

Hess Shows Champion

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buy and were purchased by others. Hatfield has been bulk buying and offering to purchase hogs at market rate from those who successfully bid on a youth's hog, but have no intentions of using the animal.

Taking the reserve champion title with his 260-pound market hog was Chad Kurtz, of Ephrata. Kurtz's hog was purchased for Farm Credit by Brian Detwiler, a loan officer, for \$1.60 per pound.

Also, just as those who sell swine commercially, federal checkoff money is collected from the earnings of the youth. That money is used to fund national and local pork promotion.

Deb Seibert, chairman of the hog show and an agriculture teacher at Manheim Central High School, said it was the third year the show has been held at the Manheim Farm Show grounds and

turnout was strong with more than 15 buyers showing. The show had been held at the Lancaster County Stockyards and was moved to Manheim for easier access.

Seibert said she ascribed several factors to participation being up to 98.

"We haven't had that in 10 years," she said of the number of youth showing. There are a lot of new members this year and it's a project where there's not a lot of time and investment, but a lot of education," she said.

The show was judged by Rodney Gilbert, livestock herdman at Delaware Valley College.

Auctioneering was John Stauffer, who volunteered his efforts for the youth development program.

LANCASTER FFA Hog Show Results

200 lb. Class: 1. Randy Kreider, Penn Manor; 2. Karen Becker, Manheim; 3. Tom Zart-

man, Ephrata.

205 lb. Class: 1. Karen Becker, Manheim; 2. Linda Huber, Garden Spot; 3. Dwight Lehman, Manheim.

210 lb. Class: 1. Jay Hess, Penn Manor; 2. Tom Zartman, Ephrata; 3. Tom Zartman.

215 lb. Class: 1. Jay Hess, Penn Manor; 2. Tracy Bollinger, Manheim; 3. Karen Becker, Manheim.

220 lb. Class: 1. Tracy Bollinger, Manheim; 2. Linda Huber, Garden Spot; 3. Virginia Nolt, Ephrata.

225 lb. Class: 1. Jay Hess, Penn Manor; 2. Jay Hess, Penn Manor; 3. Sheldon Wenger, LMH.

230 lb. Class: 1. Chad Kurtz, Ephrata; 2. Justin Good, Garden Spot; 3. Tom Zartman, Ephrata.

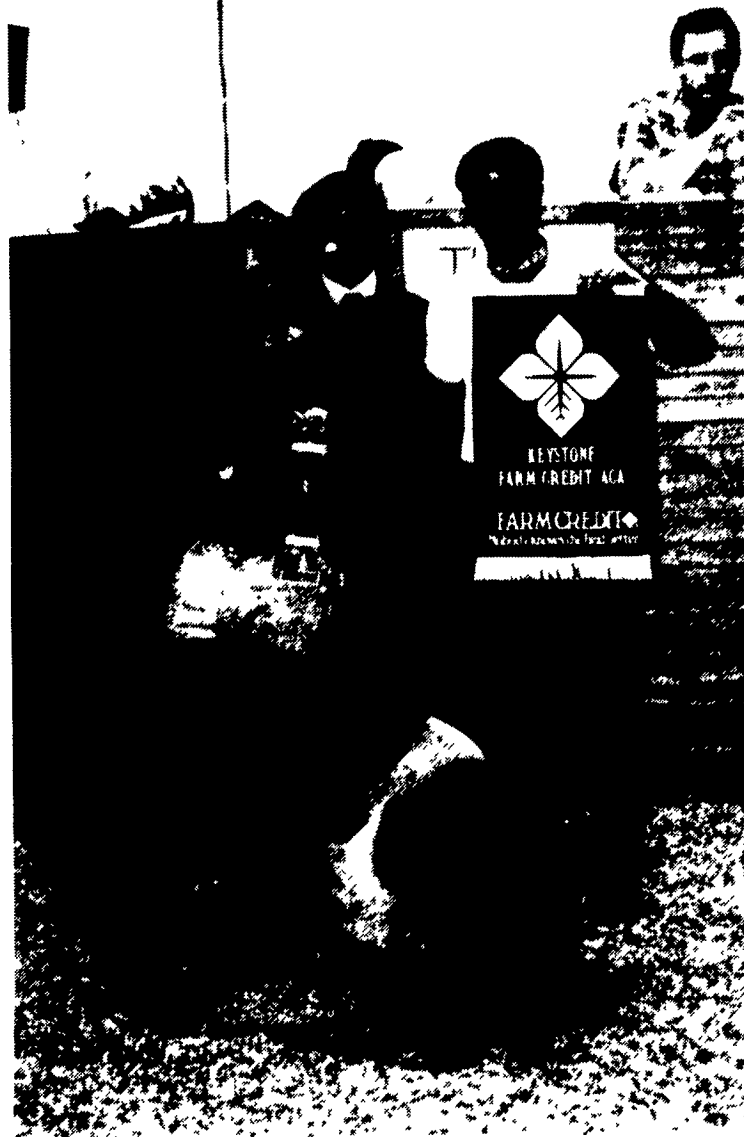
234 lb. Class: 1. Justin Good, Garden Spot; 2. Keith Hershey, LMH; 3. Dwight Lehman, Manheim.

235 lb. Class: 1. Chad Kurtz, Ephrata; 2. Dwight Lehman, Manheim; 3. Keith Hershey, LMH.

240 lb. Class: 1. Linda Huber, Garden Spot; 2. Sheldon Wenger, LMH; 3. Jay Hess, Penn Manor.

245 lb. Class: 1. Chad Kurtz, Ephrata.

250-260 lb. Class: 1. Chad Kurtz, Ephrata; 2. Jay Hess, Penn Manor; 3. Keith Hershey, LMH.



From the left, Chad Kurtz holds his trophy for showing the reserve grand champion market hog, while buyer Brian Detwiler, a loan officer with Keystone Farm Credit, holds his company's banner. Also shown is Lancaster County FFA reporter Jerry Bollinger.

NCGA, Ethanol Tax Credit Positive

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — The National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) announced the proposal legislation on proportional excise tax exemption for ethanol blends is positive news for corn growers. However, ethanol's role in the reformulated gasoline program (RFG) is still in jeopardy.

"The tax exemption in no way resolves or dissipates the need for EPA to include ethanol in the RFG program," said Tim Trotter, NCGA president and a Coal City, Ill. corn farmer. "NCGA and the ethanol industry sincerely appreciate the support of Congress in establishing the new exemption, but corn growers must not lose site

of the implications for agriculture and the U.S. economy if ethanol is locked out of RFG."

The tax exemption bill, introduced by Sen. Tom Daschle (D-SD), was approved by the Senate Finance Committee on June 16 and now proceeds to the full Senate. The new incentive will allow gasoline marketers who blend ethanol to receive the excise tax exemption for blends less than 10 percent. Currently, blends less than 10 percent only qualify for the blenders tax credit.

"This new incentive will allow much greater flexibility among marketers and blenders to meet the requirements of the Clean Air

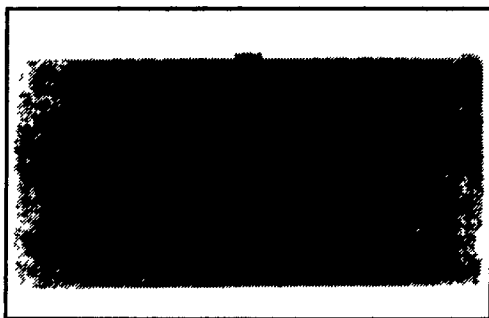
Act," Trotter said.

Current bill language: 10% blend = 3.5% wt. oxygen, with 5.4 cent tax credit; 7.7% blend = 2.7% wt. oxygen, with 4.1 cent tax credit; 5.7% blend = 2% wt. oxygen, with 3.2 cent tax credit.

"Some have confused the RFG program issue with the new tax legislation," Trotter said. "We want to emphasize without participation in the RFG program farmers could have a \$7.54 per planted acre lower return. NCGA will continue to work with EPA to ensure ethanol's rightful role in RFG."

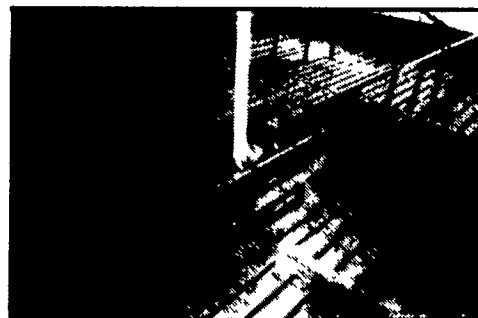
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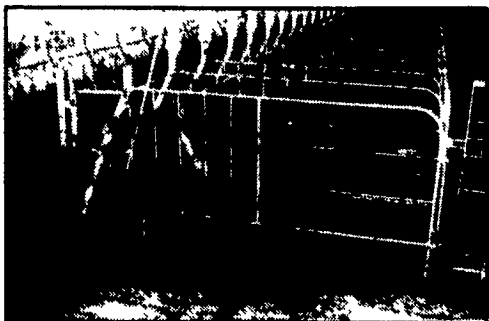


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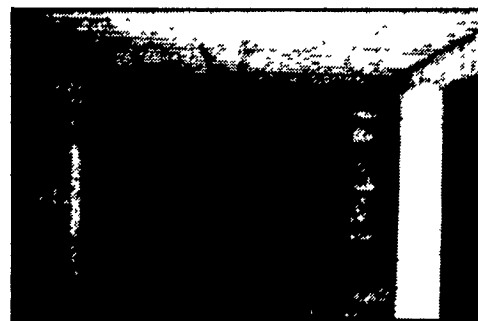


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