

Breck-A-De Farm Rises To Champion At Solanco Holstein Show

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QUARRYVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — Solanco Fair Holstein Show grand champion is a senior 2-year-old that goes by the name of "Stony Run Beautician."

It was a winning title for Breck-A-De Farm, represented by Ed Breckbill, who picked up the senior and grand champion honors for Stony Run Beautician (S: Happy Herd Beautician, breeder Loren Ruth and Beth A.) at the Open Holstein Show at the Solanco Fair Thursday.

The cow also won best udder in the class. Overall, Breck-A-De Farm picked up several awards, including champion exhibitor and first in the class of best three females.

Richard Lieske swept the junior champion division, with his grand champion senior yearling Mah-Liz Wise Roxe Loretta (S: Hanover-Hill SC Roxe, breeder Mahlon Wisley). Reserve was a senior calf Ravenswell Jennifer (S: Walker Brae Eclipse, breeder Ravenswell Holstein).

Junior division champion was Karen Kauffman and reserve went to Craig Nolan.

There were approximately 111 animals for the show and about 100 exhibitors between the Holstein show and the colored breeds show, held on separate days at the fair. Judge for the Holstein Show was Harvey Stoltzfus, Morgantown.

Following is a list of show placings.

SOLANCO FAIR HOLSTEIN SHOW RESULTS

Junior Calf: 1. Sandy Kaufman. 2. Karen Kaufman. 3. Brad Byers. Intermediate Calf: 1. Karen Kauffman. 2. Weik-Shade Holsteins. 3. Edwin Hamish. Senior Calf: 1. Richard Lieske. 2. Breck-A-De Farm. 3. John Brubaker. Summer Yearling: 1. P. Robert Wenger. 2. S & A Kreider and Sons. 3. Craig Nolan. Junior Yearling: 1. Dan and Patti Hushon. 2. Jeremy Welk. 3. John Brubaker. Intermediate Yearling: 1. Melvin L. Shertzer. 2. P. Robert Wenger. 3. Betsy Pownall. Senior Yearling: 1. Richard Lieske. 2. Wea-Land Farm. 3. Welk Acres.

JUNIOR CHAMPION
Richard Lieske
RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION
Richard Lieske
Dry Cow: 1. Breck-A-De Farm. 2. Maurice Welk. 3. P. Robert Wenger. Junior 2-Year-Old: 1. Carl Troop. 2. Mark Hess. 3. Julie



Richard Lieske's senior yearling, Mah-Liz Wise Roxe Loretta, left, won junior champion at the Solanco Fair Holstein Show on Thursday. Mike Mellott holds the reigns of Lieske's senior calf, Ravenswell Jennifer, which won reserve junior champion at the show.



Ed Breckbill, right, show's Breck-A-De Farm's Stony Run Beautician, a senior 2-year-old which picked up grand champion of the Holstein Show at the Solanco Fair. Matt Welk holds the reserve champion, a 3-year-old by Karen Kauffman. Photo by Andy Andrews.

Wenger. Senior 2-Year-Old: 1. Breck-A-De Farm. 2. Weik-Shade Holsteins. 3. Wea-Land Farm. 3-Year-Old: 1. Karen Kaufman. 2. Craig Nolan. 3. Robert and Charles Groff. 4-Year-Old: 1. Weik-Shade Holsteins. 2. Breck-A-De Farm. 3. John Brubaker. 5-Year-Old and Over: 1. Breck-A-De Farm. 2. Weik-Shade Holsteins. 3. Robert and Sharon Nolan.

SENIOR CHAMPION
Breck-A-De Farm
RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION
Karen Kauffman
GRAND CHAMPION
Breck-A-De Farm

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION
Karen Kauffman

PREMIER EXHIBITOR
Breck-A-De Farm

PREMIER BREEDER
P. Robert Wenger

JUNIOR DIVISION CHAMPION
Karen Kauffman

RESERVE JUNIOR DIVISION CHAMPION
Craig Nolan

Get-of-Sire: 1. Sandy Kaufman. 2. Melvin Shertzer, Miller-Homestead, and Bob Wenger. Best Three Females: 1. Breck-A-De Farm. 2. Sandy Kaufman. 3. Andrea Brubaker. Dairy Herd: 1. Robert Wenger. 2. Weik-Shade Holsteins. 3. Robert and Sharon Nolan. Produce of Dam: 1. Karen Kauffman. 2. Karen and Sandy Kaufman. 3. Penner Farm. Dam/Daughter: 1. Andrea Brubaker. 2. Miller-Homestead. 3. Mark Hess.

SHOWING AND FITTING
12 Years and Under: 1. Mike Bollinger. 2. Jeremy Welk. 3. Laura Welk. 13 Years and Older: 1. Sandy Kaufman. 2. Craig Nolan. 3. Jamie Welk.

Middle Weight Steer In Solanco Champion Spotlight



Brad Linton, 15, right, won champion market steer honors at the Solanco Fair Thursday night. Photo by Andy Andrews.

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QUARRYVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — Brad Linton's Maine-Anjou/Chianina/Angus middle weight market steer picked up grand champion steer honors at the Solanco Fair Steer Show Thursday night.

Brad, 15, Kirkwood, and a member of the Solanco FFA, with his steer named "Re-run," also picked up champion senior showman honors at the show.

Reserve champion market steer went to Jim Landis from the heavyweight division.

Judge Ken Winebark, Lebanon Co. agent, liked the grand champion heavyweight because of its muscling and thickness. "It's also a well-finished steer," he said.

There were 10 animals in the market class, and 11 exhibitors at the show.

Following is a list of show



Jim Landis won reserve champion market steer at the Solanco Fair.

placings

STEERS
Lightweight: 1. Jill Hamish, 2. Tim Craig, 3. Beth Dearolf.
Middleweight: 1. Brad Linton, 2. Matt Welk, 3. Jamie Welk.

Heavyweight: 1. Jim Landis, 2. Rudy Allen, 3. Tom Herr.
Senior showmanship: 1. Brad Linton, 2. Rudy Allen, 3. Jill Hamish.
Junior showmanship: 1. Tom Herr, 2. Matt Welk, 3. Jamie Welk.



Tom Herr became junior showman champion at the Solanco Fair.

Farmers Focus On Environment

READING (Berks Co.) — In their own quiet way, today's generation of farmers has adopted a land use ethic that is more responsive than ever before to a broad range of environmental concerns.

The reason is partly economic. A farmer who abuses his land will someday find himself with unproductive fields and water that's unfit for his family and his animals to drink.

In addition to the economic motives, many farmers would name aesthetic and even spiritual reasons for taking care of the land they till. But more and more would tell you there are now legal issues to be considered whenever a farmer does something that affects the environment.

Take the case of Richard and Nelson Troutman, brothers who

farm near Richland in Berks County, Pa. In the summer of 1989, diesel fuel somehow siphoned out of an above-ground storage tank next to their dairy barn. It flowed directly into a drain field and then into a nearby creek.

The Troutmans weren't aware of the mishap until a representative of the Pennsylvania Fish Commission drove into their lane and told them he had traced a source of pollution back to their farm.

Although the fuel spill was an accident, the Troutmans paid an automatic \$1,000 fine for polluting a Pennsylvania stream. They also paid another \$9,000 to clean up the stream and to dispose of contaminated soil.

The incident exacted as much of a toll on their peace of mind as it did on their bank account. The day after the spill was discovered, a group of some 20 people — regulators, enforcement officials, cleanup specialists — were all milling around the scene of the spill.

Details of what happened to the Troutmans are featured in the latest edition of Meridian Bank's Ag Letter, which is mailed regularly to farmers and agribusinesses in Meridian's service area. Meridian is

one of the largest ag lenders in the Northeast.

Along with an account of the Troutmans' troubles, the Ag Letter recounts a discussion between Clay Thomson, a Meridian ag lender, and Walter Satterthwaite. Satterthwaite owns an environmental consulting firm in West Chester and has done a lot of work with farm properties.

There's also a short item from the regulator's point of view. Richard Pfachler, who works for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources in Berks County, said his department's philosophy is to use dialog and persuasion as the tools of first resort in dealing with environmental infractions.

For a free copy of the latest issue of Ag Letter, write to Meridian Bank, Ag Lending Department, SQ0830, P.O. Box 1102, Reading, PA 19603, or call (800) 222-2150.

