South East 4-H Dairy Show Selects For State

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KUTZTOWN (Berks Co.) — 4-H youth from the ninecounty region in southeastern Pennsylvania showed their dairy cattle last week at Kutztown fairgrounds in an attempt to qualify for the state show scheduled for Sept. 21 at Harrisburg.

All 4-H dairy shows leading up to the state show are judged on the basis of the Danish system, whereby animals are not only judged against each other, but against the breed model.

Those animals which are judged to be of high enough quality to compete at a higher level get a blue ribbon. For the South East show, a modified Danish system was used including white, red and blue ribbons being presented. Also, for the state show, the 4-H exhibitors are limited to three animals, therefore those with more than three blue ribbon animals must select their best three to take

to the state show. The show was open to all 4-H dairy project youth in Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, and Schuylkill counties.

Judges for the colored breed dairy cattle was David Castrogiavanni, of Montrose. John Burket, of East Freedom, was the Holstein judge.

Showmanship judge for the Holstein show was Benjamin Dum Jr., of Elliottsburg, while Robert Barley of Conestoga was fitting judge.



Stacy Geist holds the halter of her grand champion Holstein.





From the left, Owen Bewley shows his reserve grand champion Jersey, while Amy Plummer holds the halter of the grand champion.

For the colored breed show, Jennie Brown, of York, judged for showmanship and fitting.

The grand champion of the Holstein show was G-Reu-Hel Mark Spiffy, a senior 2-year-old owned by Stacy Geist, of Mertztown. The sire was Walk Way Chief Mark and was bred by Rue-Hel Farms of Mohrsville.

Neil Rex, of Andreas, showed the reserve grand champion Holstein, a 5-year-old named Fairwood Den-Al Odyssey Mimi.

The junior champion Holstein was Reu-Hel Inspiration Rocket, a summer yearling owned by Trisha Geist, of Mertztown. It was also bred by Rue-Hel Farms.

Stephanie Kiefer, of Bangor, showed the reserve junior champion, junior yearling Otts-Own Princess, bred by Barry Ott, also of Bangor. Princess was sired by Forsberg Golden Oak.

In the Ayrshire breed, Seth Wolfgang, of Bechtelsville, showed the grand champion, 4-year-old Eureka Pride Opal. Opal was bred by Harold Kulp of Pottstown and was sired by Mar-Ral Commander's Pride.

The reserve grand champion Ayrshire was senior 2-year-old Dreamnol Johnny's Snow, shown by Kevin Nolan of Cochranville. It was bred by Robert and Sharon Nolan and sired by St. Cesaire Johnny.

The junior champion was a senior calf Valle-High Fantom Jewel, shown by Andrea Koinski, of Mohrsville. Jewel was bred by William Warms Jr., of Freeland, Md. The sire was Miller's Just Fantom.

The reserve junior champion was summer yearling HMM Amelia shown by Heath Miller, of Tamaqua. The owned and bred animal was sired by De Bui Vag Mozart. In the Brown Swiss breed the grand champion was junior 2-yearold Wind Mill Magnum Melissa, shown by Adam Spittler of Pine Grove. The owner-bred animal was sired by Blessing Elegant Magnum. The reserve grand champion was 5-year-old Lil-Russ Stylish Peaches, owned by Frank Miller, of Tamaqua. It was bred by Russel Miller, also of Tamaqua, and was sired by Johann Stylish. The junior champion Brown Swiss was junior yearling Wind Mill Challenge Sweetie, owned by Derrick Hix, of Mohrsville. It was bred by Ronald Daubert of Pine



Derrick Hix holds the halter of his grand champion Brown Swiss.



Timothy Smith holds the halter of his reserve grand champion Guernsey.

From the left, Robert Slutter holds the halter of his grand champion Guernsey while the Chester County Dairy Princess presents his ribbon and trophy.

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