

New High Total Set At Indiana Co. Fair Sale

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A new high gross value was set last week at the 29th annual Junior Livestock Sale at the Indiana County Fair.

The 125 different buyers paid \$101,873.15 for the 226 head of hogs, lambs, and beef. The previous high gross total was \$97,050.80 set in 1990.

The 133 head of market hogs, weighing 30,795 pounds, brought an average price per pound with champions of \$1.33. The average price per pound without champions was \$1.27.

The 63 market lambs, weighing 6,629 pounds, were sold for an average price of \$2.13 per pound with champions. The average price per pound without champions was \$1.94.

Thirty head of market steers, weighing 35,515, brought an average of \$1.13 per pound including champions. Excluding champions the average price was \$0.99.

Steve Neal's grand champion market hog was bought by C.L. Ruffner and Sons of Indiana for \$7.00 per pound (for a total value of \$1,750).

Emmett McMillen's reserve grand champion market hog was bought by Luther Ford Sales of Homer City for \$3.50 per pound (\$805).

David Elkin's grand champion pork carcass was bought by Saltsburg Shop 'N Save for \$3.50 per

pound (\$805).

Peggy Rising's reserve grand champion pork carcass was bought by Clearview Farms of Rochester Mills RD 1 for \$4.00 per pound (\$680).

Larry Lewis' champion rate of gain market hog was bought by D.L. Lockard Construction of Marsteller for \$2.75 per pound (\$4.95).

Laura Kwisnek's grand champion market lamb was bought by Evergreen Motors Inc. of Indiana for \$8.50 per pound (\$969).

Laura Kwisnek's reserve grand champion market lamb was bought by Elkin's Concrete of Indiana for \$5.75 per pound (\$718.75).

Brandi Mikesell's grand champion lamb carcass was bought by Indiana Shop 'N Save for \$4.25 per pound (\$212.50).

Beth Elkin's reserve grand champion lamb carcass was bought by Cloe Lumber Co. of Punxsutawney for \$5.75 per pound (\$258.75).

Tim Bishop's champion rate of gain market lamb was bought by Cunningham's Meats of Indiana for \$3.25 per pound (\$217.75).

Bryan Martin's grand champion market steer was bought by Hoss's Steak and Sea House of Indiana for \$4.25 per pound (\$5,355).

Tim Bishop's reserve grand champion market steer was bought by Indiana Farmers' Livestock Market of Homer City



Stephen Neal of Homer City, center, with his 250-pound cross, the grand champion market hog, purchased by C.L. Ruffner & Sons of Indiana for \$7.00 per pound, for a total of \$1,750. Also pictured, left to right, are Pennsylvania Fair Queen Wendy Will of Berlin; Indiana County Fair Queen Valerie Fyock; Clair Ruffner, Jr.; and Neal Buss, deputy secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.



Bryan Martin of Marlon Center RD 1 with "Sonny," his 1,260-pound Key-Angus cross steer judged the grand champion baby beef. The champion steer brought \$4.25 per pound at the fair's 4-H and FFA Junior Livestock Sale.



Joel and June Rose of Armagh with "Elk-Lick Golden Klitty," the fair's supreme grand champion dairy cow. Klitty, who is out of a 90-point Criterion dam, scored 88 points herself as a four-year old. Her sire is Tri-Day Valent Gold. Although not the top producer in the Rose's herd, Klitty is a 21,000-pound production cow with 710 pounds of fat. In addition to the grand champion ribbon, the Rose's Shallow Run Farm took six other first-place awards and three second-place ribbons in dairy judging. The Roses brought nine cows to the fair but went home with 10: a new calf was born during the week at the fairground.

for \$1.75 per pound (\$2,170.60).

Tim Bishop's grand champion beef carcass was bought by Saltsburg Shop 'N Save for \$2.15 per pound (\$1,767.30).

Craig Andrie's reserve grand champion beef carcass was bought by Bonarrigo's Inc. of Blairsville for \$3.30 per pound (\$2,339.70).

And Jason Kuzemchak's champion rate of gain market steer was bought by Marion Center Supply for \$1.65 per pound (\$2,112).

In results from the 4-H dairy judging at the Indiana County Fair, Tricia Farmery of Marion Center RD 2 exhibited the junior champion female in the Ayrshire category. In the Brown Swiss class, the junior champion was

shown by Nancy Trimble of Indiana RD 3, and the reserve junior champion ribbon went to John Rhea of Clymer RD 2.

In the Guernsey competition, the junior champion was shown by Craig Andrie of Marion Center RD 2, and the reserve junior champion was owned by Nancy Trimble. In the Holstein class, the junior champion female was exhibited by Michael Lydic of Marion Center RD 2. The same animal was also judged the junior supreme champion in the 4-H competition. The reserve junior champion Holstein ribbon went to Rebecca Meyer of Marion Center RD 2.

In the Jersey competition, Michael Lydic showed the grand

champion and the reserve junior champion was exhibited by Erin Leach of Marion Center RD 1.

In the Milking Shorthorn class, the junior champion was shown by Tricia Farmery and the reserve junior champion ribbon went to Franklin Ackerson of Marion Center RD 1.

In the fitting and showmanship competition, the master showman in the junior division was Tim Beatty of Indiana RD 1, and Michael Lydic was the master showman in the senior division. The master fitter award in the junior division was won by Jennifer McMillen of Marion Center RD 2, and by Tammy Farmery of Marion Center RD 2 in the senior division.

Young Farmers Tour Market

KUTZTOWN (Berks Co.) — Recently the Kutztown Young Farmer Group toured the recently built Kutztown Produce Market located between Fleetwood and Kutztown.

The manager of the market, Herb Gebely, and a few of the board of directors explained to the group how the operation was handled.

The group never realized they would be dealing with the produce market as a group in the near future, according to a spokesperson. It all started when Ralph Sanner, a Kutztown Young Farmer member, thought of an idea for the chapter to raise some money.

This idea began with Ralph and Kenny Sanner offering a piece of ground for the chapter to plant and raise sweet corn on and then sell it at the Kutztown Produce Market, the profits of which would go in the chapter's treasury.

Sanner planted 1/2 acre of sweet corn. The field was located approximately two miles from the Sanner's home farm and was planted the first week in May. The ground was minimum tilled and no post emergence insecticide was used with excellent results.

When the sweet corn was ready to be picked the first week in August, approximately 11 people helped in picking the corn. The corn was picked over three different days and taken to the produce market each time.

The market wholesaled more than 300 dozen (13 ears per doz.)

and Sanner retained about 10 more dozen from the farm. Dr. Jerry Cal, Young Farmer Advisor, believed the 1/2 acre of sweet corn should have produced almost 8,000 ears, but because of the shortage of rainfall, it only produced one-half of its capacity of marketable ears of sweet corn.



Left is Kenny Sanner and on right Dr. Jerry Cal, Kutztown Young Farmer Advisor, both standing in front of a sweet corn field.