

4-H'ers Finish 3d In National Contest

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — The Lancaster County 4-H Judging Team representing Pennsylvania exhibited their knowledge about livestock when they competed for honors with 140 other 4-H members from 35 states during the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest recently in Louisville, Ky. The event was held in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition.

The primary objective of the Livestock Judging Contest was to provide youth enrolled in 4-H livestock projects with the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of livestock-related subject matter in a national competitive setting.

The Pennsylvania Team of Peter Hoffines, Marietta; Wendall Landis, Manheim; Mark Tracy, Elizabethtown; and Dwain Livengood, Lancaster placed third in the highly competitive contest which included classes of beef, sheep, and swine, including both market and breeding animals, most with performance data. The contest also included four sets of oral reasons and two classes with questions - testing the judge's ability to recall details about the animals. Pennsylvania's team placed second in beef judging, fourth in

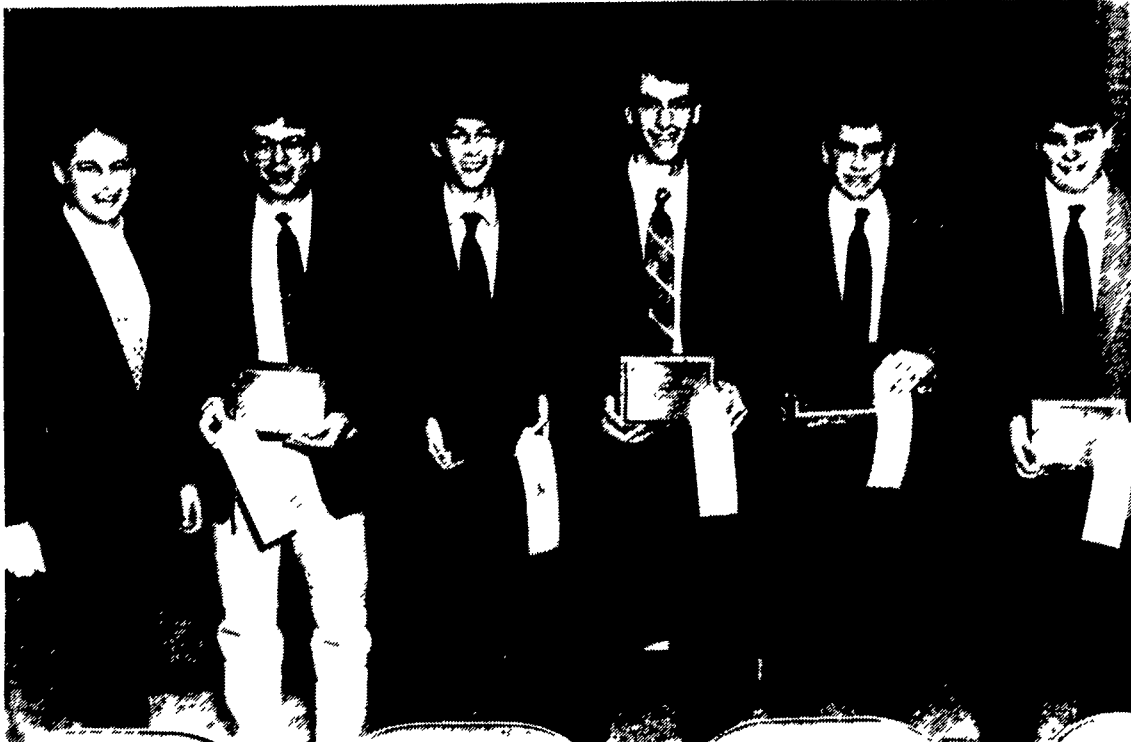
sheep judging, 12th in swine judging, and eighth in oral reasons.

Top individual for Pennsylvania was Wendall Landis, who, on his way to second place overall, achieved third in beef judging and ninth in sheep judging. Dwain Livengood, who placed third overall, also placed fifth in sheep judging and sixth in beef judging.

In preparation for their trip to Louisville, the team competed in four interstate competitions, placing third at the Keystone International in October. En route to Louisville, the group, including coaches Greg Musser, Mount Joy and Chet Hughes, extension livestock agent, practiced at Harvest Plantation, McKean Bros. Angus, Ohio State University, The University of Kentucky, and Shipley Duroc/Large Whites. The team also enjoyed a tour of thoroughbred horse farms in Lexington, Ky. including the Keenland Race-track and Churchill Downs.

The winning team in the 1991 contest was Illinois, followed by Indiana, with Pennsylvania in third.

Contest support and awards to top winners were sponsored by the North American International Livestock Exposition, livestock breed associations, and animal industry sources.



The Pa. 4-H Livestock Judging Team placed third in a national livestock judging contest. Left to right: Chester D. Hughes, extension livestock agent, Lancaster; Greg Musser, coach; Mark Tracy; Dwain Livengood, third highest individual; Wendall Landis, second high individual and Peter Hoffines.

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