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4-H Hog Champions

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Ryan, 8, son of Ed and LaRue Donough, Manheim, is a first-year 4-H'er. Ryan attends Sporting Hill Elementary School, and this is his first championship.

Ed Donough said his son's hog was obtained from Harry Weaver's farm in New Holland.

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"I was just determined to do it," said Karen Becker, 18, Manheim, who won champion showman for the first time. She has been showing hogs in 4-H for nine years. She is the daughter of Marlin and Nancy Becker, Manheim.

Reserve champion showman, Brad Wagner, 19, has been showing for seven years. This was also his first showman championship. The son of John and Joyce Wagner, Manheim, and a 1991 graduate of Manheim Central H.S., Brad is studying accounting at Messiah College.

There were a total of 117 hogs at the show, the fifth sale for the county swine club and the seventh year the show has been at Manheim, according to Chet Hughes, swine club adviser. There were 13 carcass hogs for the show and a total of 48 exhibitors.

Judge for the show was Keith Bryan, Penn State instructor of dairy and animal science.

Following is a list of show placings.

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