

FFA'ers Thrive

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The delegation of left to right, Matt Johnson, Brothers Valley FFA; Greg Bomgardner, Annville Cleona FFA; and Paula Hunter, Oley Valley FFA will travel to the Eastern States Exposition for regional livestock judging competition this fall. The group placed sixth, fifth, and fourth respectively in the livestock judging contest at Penn State.



Left to right, Dan Horning, Cloister FFA; Donald Ferster, Line Mountain FFA; and Kimber Groff, Mifflinburg FFA will represent Pennsylvania in the regional ag mechanics contest at the Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, Mass. Horning placed sixth, Ferster placed fifth, and Groff was the fourth place finisher in last week's state contest.



The final delegation of livestock judges will represent Pennsylvania at the Keystone Livestock Exposition in Harrisburg. The team will be made up of 13th place finisher Steve Ross, West Greene FFA; 12th place judge Richard Burke, Lenape AVTS FFA; and 11th place Christopher Rice, Mifflinburg FFA.



David Woodring, far left, representing the many sponsors of the nursery landscape contest, congratulates the top place winners. First place went to Kristin Kullish, second place to David Huber, both of Bucks County FFA. Jamie Slean, Western FFA, earned third place gold honors.



Although he had previously won a trip to the national convention, and therefore was no longer eligible for the top prize, Jason Long, of Curwensville FFA, not pictured, competed and won the meats judging contest. The next three place winners, left to right, were fourth place, Todd Rabenold, Kutztown FFA; third place Phillip High, Manor FFA; and second place Stephanie Garrett, Manor FFA. They will go on to the national meat judging contest in Kansas City.



Jeffrey Troutman, far left, assistant vice president of agrifinance for Hamilton Bank, congratulates Pennsylvania's regional farm management team. By placing fourth, fifth, and sixth, respectively, left to right, Keith Zimmerman, Cloister FFA, Anthony Lehman, James Buchanan FFA; and Deanna Kuhns, Mifflinburg FFA earned the privilege of representing Pennsylvania in regional competition at the Eastern States Exposition.



Left to right, Kyle Bolton, of Red Lion High School, finished third in the aquatic resources contest and earned a silver award and Terry Louth of Pequea Valley High School placed second in the contest and earned a gold award. Not pictured is first place finisher Greg Forsythe of United FFA. Forsythe will travel with the Pennsylvania delegation to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City.



Pennsylvania will also send a dairy foods judging team to the Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, Mass. Members of that team will include sixth place, Dawn Patterson, Cowanesque FFA; fifth place, James Findley, Penn Manor FFA; and fourth place, dairy foods judge Craig Hostetter, Penn Manor FFA.



The sixth, fifth, and fourth place forestry judges will go on to compete at the Eastern States Exposition. They are, left to right, sixth place Todd Grady and fifth place Caleb Wilson, both of Brockway FFA, and fourth place Robbie Weaver of Sugar Valley FFA.



Because there were more than 70 entries in the land judging contest, the top three place finishers were awarded plaques and a trip to the National FFA Convention. Left to right, Jason Reifsnnyder of Grassland FFA placed third, Betsy Pownall of Solanco FFA placed second, and Jason Christ of Mifflinburg FFA was the first place land judge.



Second place team honors in the chapter procedure contest went to chapter members from the H.G. Parkinson FFA Chapter. The team of, first row left to right, Joseph Kahlbaugh, Robert Forrester, Heather Moszynski, Scot Robertson; second row, left to right, Robert Ullom, Paul Campbell, Joe Avolia, and Edward Ammon is coached by advisor T. Lee Carter (not pictured).



Earl Gelb, far left, of Wengers Feeds, was on hand to congratulate the top poultry judges who will go on to national competition in Kansas City. Third place in the poultry judging contest went to Charles Garrett, second place Charles Swanson, and first place Randy Kreider. All of the top poultry judges were from the Manor FFA Chapter.

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