Lightning," a 1,320-pound medium weight Angus/Simmental cross, took champion overall spotlight at the show, featuring 11 exhibitors. Liz Hess, 15, a member of the Manheim Central FFA, clinched the championship with the steer.

Liz has been a member of the 4-H in Manheim for eight years and picked up reserve champion 4-H at Manheim last year. She also exhibited at the 1989 Keystone International Livestock Exposition in Harrisburg.

"Lightning" competed against 11 other steers in a class that show judge Rod Gilbert, an instructor at Delaware Valley College and superintendent of livestock at the school, liked for the quality over the quantity.

"Even though the quantity wasn't there, the quality was very good the whole show," said Gilbert, who also judged last year's Manheim Fair beef show. "I think they're all really adequate in the

amount of finish they have. I think they're all very well muscled."

Travis Donough, 10, Manheim, picked up reserve overall champ-

ion with "Bruno," a 1,315-pound heavyweight Maine Anjou/Angus cross. The steer was exhibited in the Manheim 4-H Club roundup in

August. Travis, a fifth grader at Sporting Hill Elementary in Manheim, is in his second year in 4-H.

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Showing champions at the Manheim Fair Beef Show on Tuesday night are, left to right, Sharon Harnish, who placed first in the senior class; Liz Hess, first in the intermediate class and grand overall champion at the show; and Matt Hoover, junior first class showman. Judge for the show was Rod Gilbert, superintendent of livestock for Delaware Valley College, far left.

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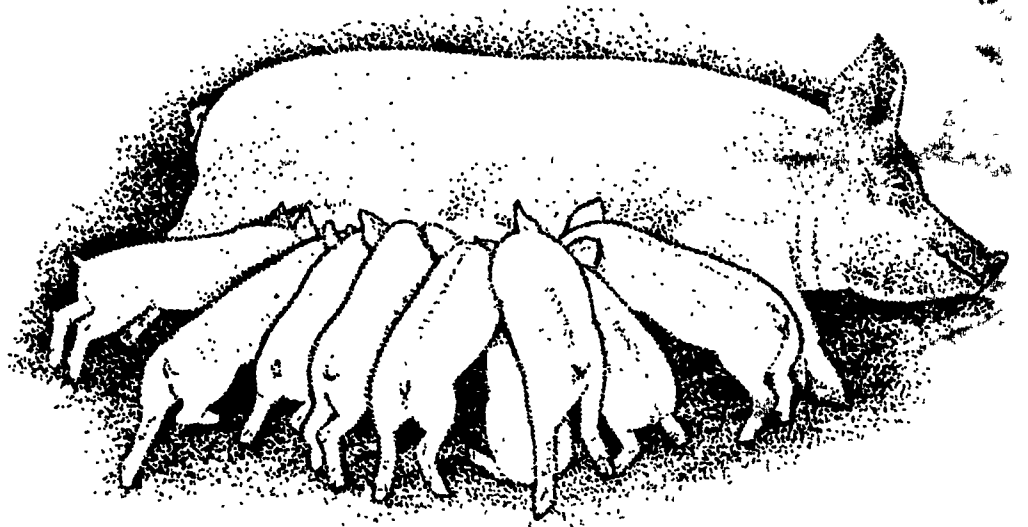
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