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despite his years, in this very demanding profession."

To expand his operation, Funk generated the finances necessary to purchase farming equipment. An industrious individual, he stretched his buying power by purchasing raw materials and manufacturing his own equipment. Funk put his agricultural mechanics skills to work designing sprayers and irrigation systems for his operation. He also designed irrigation systems to improve crop yield and quality on some of Idaho's drought-stricken cropland.

The Amalgamated Sugar Company has rewarded Funk for his production of quality sugar beets by increasing his contracted acreage. He diversified his operation by contracting with J.R. Simplot to grow potatoes. These contracted crops provide the financial base for him to expand and progress. To supplement his crop income, Funk does custom work for neighboring farmers.

Funk contributes his success to the things he learned in FFA. "I have enjoyed the opportunities that have come through the FFA. Serving as a chapter leader has helped me understand the need for agricultural leadership in our country."

Funk wants to help young people develop an appreciation for agriculture and what it has to offer. He is working to reestablish an FFA alumni affiliate for his local chapter. "I hope my efforts in activating an alumni affiliate will be my first step in accepting an agricultural leadership role in my community and state," said Funk.

A member of the Burley FFA Chapter, Funk graduated from Burley High School in 1991. He and his wife, Cara, reside in Burley, Idaho. His FFA advisor is Gaylen Smyer. Darren is the son of Gene and Sharon Funk.

Lake Eastern Region Star

Brian Lake runs the largest spotted swine breeding operation in Pennsylvania. An emerging leader in the purebred swine industry, Lake was recently named 1992 Eastern Region Star Farmer by the National FFA Organization.

Lake, 21, bought his first registered spotted gilt when he was 12 years old. In the last nine years, his herd has grown to 300 head of spotted swine breeding stock and has produced close to 20 grand champions.

As the swine operation began to grow, Lake became good friends with other swine breeders in the coutnry. He developed an interest in artificial insemination and eventually started designing a boar stud semen line to enhance breeding capabilities.

With the help of an established breeder in Ohio, Lake is developing a line of prominent boars for semen collection. This effort is the first of its type in the eastern United States. Lake plans to make the semen available to commercial and purebred breeders.

"I feel the artificial insemination concept for swine has as much potential as it did for the dairy industry," said Lake. "Some of the opportunities, such as minimizing the cost of breeding stock, minimizing disease transmission and maximizing profits, are obvious."

Lake plans to continue his swine breeding business and test the artificial insemination market. He hopes to begin raising feeder pigs in the near future to add extra income to his swine operation.

Lake credits much of his success to involvement in FFA. "My FFA advisor, Edwin Layton, was always very supportive and gave

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LANCASTER COUNTY HOG SHOW RESULTS

MARKET HOGS

Lightweight: Class 101: 1. Andrew Germak 2. Zachary Germak, 3. Margery Glover. Class 102: 1. Jason Hertzog. 2. Karen Becker. 3. Gerald Boyd. Class 103: 1. Regina Landis. 2. Matthew Miller. 3. Andrew Germak Class 104. 1. Melissa Becker. 2. Ryan Donough. 3. Eric Unangst Champion. Regina Landis Reserve Melissa Becker. Medium Weight Class 105: 1. Melissa Becker. 2. Sheldon Hoover 3. Adam Forry Class 106. 1. Andrew Germak 2. Andrew Glover. 3. Amy Bollinger Class. 107. 1. Karen Becker. 2. Travis Donough. 3. Louise Huber. Class. 108: 1. Ryan Donough. 2. Kyle Ward. 3. John Stauffer Champion Medium Weight: Ryan Donough. Reserve. Ryan Donough. Light

Heavyweight: Class 109: 1. Gerald Boyd. 2. Sarah Boyd. 3. Tina Umbrell. Class 110: 1. Andrew Noit. 2. Linda Baum. 3. Travis Donough. Class 111: 1. Amy Bollinger. 2. Matt Umbrell. 3. John Schmidt. Class 112: 1. Brad Wagner. 2. Jason Hertzog. 3. Tracy Bollinger. Champion Light Heavyweight: Gerald Boyd. Reserve: Sarah Boyd. Heavyweight: Glass 113: 1. Ryan Donough. 2. Derrick Frank. 3. Kurt Martin. Class 114: 1. Sheldon Hoover. 2. Adam Forry 3. Cory Pfautz. Class 115: 1. Tina Umbrell. 2. Kevin Pfautz. 3. Kevin Pfautz. Class 116: 1. Heid Wagner. 2. Tracy Bollinger. 3. Karen Cassel. Champion Heavyweight: Ryan Donough. Reserve: Tina

Umbrell.
GRAND CHAMPION
Ryan Donough
RESERVE CHAMPION
Ryan Donough

SHOWMANSHIP Class 1, 1, Karen Becker, 2 Brad Wagner 3.

Tina Umbrell, Class 2: 1. Karen Cassel. 2 Melissa Becker. 3. Linda Baum. Class 3: 1 Sheldon Hoover. 2. Amy Bollinger. 3. Jason Hertzog. Class 4: Derrick Frank. 2 Amy Becker. 3. Travis Donough. Class 5: 1. Matthew Miller. 2. Lisa Pfautz. 3. Andrew Note Class 6: 1. Kevin Pfautz. 2. Brandon Forry 3 Ryan Donough.

CHAMPION SHOWMAN Karen Becker RESERVE CHAMPION Brad Wagner

CARCASS HOGS

Lightweight: 1. Sheldon Hoover. 2. Ryar Donough. 3. Brandon Forry. Medium Weight 1. Adam Forry. 2 Crystal Charles 3 Cory Pfautz. Heavyweight: 1. Sarah Boyd 2 Gerald Boyd. 3. Louise Huber.



